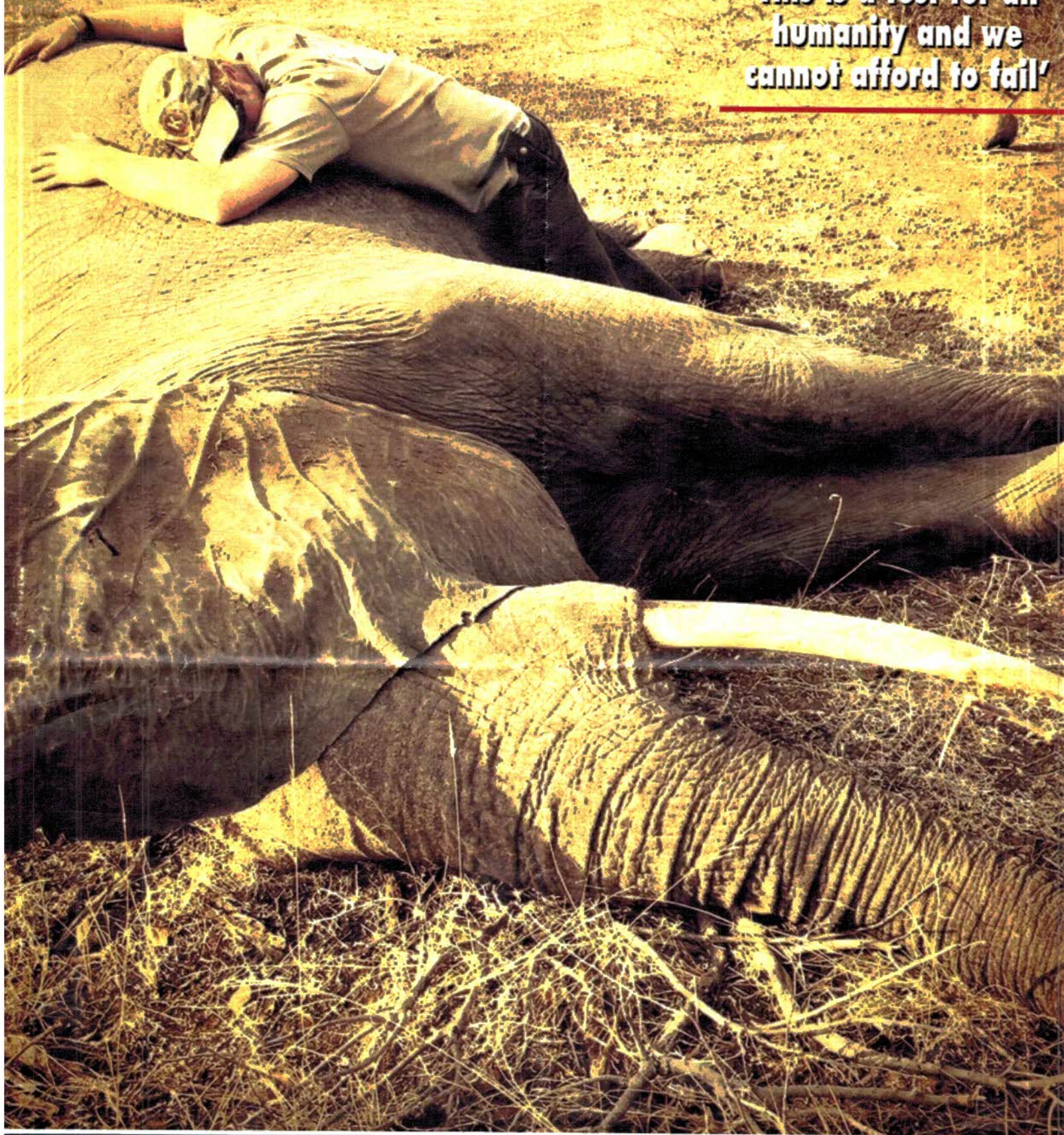


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Harry's encounter last week with a rhino killed by poachers in Kruger National Park (left). He also released a happier photo taken in the park over the summer (above). "After a very long day, with five rhinos sent to new homes and three elephants freed from their collars – like this sedated female – I decided to take a moment," he says

of Africa over the summer. In one poignant moment, Harry lies with his arms outstretched across a sedated elephant in Kruger – "taking a moment" as he describes it in his caption – before the animal is released back into the wild. "How can it be that 10,000 elephants were slaughtered last year alone?" he questions.

Other images show him helping to humanely dehorn a rhino to protect it from poachers and meeting Zawadi, a

rhino who had encountered Harry's brother Prince William in 2012 at a wildlife park in Kent, shortly before she was transferred to a sanctuary in Tanzania. "I loved being able to send William this photo," he says. **H**

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SHARING HIS OWN PHOTOS PRINCE HARRY HELPS FIGHT THE RUTHLESS POACHERS BRINGING WILDLIFE TO THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION

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Gazing at the carcass of a female rhino killed alongside her two-year-old calf both poached for their horns Prince Harry's distress was visible

The royal, whose tour of South Africa to date had been focused on children, turned his caring attention to the plight of animals as he joined environmental crime investigators at the sad scene in South Africa's Kruger National Park.

"This belongs to South Africa and it's been stolen by other people," Harry said of the fallen creature. "And the body's left here, wasted, just for..." His voice trailed off, lost for the words that would express his feelings of sadness and frustration.

Harry was told that the mother rhino had been gunned down and the male calf, who would not leave her, was shot dead before she was killed with a third bullet.

The heartbreaking moment came during the Prince's official visit to the 5 million-acre wildlife reserve to highlight the threat of poachers to some of the world's most critically endangered species.

He had already visited Kruger National Park in his private capacity over the summer, during the three months he spent working on front-line conservation projects – including with rhinos – in Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana and Namibia.

RHINO DEATH TOLL

A staggering 1,500 rhinos have already been killed this year in South Africa, an average of four a day. Harry, a proud uncle to Prince George and Princess Charlotte, later told graduate rangers at the park's South African Wildlife College: "If current poaching rates continue there will be no wild African elephants or rhinos left by the time children born this year – like my niece Charlotte – turn 25."

Harry praised his brother the Duke of Cambridge's campaign against the illegal wildlife trade saying: "I am incredibly proud of what he is achieving and will do whatever I can to support him. We can win this battle. This is a test for all humanity and we cannot afford to fail."

To coincide with his return to Kruger, Harry also released a series of moving photos and videos taken on his phone during his time working with wildlife



In a newly released photo taken over the summer, Prince Harry helps to defibrillate a rhino in Namibia "to deter poachers from shooting them". Another of the images features Zawadi, the rhino who met the Duke of Cambridge in Kent a few years ago and now lives in a sanctuary in Tanzania (top left)

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