**Basic Information: Rhinoceros (Ceratotherium simum and Diceros bicornis)**

**Names: White rhino, square-lipped rhino, black rhino, hooked-lipped rhino**

**Identification pointers:** Unmistakeable; huge size; two long horns on nose. **White rhino:** Broad, square lips; huge head that slopes down to the floor, large hump around the shoulders; back concave; tail curls upwards when running; **Black rhino:** pointed top lip; head held in line with the shoulders; black relatively flat; tail help straight up when running.

**Can be confused with:** unmistakeable

**White rhino**

**Length:** 3.5m **Height:** 1.5-1.7m **Weight:** 1400-2300kg

**Black rhino**

**Length:** 3.3m **Height:** 1.6-1.8m **Weight:** 800-1200kg

**Gestation period:** ±15-16 months

**Lifespan:** ±35-40 years

**Diet: White rhino** are grazers that have a preference for short grass; **Black rhinos** browse on more than 200 plant species including many poisonous plants.

**Predators:** young may be taken by lions

**Preferred habitat: White rhinos** prefer grassland and open woodland habitats with plenty of short grass and good water supply; **Black rhinos** require low trees and shrubs to feed on and a good water supply. They prefer thickets and dense woodlands but can survive in a variety of habitats.

**Red List status: White Rhino:** Near Threatened, **Black rhino:** Critically endangered

**Population: White rhino:** Increasing; **Black rhinos:** Increasing

**Threats:** Poaching for their horn has increased alarmingly since 2007, with over 1000 cases in 2013. This has been stimulated by demand for traditional medicines in Asian countries such as Vietnam and China. It is believed that the number of animals killed may now outnumber the number of births each year.