NEW REPTILE BREEDING CENTRE IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

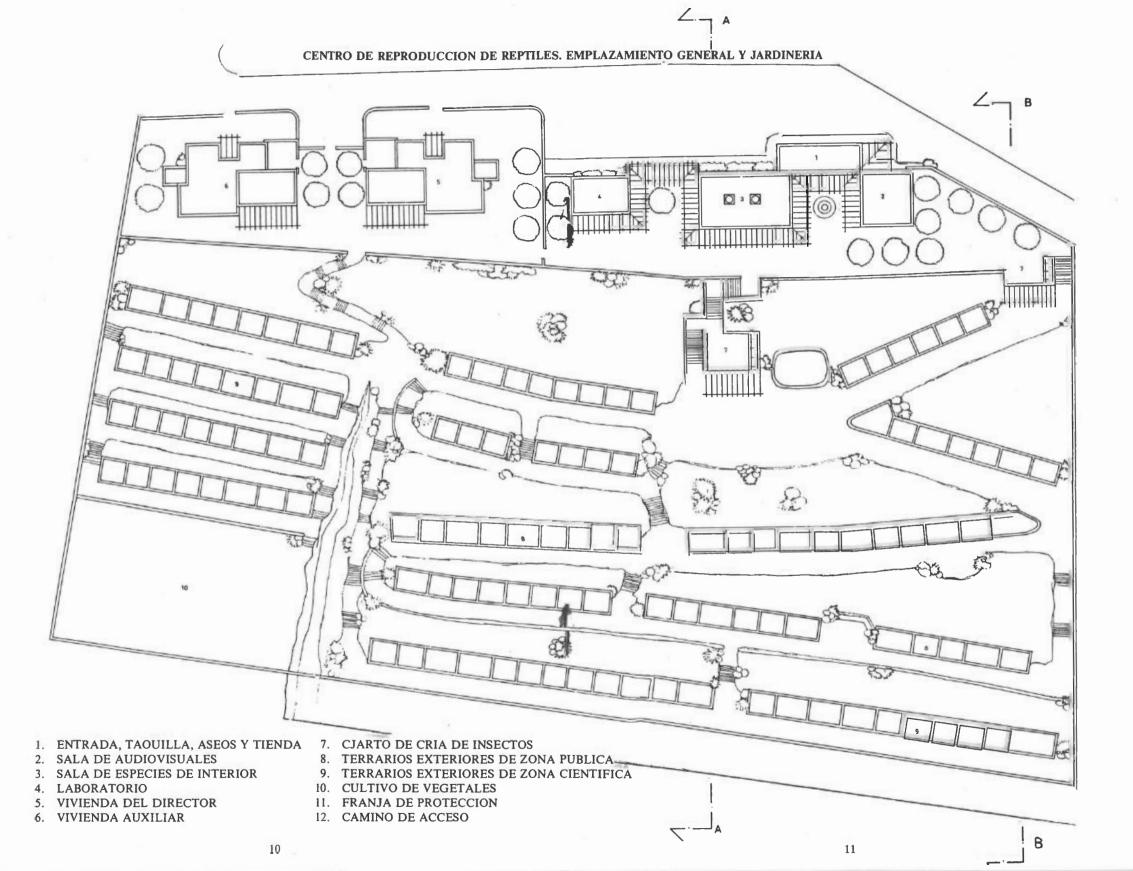
Mr. Bert Langerwerf, the well known Dutch breeder of lizards, has moved to Grand Canary, Spain, to establish the "Centro de Reproduccion de Reptiles". The Centre will include extensive outdoor enclosures, covered areas for tropical species, a laboratory and accommodation for visiting herpetologists, and a lecture theatre and library. The Centre will have a wide scope, breeding a great variety of reptiles and amphibians from all over the world. The Centre has been financed privately by Mr. Langerwerf and his Spanish and English colleagues, Luis Felipe Lopez Jurado and James Pether. It will be completely independent and financially self-sustaining, mainly from income from tourists. Surplus animals bred at the Centre will be supplied to foreign herpetologists and institutions. The emphasis of the Centre will be educational. All profits will be used to sponsor conservation projects around the world.

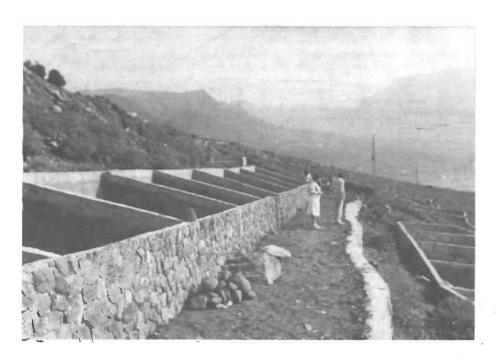
Because of the unique native fauna of the Canary Islands, great care is being taken to ensure that no alien species can escape from the Centre. The area will be enclosed by a secure outer wall.

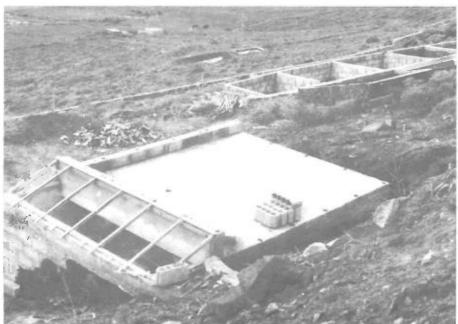
Construction work at the site, at Galdar, is well under way, and the first part of the Centre will be open to the public in the summer of 1986. Reports on the progress and work of the Centre will appear regularly in this Bulletin.



Mr Bert Langerwerf building enclosures at the Centro de Reproduccion de Reptiles, Galdar, Gran Canaria.







Enclosures and terraces under construction at the Centro de Reproduccion de Reptiles, Galdar, Gran Canaria