
CONSERVATION



RHINOS BORN TO IMPORTED FEMALES

One of the ten black rhinos imported into the United States from Zimbabwe in July was in the last stages of pregnancy. This animal was sent to the Fort Worth Zoological Park. One month after her arrival, she gave birth to a male. A second birth, a female, has occurred to an imported female on the El Coyote Ranch, which is owned by the Bass family. Earlier in the spring, a female was born at the Bensten Ranch, bringing the total number of rhinos born in this program to three.

(E. Turner)

SCIMITAR-HORNED ORYX BORN VIA FROZEN SEMEN

Two scimitar-horned oryx were born at the Orana Wildlife Trust in New Zealand on 26 and 30 November 1988, as a result of using frozen semen obtained from the Metro Toronto Zoo, Canada. We believe this is the first time that a scimitar-horned oryx has been born by utilizing this method.

The collaboration, endorsed by the Scimitar-horned Oryx SSP, was initiated by Paul Garland, Director of the Orana Wildlife Trust. Its purpose was to explore the feasibility of using frozen semen as an alternative to shipping live animals in order to introduce new genetic material into their captive population.

(J. Carnio)