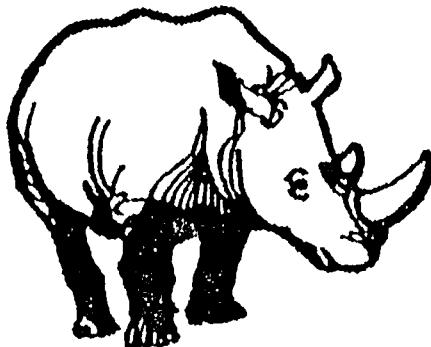


Khama Rhino Sanctuary

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Emergency call still going out!



The committee would like to thank all the members who responded so generously to a letter sent out by the Secretary in February, about the tickets being sold in aid of the Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

Please Note: the closing date for ticket sales has been extended to 9 April 1994 and the final draw will take place on 21 May 1994 in Gaborone.

Members of the committee will be attending and we will have a full report in our next newsletter. Winners will be notified by mail.

Please phone/fax/write to the secretary (011) 880-3833 and buy some more tickets. Only

R15 a ticket and the sales from the tickets will be used as follows:

1. As the rhino are still in bomas it is necessary to feed and water them.
2. Field staff, of whom there are currently six, are needed for the day-to-day care of the rhino. At present the staff are housed in tents. The sanctuary organisers want to provide them with more permanent living quarters and such things as ablution facilities.
3. Borehole sites have been identified and as there is no water source on site they are looking at possibly two boreholes for

human and rhino consumption. Water is currently being carted by borrowed water bowser from the village of Paje 12km from the boma.

4. Transport - the vehicle being used at the moment is a Land Cruiser which was acquired on soft terms and will still have to be paid for. This is used by the field manager on site for the transport of men and materials and general maintenance and construction operations.
5. An education cum visitors' shelter should be constructed to protect both visitors and students from the elements until a permanent education centre can be set up.
6. Wages for administrative staff - currently one person.

7. The land earmarked for the sanctuary belongs to a cattle farmer who will have to be compensated for developments.

8. Plans are to reintroduce other species into the sanctuary, such as kudu, red hartebeest, wildebeest, gemsbok, eland and giraffe.

The three rhino in the sanctuary at present are doing well. It is believed that the rhino cow in the sanctuary is the original rhino cow OWLS introduced to the Okavango in the early 70's during a translocation programme.

The survived the poachers all these years - please support her now - BUY tickets!

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