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# Rhino horns worth £3m seized in London

THE world's biggest seizure of rhinoceros horns, worth almost £3 million, was made by police in London recently after a tip off to the RSPCA.

The 105 horns, weighing 240 kilos, were thought to be destined for Taiwan, Hong Kong and the Chinese communities in London, Manchester and Liverpool. Ground down to powder, they are highly prized in the Far East as an aphrodisiac, and to treat anything from nosebleeds to strokes and fevers.

Detectives from the South East Regional Crime Squad raided two garages in Kensington, West London. Three men were arrested there, and a woman was taken into custody later in Norwich. All were being questioned over possible offences under the UN Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species. Selling products with derivatives from endangered species can result in fines of up to £5,000 or two years in jail. Rhinos are one of the most endangered species; fewer than 7,000 white and 3,000 black are still alive.

Detective Inspector Haslett Schofield, who led yesterday's operation, said that many of the horns were old and were probably trophies from private collections: "They were from animals shot much earlier this century. If no museum takes them, they will be destroyed in an incinerator.

Terence Spamer, RSPCA chief inspector, said: "There is enormous cruelty in poaching these animals." Trade has soared because of Western interest in Oriental medicines. In March, medicines containing rhino horn and bear bile were seized in Barking, east London.



-Extract from The Times Today

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