

Collaboration, cooperation and coordination

One of Save the Rhino's key objectives is to encourage and enable the sharing of information, experience and skills between rhino programmes, ex situ and conservation organisations. And I believe that this approach is as vital as ever in the fight against the current rhino poaching epidemic. We all need to work together as much as possible: there is a huge amount of determination and expertise in the conservation world and we are stronger together.

Lucy Boddam-Whetham | Acting Director/Deputy Director

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These activities have always been a strong theme in our work and something we will continue to build on more and more.

We provide fundraising and technical support to the field staff we work with and, through our partners,

we try to encourage the provision of more specialised technical support, whether that's Chester Zoo mentoring our Environmental Education Programmes and providing GIS training, or encouraging exchange visits between our projects so that they can learn from each other. We also try to help out with the behind-the-scenes gritty stuff such as budget management, website development and PR skills.

Our Director, Cathy, and her husband Kenneth Donaldson have worked tirelessly during their recent six-month sabbatical, not only to share their skills and experience but to also facilitate important 'info-sharing' opportunities. These include strategy and security meetings in Namibia and Zimbabwe, which brought together key rhino experts.

This issue of *The Horn* is dedicated to collaboration, cooperation and coordination. In the coming pages, you will read stories that highlight just why sharing skills is so

important. Time is against us in the fight to save the rhino, so we need to be innovative in the ways we tackle the highly organised and well-equipped poaching gangs targeting the rhino. There is also no point in reinventing the wheel.

Our field programmes are doing some fantastic things and Save the Rhino, with our conservation partners, is in a great position to communicate all of this between the teams that we work with and ultimately to the guys on the ground that are working so hard. This will very much be the focus of our upcoming appeal in conjunction with the International Rhino Foundation, which you can read about on page 18.

Now more than ever, we need our much treasured supporters to get involved with our work and to support us in any way you can.



Events schedule

ING New York City Marathon	Sunday 6 November 2011
PechaKucha Wild	Wednesday 16 November 2011
Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture	Sunday 11 March 2012
Virgin London Marathon	Sunday 22 April 2012
Rhino Mayday	Date to be confirmed
Rhino Trek South Africa	6-13 May 2012
Gold Challenge	Ongoing until December 2012
Rhino Climb Kilimanjaro	2-11 February 2012
	27 September - 6 October 2012
UK Challenges	Various dates

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