CITES Update

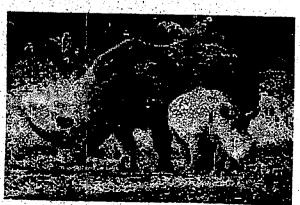
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"A South African proposal that would have opened the way to future trade in southern white rhinos was defeated. WWF opposed this proposal, given the risks inherent in taking even preliminary steps towards a legalized trade in rhino horn. Yemen's formal accession to CITES was confirmed at the conference bringing to a successful conclusion to a marathon effort by WWF and TRAFFIC to crack down on one of the world's most important remaining rhino horn markets. The challenge now is to ensure that Yemen effectively implements the treaty and stops illegal imports of rhino horn. To that end, WWF and TRAFFIC met with Yemeni government officials at the conference and agreed to assist with a CITES enforcement program."

What's white about a white rhino?

Not a lot. They asre the same color as black rhinos. The difference lies in the shape and use of the mouth. The white rhino is really the 'weit' rhino - an Africaan word meaning 'wide'. Unlike the black rhino, which has a beak-shaped lip adapted for browsing, the white rhino's lip is wide and square like a lawnmover, which is basically what it is, since the white rhino's diet consists solely of grass.

White rhinos are the second biggest land mammals after elephants, and they weigh on avereage twice as much as black rhinos. There is still hope for the Northern white rhino, despite its scarcity. At the beginning of the century, the southern white rhino was itself nearly extinct, but concerted conservation measures have seen rhino numbers rise to 6,300, all in South Africa.



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Do YOU have a rhino **pog**? (Do you even know wl a pog is?!) I found some on a sale table at PetSm but if there is no such store where you live, try 1 source: Pacific coast Distributing, Inc. PO Box 846 Phoenix, AZ 85071-4613.

No picture but great name. Blue Rhino 16 functi army pocket knife! Found at MacFrugal's and k than \$4. Gotta love it.

When pigs fly? How about when rhinos fly? Now the time to order your flying rhino Christmas orn ment from Ken Briscoe. For \$20+ shipping, you chave a beautifully crafted wooden rhino with wing Write to: Ken Briscoe, 910 N. 10th St, Fairfield, 152556.

It's cheap. It's practical. It's a rhino (what else?) N as wonderful as the rhino shaped mouse pads I has available of course, But still, Rhino Pad II by Artitic insulates and prevents build up of harmful statcharges (preventing computer extinction??). Available at Office Depot for under \$5.

Christmas is coming. Need extra income? Job avaable: Lead Keeper/rhinos...requires the minimu of an A.A. or equivalent form two-year college at technical school; three-five years experience in rhinoceros husbandry, particularly reproductive programs and calf management [ed note: see book from Ft. Worth Zoo.] Duties include: supervising and paticipating in the daily activities of an active conservation program for the maintenance, reproduction and rearing of white and black rhinos, scheduling and supervision of 2-3 keepers, providing gue tours as scheduled. Salary range: \$25,000-\$35,000 For future details, contact White Oak Conservation Center, 2823 Owens Rd, Yulee, FL 32097-2145. Ph: 904.225.3396, e-mail: stevesh@wo.gilman.com

Shed some light on your rhino collection. Now available, a wrought iron rhino lamp for only \$80+ posage. Write to Cochise Ironworks, RR#1, Box 671A Cochise, AZ 85606.

Special orders accepted. (I just ordered a really birthino statue for my front lawn!)