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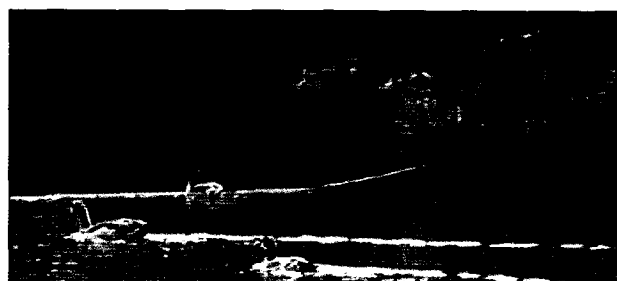
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Editorial

Although rhino numbers seem to be slowly increasing, we must not start to underestimate the dangers facing the rhino. Rhinos are a priceless asset for future generations. South Africa holds a large percentage of both the black and the white rhinos and its dedication to conservation is therefore of prime importance. The African Rhino Owners Association was founded in September 1994 to bring together all the owners of the two African species of rhinoceros in an effort to maintain their survival chances in countries where the private landowner has either invested in these animals or are custodians of such. AROA's objectives include the protection of African rhinos on private lands throughout Africa, the promotion of sustainable utilisation of rhinos, and the promotion of high standards of ethics and proper management in the sport hunting of the species. We would like to encourage all private owners of rhinos in South Africa and abroad to register as members. All AROA members automatically become field members of the Rhino & Elephant Foundation (REF), chaired by Clive H. Walker. REF has a much broader based membership at very reasonable rates, for which members receive an annual Journal, a quarterly Newsletter as well as the chance to help in the preservation of the rhinoceroses through projects funded by the Foundation. The next REF Journal will appear at the end of 1998 and will include many informative and well illustrated articles about elephants and rhinos in many parts of Africa and the rest of the world. Enquiries

can be directed to the AROA desk.

Dr Kees Rookmaaker, Editor

Update on Rhinoceros Museum

In the last Newsletter we asked you to watch this space for the opening of this new museum and environmental education centre at Melkriver in the Waterberg Mountains of the Northern Province. At the time of writing, the reconstruction of the old buildings has reached its final stages and we expect to be open to the public from the beginning of December 1998 or even a bit earlier. Here you can learn more about the rhinoceros and the culture of the Waterberg, as well as have a nice lunch or dinner or just a drink at Walker's Wayside. All are welcome. A new telephone system will soon be installed in the area. **For further information, please contact Mrs Heather Cowie at the Rhino & Elephant Foundation, tel. 011 453 9829.**

New Rhinoceros Books

The Rhinoceros is a popular subject for journal articles and books. In the catalogue of the Rhinoceros Library annexed to the Rhino Museum in the Waterberg, we have already entered 52 items published during 1998 until now. Two new and one old book are now available to our AROA members and others interested.

"Rhinoceroses" edited by Richard

Emslie and Nico Van Strien. A slim (300 page) soft cover book with contributions by various authors about all species of rhinoceros, their history, trade and related items. It is published in Germany. The English version will soon appear and will cost R325 including postage in Southern Africa. The German edition of the same book is already available at the same price.

"The Rhinoceros in Captivity" is a major work by Kees Rookmaaker, published by SPB Academic Publishing in Holland. It runs to 410 pages (A4 format) with 166 illustrations, 41 tables, hardcover. It covers all the rhinoceroses of all species kept in human hands from Roman times, until the end of 1994. Every specimen is mentioned individually with dates, name and any interesting information. It is available now at R790 including postage.

In 1989 Francesco Nardelli published an elephant sized (56 x 50 cm) book on **"The Rhinoceros"**. At the time, Nardelli worked on a capture program of Sumatran Rhinos in Indonesia. It has 136 pages of text and 20 (partly coloured) plates, all by M. Hillier, which are a major attraction of this work. Copies are now again available (without original paintings), at R6 400 unbound or R7 600 bound (including postage). A true collector's item.

If you are interested in a copy of one of these books, they can be ordered from abroad. Please contact Kees Rookmaaker at tel. 011-453 9829 or fax 011-453 7649 or email: school@wildernesstrust.org.za.