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A BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE NEOTROPICAL RIVER OTTER *Lontra longicaudis*

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INTRODUCTION

Living and studying the river otter (*Lontra canadensis*) in southwest Florida and compiling the bibliography for *Lontra canadensis* caused me think more about this otter species' counterpart, the Neotropical river otter (*Lontra longicaudis*), in Mexico and Central and South America. I wanted to know more about the biology, ecology, and conservation of the Neotropical river otter and wish to learn about and compare research studies and methodologies between these two species. This bibliography was primarily compiled to aid undergraduate and graduate students and colleagues in the New World seeking information on the Neotropical river otter.

Where does the bibliography go after this first edition? This beginning bibliography is intended to stimulate interest in continuing to maintain the Neotropical river otter bibliography by someone other than this author. Hopefully, an individual or two from Mexico, Central America, or South America, involved with research on the Neotropical river otter, would be willing to work together and assume the long-term responsibility to maintain this bibliography.

A bibliography needs formatting structure. In this first compilation, I followed the formatting as I had done with the bibliography on the North America river otter (*Lontra canadensis*). For this bibliography, I believe the first formatting challenge is the language used in the bibliography. The citations in the scientific literature are in either in Portuguese, Spanish, or English. These citations are provided in the bibliography in the language used in the publications found in the literature search. Spanish or Portuguese citations may have an italicized English translation, in brackets, following the publication title. No attempt was made to translate a citation from English to Portuguese or Spanish as the next author(s) can do that. Only a few publishers will provide an English translation. Google Translate was used for the translations. Some citations are lacking the year of publication and the name of the journal in which they were published. These citations were searched for on the internet to find

the year and publication information. The use of the scientific name singularly in the title is always italicized. If the common name is used and followed by the scientific name, then the scientific name appears in parentheses. Author formatting is another challenge. A variety of formats can be seen in the scientific literature. In this bibliography and the *Lontra canadensis* bibliography the initials of the first author follow the author's last name and the initial(s) of the first name(s) of the additional authors precedes these authors' last names. The title of the journal or publication is always italicized and the volume number is in bold type and the issue number, if available, is in parentheses. The pages of the citation, if indicated in the literature search, always follow the volume and issue numbers and are separated by a colon.

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