



The occasional e-newsletter of the Australasian Society of Zoo Keeping Inc.

## Bowling for Asian Rhinos

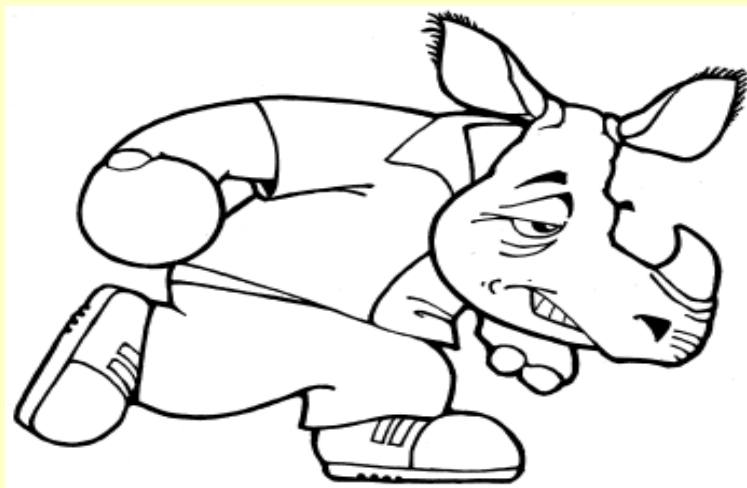
On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2005 the Australasian Society of Zoo Keeping (ASZK) will be running their second national fundraiser called "Bowling for Asian Rhinos".

On this night we will have approximately 25 zoos and wildlife parks from around Australia and New Zealand ten pin bowling and lawn bowling to raise money for Asian Rhino conservation and to aid us in hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Zookeepers in 2006.

There are three Asian rhinoceros species—the Javan (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*), the Sumatran (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*), and the Indian or Greater one-horned rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*). All three species are listed in the World Conservation Union's (IUCN) latest *Red List of Threatened Species*. The first two species are 'Critically Endangered'—their numbers in the wild amount to ~70 and <300, respectively. Poaching is the primary threat to the rhino. They are poached for their horns, used for medicinal remedies and dagger handles. These illusive forest dwellers are primarily snared and trapped for days before being found, killed and their horns removed.

The Asian Rhino Project is a non-profit conservation organisation here in Australia. The Project raises

awareness and support for the three Asian Rhino species. Funds raised through this event will contribute to ongoing projects such as the protection of the rhino in the wild, support intensive captive breeding programs of the Sumatran rhino, rhino research and investigations into the illegal trade in rhino horn.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Zookeeping is scheduled for 7-11 May 2006 on the Gold Coast in Queensland. We are expecting approximately 300 zookeepers from all around the world to attend this

conference.

To assist ASZK in hosting the ICZ half the money raised from Bowling will ensure we are able to deliver a professional conference to the delegates from around the world.

The first fund raiser of this kind was in 2004 and was to aid conservation of Bilbies in Australia. Collectively we raised nearly \$20,000 from this one event!!! This year we want to try and better that!

**If you want to Bowl but are not yet sure where you nearest bowling event is being held - please contact Penny Cooper at email [pjcooper75@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pjcooper75@yahoo.com.au)**

# **WANTED**

## **MEMBERS AND VOLLUNTEERS**

# **WE NEED YOU!**



The Asian Rhino Project (ARP) is a non-profit volunteer organisation raising awareness of the plight of, and support for conservation of the three Asian rhinoceros species—the Javan (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*), the Sumatran (*Dicerorhinus sumatrensis*), and the Indian rhino (*Rhinoceros unicornis*). All three species are listed in the World Conservation Union's (IUCN) latest *Red List of Threatened Species*. The first two species are 'Critically Endangered'—their numbers in the wild amount to ~70 and <300, respectively. All three species together adds up to less than the total population of the Critically Endangered African Black Rhinoceros!

