Cryptozoology: Firsts and Discoveries

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1. Which naturalist is credited with first proposing the existence of the Okapi to the scientific community in 1901, effectively transitioning it from a cryptid to a recognized species?

A) Sir Harry Johnston
B) Bernard Heuvelmans
C) Karl Shuker
D) Ivan T. Sanderson

2. In 1938, Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer discovered a specimen that proved the Coelacanth was not extinct; what was the specific name assigned to this first modern discovery?

A) Latimeria chalumnae
B) Coelacanthus africanus
C) Megalops cyprinoides
D) Ctenognathus latimeri

3. Before its official taxonomic description in 1895, the Mountain Gorilla was considered a cryptid; which German explorer was the first European to formally encounter and document it?

A) Robert von Beringe
B) Henry Morton Stanley
C) Richard Burton
D) Percy Fawcett

4. Bernard Heuvelmans, often called the 'father of cryptozoology', published which seminal 1955 work that attempted to codify the field as a formal scientific discipline?

A) Sur la piste des bêtes ignorées
B) On the Track of Unknown Animals
C) In the Wake of the Sea-Serpents
D) The Yeti: Myth and Reality

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5. Which expedition, led by Tom Slick in 1957, marked the first large-scale, technologically equipped search for the Yeti, utilizing shortwave radios and aerial reconnaissance?

A) The Slick-Johnson Snowman Expedition
B) The Himalayan Cryptid Survey
C) The Everest Yeti Initiative
D) The Anglo-Tibetan Crypto-Expedition

6. The Saola, or 'Asian Unicorn', was unknown to science until its first confirmed discovery in 1992 in which specific protected region?

A) Vu Quang Nature Reserve
B) Cat Tien National Park
C) Nam Et-Phou Louey
D) Ke Bang Forest

7. In 1983, a massive squid specimen caught near New Zealand provided the first definitive evidence for which cephalopod, often confused in folklore with the Kraken?

A) Architeuthis dux
B) Mesonychoteuthis hamiltoni
C) Magnapinna talismani
D) Vampyroteuthis infernalis

8. The first scientific investigation into the 'Abominable Snowman' footprint was conducted by Eric Shipton in 1951; where did he famously photograph these prints?

A) Menlung Glacier
B) Khumbu Icefall
C) Kanchenjunga Base Camp
D) Rongbuk Valley

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