



White rhino's death leaves just three in the world

Nola, a female northern white rhino in San Diego Zoo, died aged 41 on Sunday 22nd November. This leaves just three remaining on the planet; all of them live in Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya. The future of this subspecies now lies in the development of in vitro fertilisation techniques and stem cell technology, costly and complicated procedures that have never before been attempted in rhinos. Ol Pejeta Conservancy is together with Dvůr Králové Zoo trying to raise USD 1 million towards this with a GoFundMe campaign called 'Make a Rhino'.



Tougher penalties for poaching of Seychelles endemic nuts

Seychelles is introducing tougher punishments to clamp down on poaching of the iconic Coco de-Mer, the world's largest nut, endemic to the Indian Ocean archipelago. Formerly set at around \$387 (5 thousand Seychelles rupees) the penalty that can be imposed on anyone caught poaching the iconic nut has now been raised to around \$1,930 (25 thousand Seychelles rupees) up to a maximum of \$38,670 (500 thousand Seychelles). A two-year prison sentence can also be imposed on the culprits of such offences.



Field Museum's Head of Collections, Bill Stanley, dies in Ethiopia

Bill Stanley, the head of the Field Museum's extensive mammal collection, died while working in Ethiopia, the Downtown museum said. Stanley, an award-winning zoologist, had worked at the Field since 1989. "Bill's accomplishments are almost too many to list — in his research on Africa's mammals, he led biological surveys and safari trips every year, he has described numerous species and published countless papers, and he has two species of animal — a mouse and a frog — named after him," the statement reads. "But beyond his academic accomplishments, we feel his loss most deeply as a friend."



Seychelles warbler moves to lowest threat category on the IUCN's red list

Once down to a mere 26, the population of the Seychelles Warbler now stands at 3,000 mature individuals thanks to efforts preventing its extinction. The Seychelles warbler (*Acrocephalus sechellensis*) has been downlisted from Critically Endangered to Near Threatened on the International Union for Conservation of Nature, (IUCN) red List of threatened species. The new status also means that the small dull olive-and-brown coloured bird, with pale, buffish-yellow underparts and obscure, buff eyebrow-stripe, has also been removed from BirdLife International's Endangered Birds of the World list.