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White Rhino: 18,000

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Rare rhino birth at Copenhagen Zoo

Monday, January 26, 2015

A white rhino gave birth to a calf at Copenhagen Zoo over the weekend. It is the first such birth at the zoo for 35 years. "A rhino birth is a rare and important event for both the zoo, the international breeding co-operation and efforts to preserve the

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RHINO HORN SELLER BUSTED

Monday, January 26, 2015

A man has been arrested for trying to sell a rhino horn in Johannesburg. It's believed the suspect was planning to sell the horn to a potential client who did not show up.

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Black Rhino



IUCN Red List: Critically Endangered

CITES: Appendix I

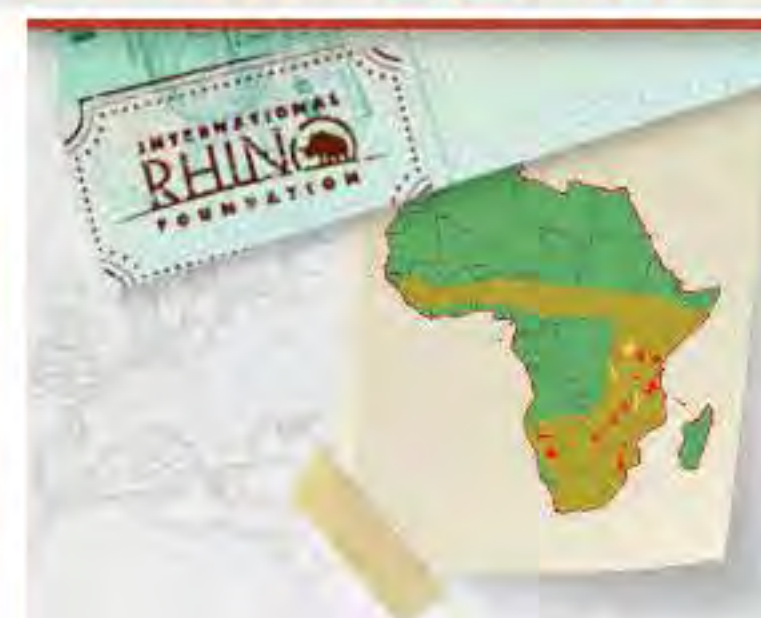
During the last century, the black rhino has suffered the most drastic decline in total numbers of all rhino species. Between 1970 and 1992, the population of this species decreased by 96%. In 1970, it was estimated that there were approximately 65,000 black rhinos in Africa – but, by 1993, there were only 2,300 surviving in the wild. Intensive anti-poaching efforts have had encouraging results since 1996. Numbers have been recovering and still are increasing very slowly. With the growing purchasing power of many Asian countries, and the existence of organized gangs of poachers who sell rhino horn to black market syndicates in some range countries, the poaching threat remains great and anti-poaching efforts must be continued and accelerated.

Current Black Rhino Numbers and Distribution

There are currently approximately 5,055 black rhinos surviving (IUCN African Rhino Specialist Group, 2013).

Biology

- ▶ The black rhino lives in Africa, primarily in grasslands, savannahs and tropical bush lands.
- ▶ There are four black rhino sub-species.
- ▶ Black rhinos are browsers. Their prehensile upper lip is adapted for grasping and holding leaves and branches of shrubs and trees. This adaptation is the species' most distinguishing characteristic.
- ▶ Black rhinos can live to be 30-35 years in the wild and more than 45 years in captivity.
- ▶ Gestation lasts approximately 15-16 months, and mothers give birth to one calf every 2.5-3 years. Females reach sexual maturity between 4 and 7 years of age; males mature between 7 and 10 years of age.
- ▶ Black rhinos are semi-social and territorial. Females and subadults generally are social, but bulls are typically solitary. Sometimes, satellite males may reside within one another's territories.
- ▶ Adult female black rhinos have overlapping ranges and are not really as solitary as often portrayed. Males are generally solitary and may be territorial. Black rhino home ranges vary greatly, depending on the habitat and to some extent on sex and age.



