



Endangered Species Bulletin



Who is Lion Rusty Hustler: First and foremost I am a husband, father and grandfather. My passion for Rhino comes from my 25 years in North West Parks Board. I was responsible for the Resource Protection and Monitoring of Endangered Species. The last 6 years of my service where the worst, I preformed over more than 250 autopsies on Rhino. To have to perform autopsies on Rhino's that you watched grow up is heartbreaking to say the least.

Let us not forget that it is not only the Rhino that are endangered in this country but did you know that the Pangolin is extinct in Kwazulu Natal. In each bulletin we will cover the animals that are endangered in this country. We also welcome fellow Lions to send through suggestions and comments as well as anything they would like me to cover.

Did you know?

That there are 5 species of Rhino left in the World:

Southern White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) This is the most prolific rhino in the world

Northern White Rhino (*Ceratotherium simum cotton*) Extinct in the wild, 4 being bred in Kenya

Black Rhinoceros – There are 4 subspecies.
(*Diceros Bicornis*)
(*Diceros binornis minor*) South Africa & Zimbabwe
(*Diceros bicornis bicornis*) Namibia
(*Diceros bicornis michaeli*) East Africa
(*Diceros Bicornis Longipes*) Western Africa – declared extinct in November 2011

Indian Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros Unicornis*)

Javan Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros Sondaicus*) One of the most endangered large mammals of the world

Sumatran Rhinoceros (*Dicerorhinus Sumatrensis*)



Current Number of Rhino Poached in South Africa is 749 officially, unofficially as of the 8th of September 804.



Creating Awareness 22nd September 2015 is World Rhino Day

Please follow the link to one of the most informative websites relating to projects, and creating awareness for endangered species(although this relates to Rhino's these suggestions may be used for all of our species.
www.savetherhino.org



This first use of Rhino Horn was discovered in 2000 BC and has been continued to be used as a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) It has been proven that it has no medicinal properties.

In Vietnam it is considered to be a status symbol as well as a cure for cancer and is known as the Ferrari Factor.



Extinct

- Dodo
- Neanderthal
- Sabre-Toothed Tiger
- Stellers Sea Crow
- Wolly Mammoth

THE GOOD AND THE BAD NEWS

Zululand Rhino Reserve-2 arrested, one wounded, weapon recovered. Tembe Elephant Reserve-Two suspects wounded in a joint operation. Firearm, suppressor and axe recovered. Loskopdam Nature Reserve 2 arrested, 1 firearm and suppressor recovered. Dinokeng GR-White rhino cow killed, calf missing. Dinokeng GR-Rhino killed horns taken. Kaingo GR-2 x White rhino killed both set of horns removed. Pilanesberg NP- White rhino bull survives being shot, face mutilated and spine cut. Recovering under care in a boma. Two White rhino wounded by suspected poachers on Willem Pretorius GR. One of these rhinos may have to be euthanized. Phinda GR-3 arrested. 375 rifle, suppressor, knife, axe, six rounds, Toyota hilux and six cellphones recovered. Three poachers on KZN properties (HH Game farm, Mahlalela Pvt GR and another on Pvt property). One white rhino poached at Luiperdskloof Safaris Limpopo. This does not include any incidents that have occurred in the Kruger National Park. There has also been the first elephant poached outside of Kruger, this occurred in the Balule area.

Critically Endangered

- Black Rhino
- Borneo Elephant
- Cottontop Tamarin
- Cross River Gorilla
- Javan Rhinoceros
- Monte Iberia Eleuth
- Radiated Tortoise
- Red Wolf
- Saola
- Sumatran Elephant
- Sumatran Orang-utan
- Sumatran Rhinoceros
- Western Gorilla
- Western Lowland Gorilla