

# REALLY, RHINOS!

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## COUNTRIES SWAP RARE RHINOS



swap, supported by WWF, taken place between Zimbabwe and Swaziland.

Black rhinos captured in the Lower Valley have been

ported to Swaziland, putting them out of the reach of poachers who have killed at least 250

in the space of 40 months.

The swap brings the species back to a country where it was once

common. The rhinos have been

held in the newly declared

in a Nature Reserve, which is

protected by an electrified fence.

Swaziland has sent four

rhinos to Zimbabwe. WWF

other exchanges can be

to protect these species.

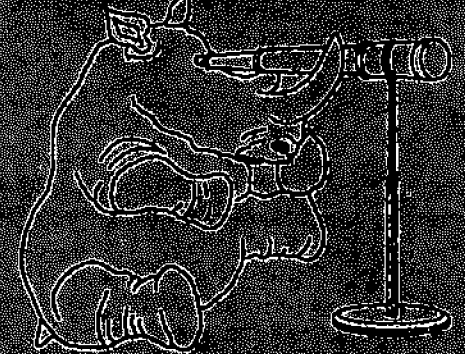
(from World Wildlife Fund's Focus, November/December, 1988, p.5)

of rhino by dispersing vulnerable populations.

Zimbabwe has an estimated 500 black rhinos in the Lower Zambezi Valley, the largest contiguous group in Africa. But raiding gangs of poachers armed with automatic weapons shoot the animal for its horn, worth as much as \$25,000 per pound in Asia and is used to make dagger handles and traditional medicines. Since 1970, the world rhino population - two African and three Asian species - has declined 85 percent. African black rhinos are declining more rapidly and now number only 3,800.

Charles de Haes, Director General of WWF International, who helped arrange and witnessed the exchange in Swaziland, said, "This is an important example of international cooperation to save an endangered species. We shall continue our efforts to ensure that viable populations of black rhino are protected from the ruthless onslaught of gangs of murderous criminals who kill the rhinos to derive profits from their horns, which are sold for ineffective medicinal purposes."

## RHINO ALERT!!!



Rhinos have been spotted in the following locations:

**Her One Imports** has recently had ceramic rhino horn holders costing about \$2.50 each. Very nice and a pleasant change from the ubiquitous wooden ones.

**World Wildlife Fund's 1988 holiday gift catalogue** included a hand-blown glass featuring a rhino for \$6.00. Write: WWF c/o PO Box 224, Peru, IN 46970.

For the experienced rhino collector or those just beginning their rhino quest, **The Rhino Connection**, a simply unique gift shop, has several rhino pieces. Ceramic, bone china, pewter, wildlife t-shirts with rhinos and other rhinos will be available in the near future. Those interested can write to: **The Rhino Connection**, Debbie Byrne, 4101 Harrison, Batesville, AR 72501; (501) 793-8112.

**Oh So Clever!** (a yuppie Spencer Gifts) offers a toy called "Let's Play Catch!" Outdoors this rhino is a catcher's mitt with soft ball. Inside it's a wall hanger. Cost is about \$13.00. Manufactured by *with design in mind*, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

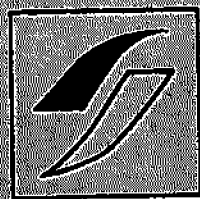
Mahatu, a Sumatran rhinoceros, on display at the Los Angeles Zoo. It is the first time in 80 years that the rare and endangered species will reside in a North American zoo. Mahatu is one of 10 females sent to Los Angeles and they are the first of 10 that will establish breeding groups in the U.S. Zoo. Other locations are Bismarck, NY, and San Diego.

## D.B.A. RHINO!



Thanks to Stouck and Steve of Berkley, MI who found this logo

# THE RHINO & ELEPHANT FOUNDATION



The Rhino & Elephant Foundation (REF) has formed recently in South Africa. Why another wildlife organization? The answer is expertise and specialization. Experience around the world has shown that small, specialized bodies with very strictly defined objectives are able to focus their efforts very effectively. REF will include among its trustees, advisors, and supporters, the leading authorities, decision-makers, wildlife managers, wardens and rangers dealing with these species in their professional lives. REF is assured of their support. It now needs financial resources to effectively channel expertise into viable and successful projects for the conservation of rhinos and elephants.

REF concerns itself not only with the broad protection and research issues which have been addressed by other bodies, but also with practical management issues. Among these are the monitoring of vulnerable populations, the utilization of these species by the hunting and game-ranching industry, law enforcement and intelligence monitoring as regards the trade in rhino and elephant products and contributions to a national strategy for the conservation of these species.

The foundation publishes an excellent quarterly journal. To receive a sample copy write: Rhino and Elephant Foundation PO Box 361, Bedfordview, 2008, South Africa.

