

## **REACTION ON HYBRIDISATION**

I would like to give my opinion after reading the last issue of L.S. about hybridisation. I think that keeping snakes in captivity should only aim at breeding specimens of the same species:

- interbreeding is dangerous because it will produce a lot of captive hybrids; snake keepers will have more and more difficulties to find true races;
- the quest for wild caught animals might much more increase because many of us are only seeking for true Elaphe species for instance;
- I'm not personally interested by production of snakes which don't exist in nature; so many reptiles are dying out owing to our demography: our aim should be to reproduce them!

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