

## Indian Rhino Numbers are on the Rise

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### India

A rhino census was carried out earlier this year in Assam with very positive outcomes. It revealed that in 2012 the total number of Indian Rhino in the Assam area now totals 2505. Assam populations are as follows:

- Kaziranga National Park = 2290 rhinos
- Orang National Park = 100 rhinos
- Pabitora National Park = 93 rhinos
- Manas National Park = 22 rhinos

That is an increase of 301 rhino since early 2009, when approximately 2204 rhinos were estimated.

Other results include:

- Gorumara National Park of West Bengal, India the rhino population stands at 42
- Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary in West Bengal the population stands at about 140.
- Dudhwa National Park in India the population stands at 29

This brings the total number of rhino in India to approximately 2,716 rhino.

### Nepal

In 2011 an Indian rhino population increase was also recorded in Nepal thanks to strong protection. Chitwan National Park numbers increased from 408 in 2008 to 503. While in Bardia National Park, the rhino population has increased to 24 in 2011 compared to 22 in 2008.

Other results include Suklaphanta Wildlife Reserve in Nepal where the rhino number stands at 7.

The total estimated rhino numbers in Nepal now stand at 534.

Together this brings the total Indian Rhino population estimate to 3,250 rhinos.

Well done to all the local and international teams working hard to conserve these majestic creatures!

While the population surveys have come back positive we need to remain vigilant. Rhino poaching is on the rise and poaching gangs are becoming more organised.

