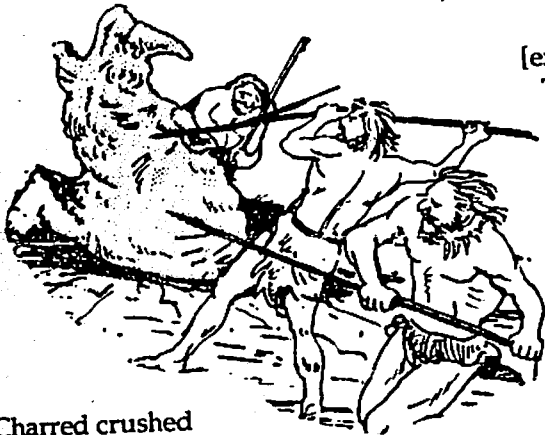


REALLY, RHINOS!

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PREHISTORHINO... ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO



Charred crushed rhinoceros bones are often found with Neanderthal man artifacts - evidence of successful hunts. Their hunting methods included large pits covered over with brush and tree branches. The rhino was led or chased into the trap where it could be easily attacked. May pit-like sites are found throughout Europe. Scientists believe some of them are the remains of these prehistoric traps. [just to keep the feds off my back re: copyright, this comes from a newspaper spot called "Our Fascinating Earth" which someone gave me but I don't have the original source to cite.]

[excerpted from a letter sent by Tony Nichols, California to SWARA, 13(2):25, March/April, 1990]

"The herd of captive northern white rhinos has been split. One male and two females have been sent from Czechoslovakia to San Diego Wild Animal Park to join Dinka, the long-time resident male.

The breeding pairs of black rhino have been moved to another large enclosure so the four northern white rhinos will have free roam of the park's East African plain section. Over 70 southern white rhinos have been born at the park since 1972, so the place and experience is optimum for breeding the northern subspecies. People may not approve of the captive breeding of rhinos, but these measures are needed now that wild populations are decimated. A decade ago, the black rhino was the most numerous of the species, now its eastern race is scarce in the wild. If captive breeding succeeds, the

species will be more secure in global terms. the slaughter of a 'protected' group in Meru shows that precautions cannot be too great."

ZOO KEEPER'S BOWL-A-THON AIMS AT SAVING RHINOCEROSES

Way back in March, 1990 (according to the *Chronicle of Philanthropy*), hundreds of zoo keepers across the county were bowling for rhinoceroses, hoping to knock down enough pins to keep the pachyderms safe from the machine guns of horn-hungry poachers. The American Association of Zoo Keepers (AAZK) hoped to raise \$100,000 through a pledge drive connected to area bowling events. Funds were to be used to underwrite the operating cost of the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya, a 10,000-acre private facility protected by a fence and armed guards. The preserve contains 13 black rhinos and 4 whites. Next year's plans are more ambitious according to Willis J. Whittaker, director of chapter and regional affair of AAZK, headquartered in Topeka, Kansas. Says Whittaker, "We are soliciting support from any corporation or business in the US or Canada that uses the rhino as its logo on a promotional device. It is their way of giving something back to the rhino." So if any of our readers owns or works for such a company, please consider how you can participate next year. I witnessed the bowl-a-thon in Portland, Oregon where many people were having fun raising money and educating people all at the same time. Not a bad way to kill a Saturday afternoon.

"What is man without the beasts?
If all the beasts were gone,
Man would die from a great loneliness of spirit.
For whatever happens to the beast
Also happens to the man.
All things are connected.
Whatever befalls the earth
Befalls the sons of the earth."