Number of Black Rhinos in  
Control, 1980, 1984, 1986  
Country

Country	1980	1984	1986	1987
Tanzania	3795	3130	400	2
Zimbabwe	1400	1680	1625	17
Zambia	2750	1650	190	
South Africa	630	640	548	5
Kenya	1500	550	381	3
Namibia	300	400	440	4
CAR	3000	170	150	
Mozambique	250	130	130	
Cameroon	110	110	60	
Sudan	300	100	20	
Somalia	300	90	-	
Angola	300	90	50?	
Malawi	40	20	25	28
Rwanda	30	15	20	
Botswana	30	10	<10	
Ethiopia	30	10	-	
Chad	25	5	-	
Uganda	5	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14795</b>	<b>8800</b>	<b>4049</b>	<b>37</b>

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## RHINOS FOR LUNCH & ELEPHANTS FOR SUPPER!

A Maasai tale retold by Tololwa  
Marti Molla. Part One:

After a pleasant visit with her aunt and a cool walk among the trees, the little hare had reason to be cheerful as she approached the cave where her den was hidden. "I'll hop in, she thought happily, make a good fire, roast and munch a few nuts, then sleep, sleep, the sleep of the contented.

But just as she was going to enter, there was a sound in the cave. "Who is it?" cried the hare.

"A monster, a monster!" boomed a voice. "I eat rhinos for lunch and elephants for supper! Come in if you dare!" Trees creaked and leaves came fluttering down. The

hare trembled with fear and took to her heels.

Along the path she met the fox and told him about the monster.

"Come, I'll get him out for you!" said the fox. When they got to the cave, the fox bared his teeth and barked, "This is the home of my great friend the hare. Come out, great bully of a monster, before I sink my teeth into your neck!"

Once again the terrifying voice rocked the earth and echoed through the jungle, sending the fox scampering away with the hare close behind.

The two ran until they met the leopard, who offered to help. They all returned to the hole, and the leopard stuck out his claws. "This cave belongs to my friend the hare," he growled. "Come out, big brute of a monster, before I claw your eyes out!"

The monster's voice ripped

through the air. "I eat rhinos for lunch and elephants for supper! Come in if you dare!"

*(to be continued in the next issue)*

## DO RHINO YOU?

"A guy elephant took his girlfriend - an avid movie fan - to a film opening. While she waited in the lobby, he went off to buy a couple of bags of popcorn. An aggressive rhinoceros lumbered up to the pretty elephant and introduced himself. "Hi," he said smoothly. "My name's Neal."

The elephant trumpeted loudly and fainted. In the confusion the rhino fled. The guy elephant rushed up to his date. "What happened?" he asked. She batted her eyelids and answered, "I just met Rhino Neal!"

(lifted from Reader's Digest, Jan., 1988, p.49)

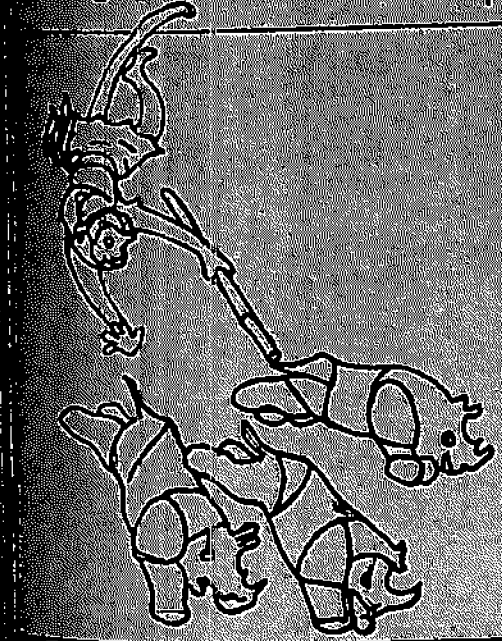


**Kaokoveld - The Last Wilderness** by Anthony Hall-Martin, Clive Walker and Koos Bothma.

The only natural history of the area available in a single volume. Black rhinos and elephants receive extended treatment, being the troubled species that have drawn scientists to work in the Kaokoveld in recent years. Poaching problems and overgrazing in some areas by livestock have put wildlife under pressure, but current decisive action means the Kaokoveld has every chance of becoming a conservation success story.

The nature conservation establishment, tribal authorities and nongovernment bodies are together working to retain the integrity of the Kaokoveld - the last wilderness.

144 pages, 80 full color photographs, 30 black and white



line drawings, 5 maps. Price: approx. \$21/\$78 for a deluxe edition. Write: Rozanne Savory, Rhino & Elephant Foundation, PO Box 381, Bedfordview, 2008, South Africa.

