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Did you see a recent article in the New York Times about the "immigration" of black rhinos from Zimbabwe to ranches and wild animal parks in the U.S. and Australia? Some of the rhinos are being pampered at La Coma Ranch, Calvin Bentsen's 2,200 acre spread about 25 miles northeast of McAllen, Texas. In fact, thanks to an unusual alliance of rich Texas ranchers and conservationists from three continents, south Texas will

become home to the largest population of black rhino outside Africa. The newly formed International Black Rhino Foundation (anyone have the address??) has agreed to contribute \$30K - \$60K per rhino to the Zimbabwe government which also retains ownership of the rhinos and their offspring. Don Farst, director of the Gladys Porter Zoo in Brownsville was named to work with the conservation group and the ranchers to save the Southern black rhino. Farst says he was pressed into service as the only zoo keeper friendly with both the ranchers and the conservationists. [© 1992, New York Times]

NOW YOU SEE US... SOON YOU WON'T

You probably have rhino soap, but do you have a rhino washcloth? I was sent one from Maine (thanks, Tom) and one all the way from Paris (merci, Eileen). Actually it's made in Portugal and I believe it's available through The Body Shop which is an English franchise cropping up in the States. There's a yellow rhino on a purple background (like you've seen this color scheme in bathrooms a lot, right?).

SPEND YOUR TAX REFUND YET? The following conservation projects were edited from *Around the Horn*, published by The Wilds, in association with the Cincinnati

Zoo Center for Reproduction of Endangered Wildlife, Robert Reece/Karen Wachs, Editors, 85 E. Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215. (Please send funds/inquiries directly to the Center.)

Conservation of White Rhino in Zimbabwe: Effects of Horn Removal

Objectives include: (1) to evaluate the effectiveness of dehorning in reducing poaching risk; (2) to characterize phenotypic variation in horn size and growth, and to document rates and form of regrowth; (3) to examine interactions of both horned and dehorned rhinos with predators; and (4) to investigate the influence of horn and body size variation in dominance and reproductive performance. Project coordinator: Dr. Michael D. Kock. Funds requested: \$47,000.

Veterinary Assistance for Black Rhino Conservation in Zimbabwe and Namibia.

Mike Kock and Pete Morkel have a continuing need for darts, immobilization drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and treatment drugs to help them better care for black rhino during capture and relocation efforts, follow-up and/or routine exams, and dehorning operations. Project Coordinator: Dr. David A. Jessup. Funds requested: \$12,000/year.

Field Sampling and Importation of Blood Samples from Free-Ranging Black and White Rhino from Namibia and Zimbabwe. A number of promising fields for biomedical research which could enhance the health and long term survival of both black and white rhinos require the ability to obtain and compare tissues, blood, or components of blood from free-living animals to captive animals, or to compare samples from several populations. Capture of rhino for relocation, marking, or dehorning presents the opportunity to obtain these samples at little additional expense and risk. Samples can be field frozen in dry nitrogen shippers and returned to the U.S. or to other appropriate locations. Project Coordinator: Dr. David A. Jessup. Funds requested: \$10,000/year.

Radio Collaring of Five Northern White Rhino in Zaire. A dehorning operation in Garamba National Park in Zaire involves immobilization for horn removal which provides the opportunity for equipping the animals with radio collars to facilitate tracking. Funds are being sought to cover the cost of the radio collars and receivers. Project Coordinator: Dr. Peter Morkel. Funds requested: \$5,074.

Conservation of Greater One-Horned Asian Rhino in Nepal. There is a critical

need for a vehicle to travel between and within Chitwan and Bardia National Parks for tracking and translocation projects involving the greater one-horned Asian rhino. Funds are also needed for immobilization drugs and medical equipment which are in short supply. Project Coordinator: Dr. Sunder Shrestha. Funds requested: amount not specified.

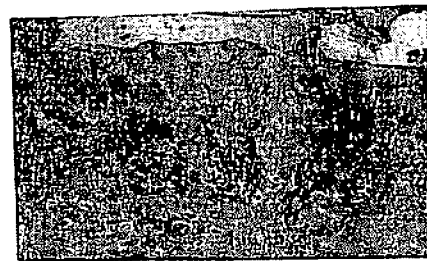
Tanzania Rhino Project. It is estimated that 95% of Tanzania's black rhinos were killed by poachers between 1975-1989. A detailed nationwide survey of the remaining scattered individuals and populations of black rhino has been initiated to determine their population structure, reproductive status, and threats to survival. Potential release areas for translocated rhino are also being surveyed in terms of their ecology, security, and carrying capacity. The survey will be followed by the preparation and implementation of a rhino conservation plan for the whole country that may or may not include proposals for translocating animals. Project Coordinator: Andrew Laurie. (a *Really, Rhinos!* subscriber!) Funds requested: amount not specified.

SHHHHH!
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I am having a silent auction, right now! Thanks to rhinophile Stu Friedlander of Beverly Hills Jewelers (in Pittsburgh, sorry), a ceramic rhino has been donated to the cause. Here's how it works. You send me a postcard

with your name, address, phone and your bid (minimum bid is \$25). Highest bidder wins the ceramic rhino pictured below (retail value \$50). You'll get the satisfaction of (1) experiencing a silent auction; (2) having fun; (3) donating to rhino conservation.

Remember, only the highest bidder will win the rhino. If you know anyone else who would care to donate a rhino for another silent auction, let me know. I think Stu's generosity is to be commended. Next time you're in Pittsburgh, please stop and visit him.



BONUS! Stu has also offered to sell any rhino collectibles to *Really, Rhino!* subscribers at a great discount! His prices probably have changed since he sent me some literature, but you can buy the following (and maybe more) through him and save money too!

Ceramic Black rhino mother & child

(William Holden Wildlife Foundation)

Retail: \$120

Rhinophile price: \$82.50

Hand cast White Rhino

(Earth Home UniteDesign 3.1 lbs 7" x 4.9" x 4.8")

Retail: \$90

Rhinophile price: \$65