



Inspection Report

Zoological Society Of San Diego
P.O. Box 120551
San Diego, CA 92112

Customer ID: **3648**

Certificate: **93-C-0040**

Site: 002

Zoological Society of San Diego

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 18-NOV-2024

3.125(a) Critical

Facilities, general.

On October 18, 2024, a 19-year-old female Greater One Horned Rhinoceros sustained fatal injuries, and her 9-month-old calf suffered mild injuries, when a 10-year-old male Greater One Horned Rhinoceros was able to gain entrance to the female's habitat. According to the senior curator, on the morning of the incident the male repeatedly manipulated the gate separating the two animals' habitats by moving it back and forth which resulted in failure of the locking mechanism on the gate allowing it to slide open. The locking mechanism was of insufficient strength to keep the gate closed and contain the male rhinoceros. The curator also indicated that upon the male entering the female's habitat, the female approached the male, they interacted exhibiting sparring behaviors, then he aggressed her resulting in the fatal injuries. The male has since been moved to a separate habitat and the calf is under veterinary care. Records show the facility took immediate corrective action to ensure the safety of the animals.

Failure to provide structurally sound enclosures may allow for the escape of animals and lead to possible injury or death. The facility must be constructed of such material and such strength as appropriate for the animals involved to protect the animals from injury and contain the animals.

Corrected from this day forward, November 18, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

ALEXANDRA ANDRICOS, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Date:
19-DEC-2024

Received by Title: Curator

Date:
19-DEC-2024



Species Inspected

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3648	93-C-0040	002	Zoological Society of San Diego	18-NOV-2024

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000003	<i>Rhinoceros unicornis</i>	INDIAN RHINOCEROS
000003	Total	