

SBSC Weekly Highlights

SBSC Researcher Invited to Reptile Conference: Jayne Belnap of SBSC's Canyonlands Research Station has been invited to give an oral presentation regarding her publication, *The Erodibility of Desert Soils and the Influence of Biological Soil Crusts on Wind Erosion*, July 28, 2006 at the International Conference on Aeolian Research. The conference will be held at the University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada July 24-28, 2006. SBSC CRS, jayne_belnap@usgs.gov

SBSC Deputy Director Publishes Photographs: Jeff Lovich, Deputy Director of the Southwest Biological Science Center, had two of his photographs published in the book *Sea turtles of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States*. The book was published by the University of Georgia Press this year. SBSC, jeffrey_lovich@usgs.gov

SBSC Biologist on AZ Daily Sun Front Page: Erika Nowak, of the Colorado Plateau Research Station, was interviewed by AZ Daily Sun reporter Cyndy Cole regarding Nowak's work on the declining populations of narrow-headed garter snakes in Oak Creek Canyon. The article, *Watershed Worries*, appeared on the front page of the July 10 Daily Sun and featured several photographs of Nowak at work as well as a captured garter snake. SBSC CPRS, erika.nowak@nau.edu

GCMRC Scientists Presents on Drought Effects: On July 7, 2006, USGS scientist Bill Vernieu of the Grand Canyon Monitoring & Research Center gave a presentation as part of the Flagstaff Science Center Lecture Series entitled "The Effects of Drought on Water Quality of Lake Powell and Glen Canyon Dam Releases" to FSC personnel and interested public. Vernieu discussed changes in temperature and dissolved oxygen in Glen Canyon Dam releases as a result of reservoir drawdown on Lake Powell during a prolonged drought since 1999. (Bill Vernieu, SBSC GCMRC, Flagstaff, AZ, (928) 556-7051, bvernieu@usgs.gov).