**How the Rhinoceros Got Its Skin.**

Written by Rudyard Kipling. Narrated by Jack Nicholson. Music by Bobby Mc Ferrin. Illustrated by Tim Raglin.

This book/cassette has lovely illustrations and is read by Academy award-winner Jack Nicholson with just the right amount of larceny in his voice. Available at better bookstores around the country. (\$19.95)

**Rhinoceros** by Louise Martin.

From the Wildlife in Danger Series, this book describes the five remaining species of rhinoceros, poaching activities which are steadily killing off the animals, and efforts to save the rhinoceros. Colorful photographs. About 2nd grade level. Published by Rourke Enterprises, Inc. Vero Beach, FL 32964 (if not available at bookstores) Price unknown.

**Capturing the Three Rhinoceroses.** Adapted from the ancient Chinese fantasy novel **Journey to the West** by Laing Hongye. Foreign Language Press, Beijing, China, 1987. Tang Priest is captured by the three demons, named Heat-Avoid, Cold-Avoid, and Dust-Avoid, who change into rhinos. Monkey, Pig, and Friar Sand, with the help of four powerful Star Warriors, rescue Tang Priest. The rhinos then have to do work for the Star Warriors. The color drawings are very Chinese-looking and are very imaginative!  
[reviewed by Carey Chandler, Mill Valley, CA]

**RHINO THE ANCIENT MARINER**

Dr. Donald R. Prothero, of the Department of Geology at Occidental College in Los Angeles has done extensive research and writing about the rhinos which roamed North American more than 45 million years ago. If you dabble in paleontology, you might like to visit your local university library and read these fascinating articles:

"The Rise and Fall of the American Rhino" (DR Prothero) *Natural History*, 96(8):26-33, August, 1987.

"Miocene Rhinoceroses from the Texas Gulf Coastal Plain" (DR Prothero) *Jl Paleontology*, 61(2):388-423, March, 1987.

"Allometry and Paleocology of Medieval Miocene Dwarf Rhinoceroses from the Texas Gulf Coastal Plain" (DR Prothero) *Paleobiology*, 8(1):16-30.

"The Phylogeny of the Rhinocerotidae (Mammalia, Perissodactyla)" (DR Prothero) *Zoological J of the Linnear Society*, 87:341-366, 1986.

**RIDDLE ME A RHINO...**

Let's give those elephant jokes a run for the money. Send in your rhino riddles and jokes to be compiled into a future book. I'll get things started on the road from the ridiculous to the rhinoceros. You help with the answers.

- What did the baby rhino say to the mother rhino?
- How many rhinos does it take to change a light bulb?
- Why did the rhino charge?
- What has four legs, a horn and flies?

# RHINOPHILIGHT



Ever wonder who else might be crazy enough to collect rhinos? You would be surprised at the variety of people, how long they have been collecting, and what their collections hold. This new column featuring our subscribers will give you a chance to meet fellow/ sister rhinophiles without leaving your home. You can build new friendships and truly feel part of a home-aided hobbyist group. When the 2nd Annual Southwest Rhinoceros Exhibition is held next October, who knows, maybe more of you will want to attend and meet your peers "close up and personal!"

In this issue we are highlighting Corey Chandler. Corey is eight years old and lives in Mill Valley, California. He has been fascinated by rhinos since he was a toddler. In fact, "rhino" was almost the first word he learned. He used to sit in his high chair and point at an old print of a rhino that hung on the wall, point at it excitedly and yell, "Rhino! Rhino!"

He seemed so delighted by the rhino print that his father bought

him a stuffed rhino. After that, his family's friends thought of him whenever they were in a toy store and saw a stuffed rhino. As a consequence, he has "stuffed" rhinos from Japan, France, and all over the United States. It's amazing how many different stuffed rhinos there are in the world!

Corey also likes to see and read about the real thing of course. One of the real treats of this past year was the appearance at Africa/Marine World in Vallejo, California, of a baby rhino named Donuba. Corey got to see them feed the voracious rhino babe a number of times. Alas, Donuba has now gone to another zoo. To two other rhinos at Africa/Marine World don't dash around like Donuba. They're middle-aged, and like most other middle-aged creatures, assured of their meal, they spend most of their time just basking it easy.

Corey does have other interests besides rhinos. He has the usual wide variety of interests of an eight-year-old boy. Corey is a good juggler (see photo), skateboarder, and ice skater. He plays piano, and has been singing for two years with the San Francisco Boys Chorus. And finally, Corey is a budding writer. He has just completed a 45-page fantasy story that is quite imaginative. I hope you'll agree that he is a credit to the family of rhino fans!

Text and photo courtesy of Arthur Chandler, Corey's father.

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