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[[image - line drawing of an iguana draped over top and down left margin of text]]

NOTICE FOR AMERICAN YACHT CLUBS

The American Committee for International Wild Life Protection wishes to call your attention to recent mandates of the Government of Ecuador concerning hunting and collecting on the Galapagos Islands.

This decree sets aside various islands as National Parks and Nature Reserves and forbids visitors to destroy or carry away in a living state the peculiar and interesting mammals, birds, and reptiles of the Archipelago.

Excerpts from Official Ecuadorian Register of August 31, 1934, and the Supreme Mandate of May, 1936, define the intention of the Ecuadorian Government to protect the unique fauna of these islands, made famous since the time of Darwin on his Beagle Voyage.

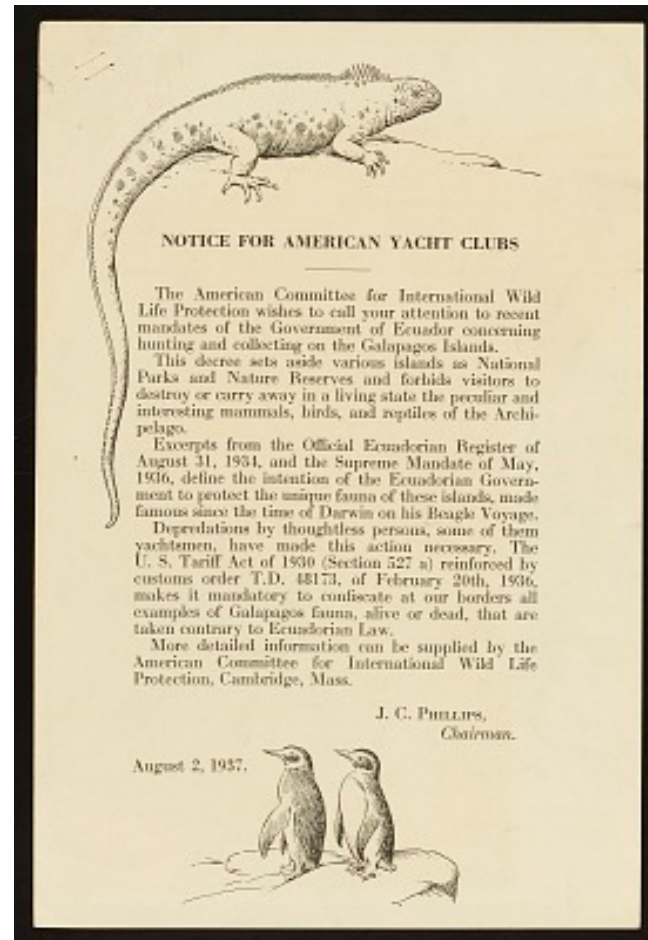
Depredations by thoughtless persons, some of them yachtsmen, have made this action necessary. The U.S. Tariff Act of 1930 (Section 527 a) reinforced by customs order T.D. 48173, of February 20th, 1936, makes it mandatory to confiscate at our borders all examples of Galapagos fauna, alive or dead, that are taken contrary to Ecuadorian Law.

More detailed information can be supplied by the American Committee for International Wild Life Protection, Cambridge, Mass.

J.C. Phillips,
Chairman

August 2, 1937.

[[image - drawing of 2 penguins standing on rock, facing left.]]



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