Common Names

Black rhinoceros. Black rhinos are actually not black at all. The species probably derives its name as a distinction from the white rhino (itself a misnomer) and/or from the dark-colored local soil that often covers its skin after wallowing in mud.

Prehensile or hook-lipped rhinoceros. The upper lip of the black rhino is adapted for feeding from trees and shrubs and is its best distinguishing characteristic.

Scientific Name and Origin

Diceros bicornis

Dicero from the Greek "di", meaning "two" and "ceros", meaning "horn" and "bicornis" from the Latin "bi", meaning "two" and "cornis", meaning "horn."

Physical Characteristics

Size

Weight: 1,750 - 3,000 lbs (800 - 1,350 kg)

Height: 4.5 - 5.5 ft (1.4 - 1.7 m) tall at shoulder

Length: 10- 12.5 ft (3.0-3.8m) length of head and body

Horn

Black rhinos have two horns. The front (anterior) horn is larger and measures 1 foot, 8 inches (0.5 - 1.3 m). The rear (posterior) horn is smaller and measures up to 22 inches (55 cm) long.

Other Features: Relatively broad snout with a prehensile lip adapted for grasping branches and leaves.

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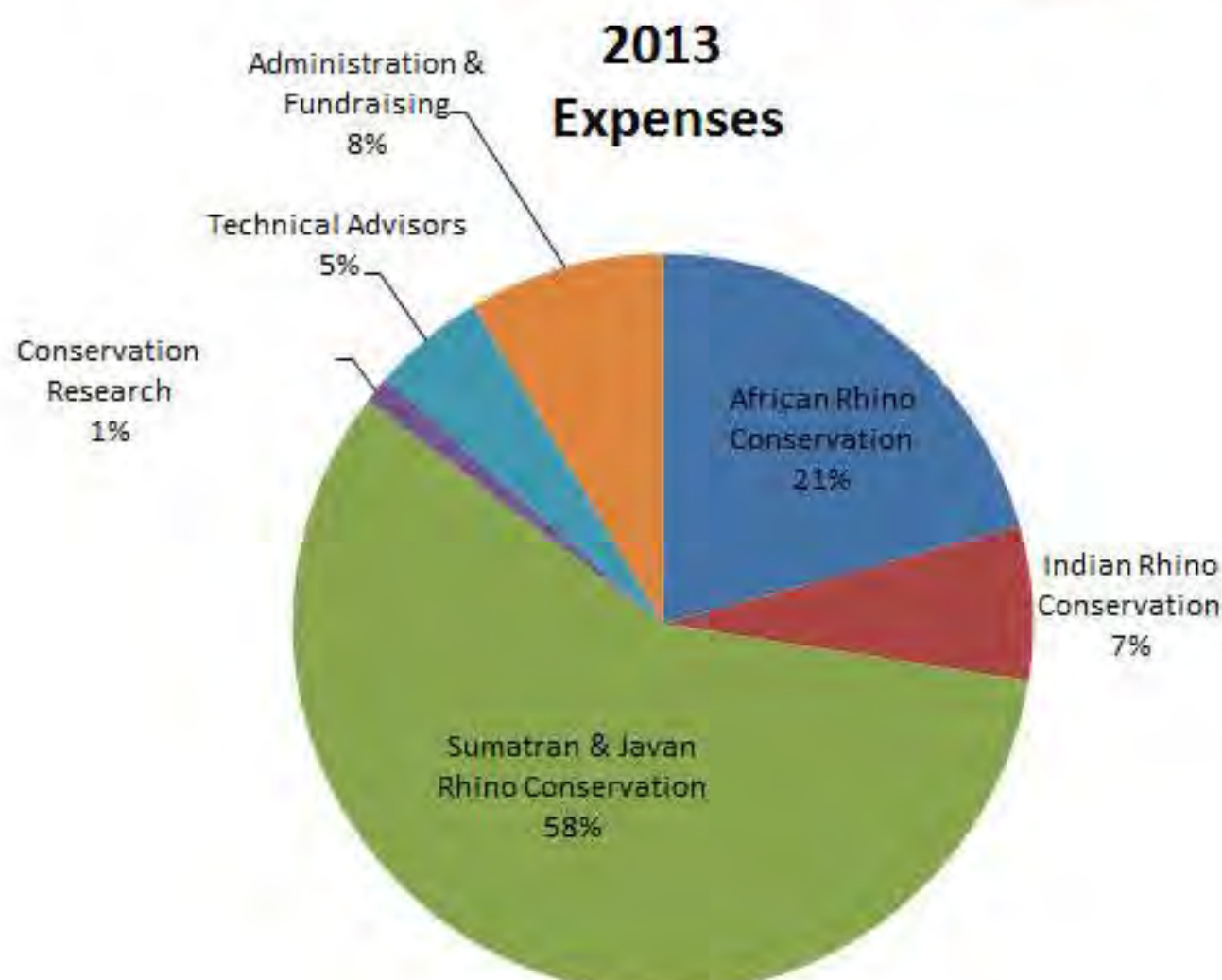
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In response to the global crisis in rhino conservation, the International Rhino Foundation protects particularly threatened rhino populations in the wild, while also supporting applied research that can help to improve the chances for long-term survival of all rhino species. We have already made great strides in preventing further declines of these magnificent animals and turning rhino population trends around in the areas in which we work.



