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## Sumatran rhino numbers revised downwards

Sumatran rhino numbers are going down. A year ago, numbers were estimated at 275-300. However, there are severe doubts over the survival of Sumatran rhinos in Peninsula Malaysia, and it seems more likely that there are only around 200 left, in Sumatra and in Sabah (Malaysia). Although poaching has traditionally been the biggest threat facing them (their smaller horns are considered more potent in Traditional Chinese Medicine and thus demand higher prices), today the problems come from human population increase and the associated increased need for natural resources. This is reducing the amount of rhino habitat left and, even more worryingly, fragmenting it into non-viable "islands" of forest.

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Laing Foundation, Silver Jungle and the EAZA Rhino Campaign, we have stepped up our support. We have built a strong partnership with the International Rhino Foundation (IRF) and an Indonesian NGO, Yayasan Badak Indonesia (YABI), which run the Rhino Protection Unit (RPU) programme in Sumatra and Java, and our Director and two of our Trustees

 Save the Rhino has historically

