

**JOHN BLOWER'S PAPERS**  
**Introduction according to archival international regulation<sup>1</sup>**  
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<b>Reference codes</b>	From BLO/1 to BLO/7
<b>Title</b>	John Blower's Papers
<b>Covering dates</b>	1944-1980
<b>Level of description</b>	Collection, part of the EWCA's archives
<b>Extent and medium of the unit of description</b>	7 boxes and 77 linear cm
<b>Language(s)</b>	English
<b>Name of creator(s)</b>	John Blower
<b>Brief biography</b>	<p>John Blower was the first advisor of the Ethiopian Wildlife Organisation between 1965 and 1970. This new Ethiopian administration has been established after the Emperor Hailé Selassié requested assistance from UNESCO about wildlife issues.</p> <p>Graduated at the Edinburgh University, John Blower had several African wildlife experiences before joining Ethiopia in 1965: he has been game ranger in Tanganyika, in Kenya and chief game warden in Uganda.</p> <p>As advisor of the wildlife organisation in Ethiopia, he took part during five years in the creation of the first national parks in Ethiopia in 1969: the Awash, Semien and Omo parks.</p> <p>All the documents which are present in this collection are directly or indirectly the result of John Blower's activities in this administration.</p>
<b>Archival history</b>	<p>After the departure of John Blower in 1970, several other English experts took up the position of Wildlife Organisation's advisors: Melvin Bolton from 1970 to 1972, Patrick Stacey in 1972, John Stephenson from 1972 to 1975 and Jesse Hillman</p>

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<sup>1</sup> Norme de description ISAD/G

at the beginning of the Derg period and until the 1980's. Jesse Hillman was very likely the one who made the first arrangement of John Blower's papers, putting it into folders and writing short overviews of the topics. These folders have been discovered at the beginning of the 2010's by Guillaume Blanc in the EWCA's library within the framework of his PhD research. John Blower's papers have survived the EWCA's move to Mexico compounds (Addis Ababa) in 2017.

### **Overview of content**

- Wildlife conservation, regulation and establishment
- International Assistance and Missions
- EWCA's General Management
- National Parks Management
- Tourism, Safari and Hunting Issues
- Scientific Issues
- Miscellaneous

### **System of arrangement**

The classification has been made according to the main issues of John Blower's missions and activities. The reference numbers given by the administration at the time were very helpful to create coherent files. Each file is arranged by chronological order.

### **Finding aid**

The first column corresponds to the reference number of the boxes (from BLO/1 to BLO/7). The second part is the description of archival files related to the reference number. The third column corresponds to former reference numbers given by the administration (if written on documents). The last column contains the covering date of each archive's series.

### **Publications**

BLANC Guillaume, *L'expert le dirigeant et l'habitant. La fabrique globale de la nature éthiopienne (1965-1970)*, « Génèses », Belin, n°115, 2019, pp. 53-74.

BLANC Guillaume, *Les territoires des parcs nationaux (Canada, Ethiopie, France) : logiques patrimoniales et nationales*, Université de Québec à Trois-Rivière, Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, 2013.

HILLMAN, Jesse C. *Ethiopia: Compendium of Wildlife Conservation Information*, The Wildlife Conservation Society - International New

York Zoological Park - Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Organization, 1993.

**Archivist's note**

The arrangement has been made by Pia Rigaldiès, last year student at the Ecole nationale des chartes (French national school for archivists) within the EWCA's archives project lead by Kidanemariam Ayalew and Guillaume Blanc.

**Date of description**

November 2019

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<b>BLO/1</b>	<b>● WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, REGULATION AND ESTABLISHMENT</b>		<b>1944-1975</b>
	○ ● Wildlife regulation: also, draft regulation, correspondence		1963-1975
	○ ○ ● From 1944 to 1963		
	○ ○ ● From 1963 to 1972		
	○ ○ ● From 1973 to 1975		
	○ ○ ● Wildlife regulation from other African countries		
	○ ● National parks establishment		1969
	○ ● Wildlife conservation board	K/1 ; K/3	1965-1969
	○ ● Various general reports		1967-1973
<b>BLO/1-2</b>	<b>● INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND MISSIONS</b>		<b>1965-1975</b>
BLO/1	○ ● General: tables of foreign and international aids		1975
	○ ● Food and agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) support	B/1	1965-1970
	○ ● Russian aids for development trough FAO	B/1	1965-1970
	○ ● Foreign Assistance		1965-1970
	○ ○ ● Peace Corps	F/5	
	○ ○ ● United Kingdom Assistance	F/6	
	○ ○ ● German government assistance	F/8	
	○ ○ ● United States National Parks mission	C/5	
BLO/2	○ ● UNESCO		1964-1971
	○ ○ ● Second UNESCO mission		
	○ ○ ● Man and the biosphere programme		