IRF funds and operates field programs in Asia and Africa targeted to the rhino species most in need of and most appropriate for intensive protection and management.

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The Sumatran rhinoceros is one of the most endangered mammals on Earth. No more than 200 animals survive in small, isolated forest fragments in Indonesia and Malaysia.

You can help protect the Sumatran rhino from extinction by "adopting" the rhinos at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary!

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Rhino Origami: Download this [easy guide sheet](#) so you can make your very own origami rhino!

Rhino Cards Zimbabwe: The [Rhino Cards](#) are an education pack for children and teacher that were developed for use in Zimbabwe by the SADC Regional Program for Rhino Conservation.

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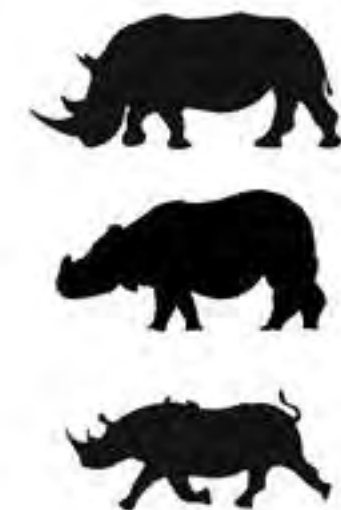
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The Sumatran rhinoceros is one of the most endangered mammals on Earth. Perhaps no more than 100 animals survive in small, isolated forest fragments in Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (SRS), a 250-acre complex located within Indonesia's Way Kambas National Park, Indonesia, is currently home to five rhinos that are part of an intensively-managed research and breeding program aimed at increasing the Sumatra's wild rhino population. At the sanctuary, the rhinos reside in large, open areas where they can experience a natural rainforest habitat while still receiving state-of-the-art veterinary care and nutrition.

You may choose to adopt any of the five rhinos at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary for as many days as you would like, either in your own name, or as a gift for a relative or friend who supports wildlife conservation.

In honor of each adoption, you or your gift recipient will receive:

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- Keep up with your rhino by friending "Andatu Rhino" on Facebook. He keeps you in the loop on all of the rhinos.

All donations are tax-deductible.



Andatu

Andatu is one of the world's "newest" rhinos. He was born early in the morning on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Way Kambas National Park, Indonesia. His father's name is Andalas. He was born at the Cincinnati Zoo on September 13, 2001 and came to Indonesia when he was six years old. His mother, Ratu, was born in Way Kambas National Park, but wandered outside the park's boundaries, had to be rescued, and was brought to the Sanctuary in 2005. Andatu's name is a combination of his mother's and father's names, but it is also short for an Indonesian term that means a "Gift from God." Andatu is the first rhino ever born in captivity in Indonesia, and perhaps only the eighth Sumatran rhino born in captivity anywhere in the world. He's rambunctious, cute, and near and dear to our hearts!

