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enquiring about some exotic birds. An elderly lady, who was the daughter of an old boy of the school, has enquired after a collection of exotic birds her father loaned to the school in 1916/17. There were four cases measuring 6' x 6'. The school were unable to locate them but thought that in the 1970's a Headmaster had donated them to a local museum. The collection was not donated to Leicester Museums and has not turned up at any other museums in the area. If you have any information regarding these cased birds could you please contact:

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## Erratum

In issue 21 of The Biology Curator Kim Goodger's paper on Conservation of Birdwing Butterflies was unfortunately truncated. This was due to the acting editor getting to grips with some new software being used to produce The Biology Curator so my humble apologies to Kim. The missing section is reproduced here.

### Conservation of Flood Damaged Birdwing Butterflies.

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L2S lens tissue; machine made (Manila hemp,  
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## Regional Museums Task Force Report

The Regional Museums Task Force report, *Renaissance in the Regions: a new vision for England's Museums*, is now out.

The 9 strong task force consulted over 400 people, including BCG, throughout the museums sector. The report identifies a number of problems being faced by museums including:

- Fragmentation of effort between a large number of institutions
- Under-funding
- Staff shortages and low morale
- Decline in scholarship
- Weak leadership

The report recommends that a major museum service, a 'hub', linked to a number of partners, should be formed in each of the 9 English regions. The hub would be selected based on a number of criteria including collections, status, location, infrastructure and evidence of achieving good practice. The hubs would provide leadership and support for other museums in the region.

A framework to be implemented over a 5 year period has been costed at £267.2 million. The majority of this would come from central government and be used to:

- Increases staffing levels by 25%
- Develop access, outreach and education programmes
- Develop temporary exhibitions