Founded in 2003 ARP is a fledgling organisation and is at a significant stage in its development. We rely on membership fees, private donations, fundraising events as well as corporate sponsorship to fund our projects. Currently we have a small membership base of 107, many of whom reside in Western Australia. Given the dire need for conservation of Asian rhinos, the ARP needs to continue to fundraise and broaden its membership base in order to:

- continue our vital in-situ conservation support role
- continue raising community awareness of Asian rhinos and their conservation
- achieve greater financial sustainability

The following information indicates just some of our on-ground operations, which funding has already and in some cases continues to be allocated to:

- fence construction to prevent human/rhino conflicts in Dudhwa National Park, India
- local community education program regarding threats to Sumatran and Javan Rhinos, and Indonesia's biodiversity
- undercover investigations into the illegal trade in rhino horn
- rhino protection unit assistance with essential equipment for operations in the field
- supporting the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (SRS) in Way Kambas National Park, Sumatra
- cross training rhino experts at SRS with other experts involved in the success of the Sumatran rhino breeding program at Cincinnati Zoo, USA.
- rhino rescue operations of doomed rhino populations

The ARP is now looking for representatives to fundraise in all states of Australia to help us continue our important work. If you are interested in becoming a member, holding an event or opening a branch in your own state, please contact us directly by phoning Kerry - 089526 2060 or at [info@asianrhinos.org.au](mailto:info@asianrhinos.org.au) . Look forward to your call!

# INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ZOOKEEPING

7-11 May 2006

Gold Coast Australia

**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Registrations have now opened for the 2nd International Congress on Zookeeping (ICZ).

Thanks to some great sponsorship from SOS Rhino, The North of England Zoological Society, Sea World Australia, Dreamworld and Aussie Dog we have managed to set the full congress registration fee (not including accommodation) at \$450!

This includes the Sunday night Icebreaker (food & drinks), Monday night cocktails and dinner at Dreamworld, Tuesday morning breakfast with the birds at Currumbin Sanctuary, BBQ dinner Tuesday night (including some drinks) at the conference venue, Conference dinner Wednesday night at Seaworld, morning, afternoon teas and lunch daily, conference satchel and entire program of workshops and presentations.

Pre and post conference tours are on offer including pre conference trips to Fraser Island and O'Reilley's Rainforest Retreat with post conference trips to Australia Zoo, North Queensland and a one day field trip with the Australian Koala Foundation.

**All forms and further information are available on the ICZ website at [www.iczoo.org](http://www.iczoo.org) or contact the conference convener at email [slromer@bigpond.com](mailto:slromer@bigpond.com).**

We have had some great interest shown in the conference from around the world so take advantage & join in!

Look forward to seeing you there!



## NEW LOGO NEEDED!

The International Congress of Zookeepers (ICZ) is seeking a new logo. This logo will be used on all ICZ related items such as letterhead, T-shirts and conference satchels, as well as the website and all future merchandise marketed by the ICZ.

To submit a logo for consideration, please follow these guidelines:

- must incorporate the letters “ICZ” in the design
- should be easily reproducible
- should represent zookeeping on a global level
- preferably limit to 2 colors; if you choose to include color send both a color and a black and white version

If you would like to have your design considered as the new logo, please send a **high resolution** .jpg file to:

[Norah.Farnham@zoo.org](mailto:Norah.Farnham@zoo.org)

Or you may send a hard copy to:

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To make contributions to either *Cybercinus* or *thylacinus* please email Liz Romer ASZK Editor on [slromer@bigpond.com](mailto:slromer@bigpond.com)

Closing date for submissions to the next *thylacinus* is 4th November.

## STOP PRESS!

SUBMISSIONS FOR PAPERS FOR THE NEXT ICZ  
CLOSE  
30 SEPTEMBER.

Send your abstracts for posters, papers or workshops  
of no more than 600 words to Paul Howse ICZ program  
Coordinator on email [P.Howse@chesterzoo.org](mailto:P.Howse@chesterzoo.org)