ADOPT ANDATU



Bina

Bina, a 26-year-old female, is one of the last Sumatran rhinos to be captured and relocated within Indonesia. Bina was born in Sumatra's Bengkulu Province, where this species was once abundant. However, by the 1980s, little habitat remained for rhinos following the establishment of several villages, a large oil palm plantation and a logging concession. Bina and the few other rhinos still living in the area were essentially stranded, with no chance for survival in the wild, and so they were rescued in 1991.

Bina is the oldest female at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary and the second oldest of her specie in captivity after Ipuh, Andalas's father, who resides at the Cincinnati Zoo. Bina has been at the sanctuary since its inception in 1998. Of all the rhinos there, she is the most shy and solitary, but she gets along equally well with other rhinos and people. We are hopeful that Bina will still produce a calf and are working with reproductive specialists towards that goal.

ADOPT BINA



Ratu

Ratu originally made her home along the border of Way Kambas National Park, where she came into contact with local villagers. Because of her dark coloration, villagers mistook Ratu for a large pig and tried to kill her, but luckily she ran away and escaped harm. A team of rangers, keepers and veterinarians was dispatched to find and protect Ratu, and to guide her safely to the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary where she could experience a natural habitat while remaining safe from humans.

Ratu, believed to be about 14 years old, became a mother for the first time on June 23rd, 2012! Ratu and her male calf are doing fine so far.

Ratu used to be notorious for being difficult – at least as far as rhinoceroses go! She was the hardest to handle, the trickiest from which to take blood, and the most difficult to maneuver from place to place. When she gave birth to Andalas in June 2012, Ratu turned into a focused, attentive mother who eagerly interacts with her calf and her highly skilled keepers – Sugiyono, Iswanto and Gocek. Although Ratu weighs 220 pounds less than her mate, Andalas, she is strong and fast, and can easily outrun him if she needs some personal space.

ADOPT RATU



Rosa

Beginning in late 2003, Rhino Protection Units working in Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park began receiving reports from local villagers that a young Sumatran rhino, Rosa, had been observed walking along roads and browsing for vegetation. Most Sumatran rhinos are very shy and solitary, but this unique rhinoceros was comfortable living and feeding in close proximity to people. A special protection unit was permanently assigned to observe and protect this unusual animal who they named "Rosa", as there were serious concerns that Rosa's habituation to humans could put her at risk. Eventually Rosa was transferred to the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Way Kambas National Park where she could be better protected and may one day reproduce.

Rosa had adapted well to her life at the sanctuary and still exhibits all of the behaviors that make her so unique. Because she is habituated to humans, Rosa regularly takes long walks in the forest with sanctuary staff. She is a particularly loud rhino, and often vocalizes, especially when people are close by, or when her regular feeding time is approaching. Rosa also likes to "sing" when she is happily wallowing in the mud.

ADOPT ROSA



Andalas

Cincinnati Zoo-bred Andalas, the first Sumatran rhino born in captivity in 112 years, was transferred from the United States to the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, a management and breeding facility located in Way Kambas National Park, Indonesia, in early 2007. Andalas reached sexual maturity sometime in early 2008 and began breeding with female Ratu in late 2009.

Andalas is currently the only breeding male at the sanctuary, where IRF has utilized all of the and husbandry reproductive science technologies at our disposal, including those already proven successful at the Cincinnati Zoo. He is given ample opportunity to breed with the Sanctuary's females, once their behavior and ultrasound examinations show that they are ready to breed. On June 23rd, 2012, Andalas became a father to Andatu - the first Sumatran rhino born in an Asian facility in 124 years!

ADOPT ANDALAS



Meet Ratu!

Ratu, believed to be about 14 years old, became a mother for the first time on June 23rd, 2012! We are happy to report that Ratu and her male calf Andatu (and dad Andalas) are doing great!

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