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COVER IMAGE: This edition is dedicated to every rhino. The importance of raising the profile motivated Wildside to abandon the traditional cover styling. We hope the rhino poaching issue is escalated through this as well as through the numerous projects dedicated to stop the slaughter of our rhinos.

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Perspective

Wildside has dedicated this edition to raising the profile of the rhino poaching crisis because with more individuals and organisations becoming involved the chances of saving our rhinos are increased.

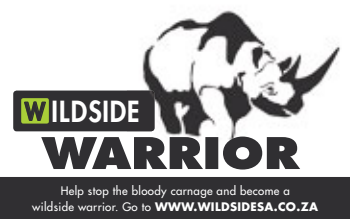
Wildside has launched a Wildside Warrior club. We hope you join and become a warrior because for every warrior who joins Wildside will donate R50 to Project Rhino, administered by the African Conservation Trust. All funds of Project Rhino go directly to anti-poaching. Criminal syndicates are highly organised and have deep pockets. Anti-poaching efforts need to be just as sophisticated. As example, more night vision cameras, more patrols, more aerial surveillance are needed for anti-poaching. Let's stand together and show the syndicates that we can and will fight back.

We asked advertising agencies, Ogilvy, Hardy Boys and Paton Tupper to design a cause advert, free of charge. They all said yes without hesitation and we pay tribute to them for their contribution. We also salute every individual and organisation voluntarily fighting rhino poaching.

Wildside brings you ecotourism, conservation and outdoor adventure and there is a fantastic line up of destinations just waiting for you, and as always loads of superb prizes. There are also thousands of more places to book on our website www.wildsidesa.co.za.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. To all our Christian readers, we wish you a blessed Christmas.

Nkosi sikelela iAfrica.



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Rod went down south to the Eastern Cape to visit Morgan Bay where he was enthralled by cinematic views and then onto Inkwenkwezi where he was fascinated by the white lion. Rod penned articles and captured superb images of both these destinations for this edition.



Jennifer Crawford

Zimbabwe is becoming increasingly popular amongst South Africans as a travel destination, so Jennifer headed north and visited Chikwenya near Mana Pools which she found wildly beautiful. It's also a world class tiger fishing spot and less populated than Mana Pools.



Dr. Bandile Mkhize

Chief Executive Officer of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, Dr. Bandile Mkhize, gives a superb and fascinating overview of Ithala Game Reserve bringing much insight to this historically important region which sets the tone so well for the pages that follow on the reserve itself with its excellent facilities.



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