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Wildside is supporting Project Rhino KZN through fundraising, subscriptions, a Warrior club and escalating the attention the issue gets in the media. Funds from Project Rhino KZN only go direct to anti-poaching programs and equipment.

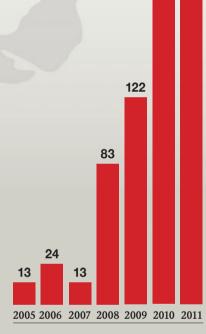


## **AFRICAN** CONSERVATION TRUST TO RAISE **R10 MILLION**

The African Conservation Trust (ACT) is a founding member of Project Rhino KZN and in August 2011, raised R500,000 for KZN's rhinos through its Skydive for Rhinos campaign. 100% of the funds were used to purchase equipment for anti-poaching patrols, fund aerial surveillance of game reserves, purchase camera traps for rhino monitoring work and micro-chip vulnerable white rhino in the province. These interventions have already had an impact, improving the morale and abilities of anti-poaching units working in dangerous environments and preventing poaching incidents.

For 2012, ACT has set its sights higher and wants to raise R10million through a year-long effort that will include a national Skydive for Rhinos campaign. The members of Project Rhino KZN will be the key beneficiaries and Sheelagh Antrobus, ACT's campaign spokesperson says that this will go a long way to improving protection of the province's rhino populations.

"Project Rhino KZN has identified a wish list that needs a minimum of R20million: we'd like to raise half of that, but need the support of the public and business community to do so," she explained. "100% of the funding will go to bona-fide, prioritised needs," Said Sheelagh.



## South Africa's Losses (as of 15/11/2011)\* A National Crisis - a Global Tragedy

## International losses:

Only five species of rhino survive. These five species are further divided into 11 identified subspecies.

All rhinos are under threat of, and all but one species is on the verge of extinction. The best current global population estimates are:

White rhino: 20.150 Black rhino: 4,860

Greater One-horned rhino: 2,850

Sumatran Rhino: 200 Javan Rhino: <44

## **IUCN - EXTINCTION NOTICE**

November 2011 - the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) announced that the subspecies Western Black Rhino (Diceros bicornis longipes) was classified as extinct.

It also declared the Northern White Rhino (Ceratotherium simum cottoni), a subspecies in central Africa, as being on the brink of extinction.