

Chyulu Hill Rhino Project

This project has been set up by Richard Bonham of the Maasailand Preservation Trust to protect a previously unknown population of black rhino which have survived in the Chyulu Hills, Kenya.

There are seven rangers from Kenya Wildlife Services, and fifteen dedicated community scouts who have a permanent presence on anti-poaching patrol and rhino surveillance in the rhino habitat which extends over the Chyulu Hills and onto Imbirikani Group Ranch

All patrols are carried out on foot, as tracking is very difficult in the thick bush and on the rough rocks of the lava flows. Sightings are rare, but the evidence has regularly confirmed the presence of this small rhino breeding population.



This project has been supported by a number of animal charitable organizations including Save the Rhino, Chester Zoo, Anna Merz and US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Six of the Maasai owned group ranches that surround Amboseli National Park have formed the Amboseli Tsavo Game Scout Association, covering over a million acres and supporting 80 game scouts who undertake joint anti-poaching operations, general security and wildlife monitoring

We stayed for two nights at Ol Donyo Wuas, a lovely Safari Lodge in the Chyulu Hills, overlooked by Africa's largest hill slope, Mount Kilimanjaro and spent two mornings with Anna Merz tracking rhino on foot, along with the rangers and the scouts - but without any sightings.

