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INDIAN ONE-HORNED RHINO BORN AT ZOO MIAMI

In late December, after a nearly 16-month pregnancy, Kalu, an 11-year old Indian one-horned rhinoceros, gave birth at Zoo Miami. This is the first ever successful birth of this highly endangered species for Zoo Miami and in fact, in the history of all South Florida zoos.

Kalu was born at the Bronx Zoo on 22 December 2000 and arrived at Zoo Miami as part of a breeding loan on 10 June 2004. The father's name is Suru and he was born at the San Diego Wild Animal Park on 31 December 2000. He arrived at Zoo Miami in October 2003 as part of a breeding loan with the San Francisco Zoo. This is the first offspring for both individuals.

There are less than 3,000 Indian rhinos left in the wild occurring in small protected areas of Nepal, India, and Assam. Over the years, they have been poached extensively for their horn which is used for medicinal purposes and for dagger handles that are revered in some Asian cultures. They are the world's fourth largest land mammal sometimes reaching a weight of 6,000 pounds.

This very rare birth is not only significant for Zoo Miami, it is incredibly important to the international efforts to maintain a healthy captive population of this highly endangered species throughout the world. It is only the third captive birth of an Indian rhino in the U.S. in 2011.

SIGNIFICANT BIRTHS AT RED RIVER ZOO

Once again, the Red River Zoo has produced Chinese red panda triplets. One female and two male cubs were born on 20 June 2011. This is the second time in three years that the Red River Zoo has had triplets born. The cubs were born to Wei Da, one of the females from the litter of triplets born at the Red River Zoo in 2009, and Rusty, a male that is here on

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