	○ ○ ● Other UNESCO reports and correspondence	B/5;B/6	
	○ ● Other		1968-1969
	○ ○ ● Ford Foundation		
<b>BLO/2-3</b>	<b>● EWCA'S GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>		<b>1964-1970</b>
BLO/2	○ ● Budget	K/3	1964-1969
	○ ● Human Resources		1964-1973
	○ ○ ● Work's programme		
	○ ○ ● Job description (1) <sup>2</sup>		
	○ ○ ● About John Blower's employment: correspondence with Tanzania National Parks		
	○ ○ ● Game Warden's Application		
	○ ○ ○ ● Employment of expatriate technical personnel, request for assistance	F/6	
	○ ○ ○ ● Game guards, general	J/7	
	○ ○ ○ ● Nominative files		
	Bromley (Eritrea)	J/5	
	Brown H. George (Omo)	J/3	
	Guth R. Laurence (Semien)	J/2;J/4	
	Hay W. Peter (Awash)	J/1	
	Nicol W. Clive (Semien)	J/2;J/4	
	Robertson (Awash)	J/10	
	Other gam warden's application	J/2	
BLO/3	○ ○ ● Request for job		
	○ ○ ● Other nominative files		
	○ ○ ○ ● Major Gizaw	Z/6	
	○ ○ ○ ● Ato Balcha	Z/6	
	○ ○ ● Staff member's journey with Ethiopian Airlines		

<sup>2</sup> Advisor for conservation education and publicity

BLO/3-	● NATIONAL PARKS MANAGEMENT	1963-1976
BLO/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● National Park's Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● General specification</li> <li>○ ○ ● General equipment for camps and staff L/1</li> <li>○ ○ ● Firearms and ammunition L/2</li> <li>○ ○ ● Vehicles L/4</li> <li>○ ○ ● Aircraft L/6</li> <li>○ ○ ● Hotel concession L/8</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1965-1969
BLO/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Memoranda sent by J. Blower to various protected areas K/2</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">National Parks and others protected areas Human resources, staff Equipment Hunting, poaching, trophies Miscellaneous Memoranda received by John Blower (2)</p>	1965-1969
BLO/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Awash National Park</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Boundaries and people transfer issues Accounting Monthly and annual reports Wildlife reports (records of games counts) Safari reports Visitors Human Resources, staff Radio Messages Equipment and constructions Jimma Hippo Pool Miscellaneous</p>	1966-1976
BLO/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Semien National Park</li> </ul>	1963-1969
BLO/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Omo National Park</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">General Boat equipment</p>	1966-1969

BLO/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Other protected areas and possibility for national park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● Gambella <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General</li> <li>Lechwe Nile</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ ○ ● Danakil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field reports 1968-1969</li> <li>Wildlife</li> <li>Human resources</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ ○ ● Harrar Province : report (1)</li> <li>○ ○ ● Rift valley lake area : report (1)</li> <li>○ ○ ● Gojjam : report (1)</li> <li>○ ○ ● Blue Nile : report (1)</li> <li>○ ○ ● Akobo area (1)</li> <li>○ ○ ● Tendaho area</li> <li>○ ○ ● Eritra</li> <li>○ ○ ● Miscellaneous</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1965-1975
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<b>BLO/5-6</b>	<b>● TOURISM, SAFARI AND HUNTING ISSUES</b>	<b>1966-1980</b>
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BLO/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Tourism and safari <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● General reports</li> <li>○ ○ ● Safari organizations: correspondence</li> <li>○ ○ ● Safari inquiries</li> <li>○ ○ ● Safari reports</li> <li>○ ○ ● Promoting German safari tourism: correspondence with Odo Willscher</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1966-1980
BLO/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands</li> <li>Other visitors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1966-1969
BLO/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Hunting and poaching issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● Hunting regulations</li> <li>○ ○ ● Hunting correspondence</li> <li>○ ○ ● Animals capture, collect and translocation</li> <li>○ ○ ● Birds issues</li> <li>○ ○ ● Anti-Poaching team</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1963-1970

BLO/7	● SCIENTIFIC ISSUES	1965-1971
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Zoological expeditions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● Southampton University expedition</li> <li>○ ○ ● Great Abbai expedition</li> <li>○ ○ ● British Daalac expedition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1966-1969 E/1 ; E/2 C/7
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Trainings for EWCA staff               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● College of African Wildlife Management, Tanzania</li> <li>○ ○ ● Administration of National Parks, USA</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1966-1969 A/6 C/6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Projects with museums               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● British museums</li> <li>○ ○ ● Other museums</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1967-1968 I/8 K/10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Scientific correspondence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● Request for information</li> <li>○ ○ ● Correspondence with international universities and research centers</li> <li>○ ○ ● Correspondence with Addis Ababa University</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1965-1970 K/4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ● Other               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ○ ● Zoological Garden, Addis Abeba</li> <li>○ ○ ● Visit to Dinder Park (Sudan)</li> <li>○ ○ ● Communication (publication, television)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1965-1971 E/3 H/6
BLO/7	● MISCELLANEOUS: ISOLATED DOCUMENTS	