tion. Although a slow process, it does seem to be working.

2007 brought with it a momentous occasion for the Victoria Falls area in Zimbabwe. The Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage, 430km from Victoria Falls in Bulawayo, was opened in the 70's and played home to many injured animals that could not be released into the wild. Here they found care, treatment and a chance at survival. It was then undertaken to relocate three of the seven orphaned rhinos back into the Victoria Falls area. There hadn't been black rhino in that region for over 50 years and the collaboration made history by reintroducing the species into the tourist town of Victoria Falls.

The rhinos were kept in bomas in order to habituate them to their surroundings and to ensure that all protective measures against poachers were solidly in place.

After their subsequent release, they took to their new home and are under 24 hour watch by the Zimbabwe Republic Police and game scouts from



the Victoria Falls Anti-Poaching Unit.

The simultaneous birth of two baby rhino in August 2009 marked the beginning of an exciting new stride towards Rani resort's conservational goals, of which a black rhino breeding programme is a big part of.

The Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve is the only place within a 150km radius that is privileged enough to have black rhino and the bigger picture sees the releasing of rhino into other areas with the success of the breeding programme.

The reserve has a very skilled team in terms of caring for these animals, as well as an anti-poaching unit via the IAPF - the International Anti Poaching Foundation. The IAPF is a non-profit organisation that recruits, trains, equips and deploys rangers dedicated to the protection of wildlife. This education is given without charge to the rangers of Africa that need it the most. The IAPF's Nakavango Ranger Training Academy is situated on the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve and the rangers are constantly on alert to protect the black rhino breeding programme.

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