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Dear Friends, Colleagues and Otter Enthusiasts!

I am very thankful to Victor Camp who provided us again and for the second time with an updated version of his bibliography on *Lutra lutra*. Thank you so much for efforts Victor!

I hope that this compilation is useful in the daily work for many of you! Together with issues 38A (*Lontra canadensis*) already online, 38B (*Lontra longicaudis*) and D (*Enhydra lutris*), shortly coming online, and 32A (*Pteronura brasiliensis*) we will shortly have five extensive lists of references online. Please keep in mind that if you start to use the issues a proper reference should be given to show our appreciation to the amount of work that Victor (38 A - D) and Jessica Groenendijk and Nicole Duplaix (32A) have put into these.

If anybody feels like doing this for another species, I can assure publication as a special issue. Please contact me and Lesley before you start working in order to be sure that no duplication of work occurs.

With regards



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INTRODUCTION

While attempting to search for behavior publications on the Eurasian otter (*Lutra Lutra*), for a comparison with the North America river otter *Lontra canadensis* and the Neotropical otter *Lontra longicaudis*, it quickly became apparent an updated bibliography on this species did not exist. Therefore, it was decided to compile this bibliography on the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*). The bibliography was compiled for (1) those undergraduates and graduates searching for publications relative to a potential research project on the Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*), (2) for independent scientists, with an interest in the Eurasian otter, who do not have access to a library at a major university, and (3) for those scientists planning to expand their scientific investigations on the Eurasian otter.

The citations for this bibliography were acquired from numerous sources. The initial citation sources were (1) the Mercier (2007) publication “Bibliographie sur la Lutra d’Europe *Lutra lutra* and (2) the Lafontaine, et al. (2014) publication “Bibliographie French Otter (Eurasia- Africa-America). Update April 21, 2014-Version #149. Additional citations, for the years 2014 through 2020 , were located on the internet using key words and the year of interest, e.g. “*Lutra lutra* 2014” or “otter *Lutra lutra* 2014. Throughout these internet searches an extensive amount of publications were uncovered well prior to 2014. Many of these publications filled the gaps in Mercier’s and Lafontaine’s bibliographies and greatly expanded the number of citations for inclusion in this bibliography. One of the most valuable resources used is the IUCN Otter Specialist Group Bulletin (IUCN OSGB) from 1986-2020. The citations from the volumes and the volume issues of the Otter Specialist Group Bulletin (OSGB) 1986-2020 were reviewed and these citations were included. The “Literature” section of the issues of each of the OSGB volumes was investigated and these citations are

included. Publications by Otter Specialist Group, prior to 1986 were also located and included. The literature search was conducted through 24 September 2021. Please note, this author will not create additional editions of this bibliography. Should someone wish to assume this responsibility I would be willing to offer some assistance.

A conscious decision was made regarding inclusion of articles in this bibliography. The titles of those articles, that did not contain a direct reference to otters or did not include the scientific name or made reference to the *IUCN Otter Spec. Group Bull. 37(C) 2020* Eurasian or European otter, were not included. Those articles containing the common name, in the language of publication, were included. Blogs and hyperlinks, linking the reader to the article, were not included. Blogs are not scientific publications and hyperlinks are unreliable over the long-term. This author has found that internet searches using the entire content of a publication or just the title is a very dependable literature search methodology. Many citations from Lafontaine (2014) are reports to or from governmental agencies or consultants to governmental agencies and were not published in recognized scientific publications. As a result, these publications could not be confirmed through the internet. Each of these particular publications are accompanied by a parenthetical note defining the citation account content(s) that could not be confirmed, interpreted, or translated. Gaining access to these unpublished reports is left to the ingenuity of other investigators.

Many of the publications required translation. Google Translate was used for article translation. All translations are italicized and enclosed within brackets. Other citation contents appearing in italics are scientific names, within or outside of parentheses, titles of books, and the name of the scientific publication.

It is hoped this bibliography will serve as a useful resource for the future.

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