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substitutes. Far Eastern wholesale dealers in rhino products will be encouraged to withdraw from this market - as dealers in Hong Kong have already done.

4. Particular attention will also be given to drawing the attention of the Government of the Yemen Arab Republic to the consequences of their demand for rhino horn daggers. An approach which recognizes the deep respect of the Yemeni people for Islamic traditions, and which urges the use of alternative materials for dagger handles will also be made.
5. Governments will be requested to halt all internal as well as external trade by placing a moratorium on the sale of all government and parastatal stocks of rhino products. Records of these stocks, regularly updated, should be made available to IUCN.
6. Hunting of rhino should be prohibited anywhere in the world, except where such hunting serves to promote the conservation of particular populations and provided proper control of the hunting and disposal of products and trophies is assured.

Establishment of a ranger post in Rubondo National Park, Tanzania, (Project 1932): Rubondo National Park has between 30 and 40 rhinoceros - one of the largest remaining populations of rhino in northern Tanzania. Since it is an island, Rubondo is easier to protect than other rhino areas in the country. With strict protection it is hoped that the Rubondo rhino population can become a nucleus from which other areas could be restocked in the future.

Rubondo National Park covers 450 km², most of which is forest and the remainder woodland and patches of open grassland. The area was declared a National Park in 1977. Sixteen black rhino were introduced in 1964 and the population today is 30-40 animals. But four rhinos are reported to have been killed by poachers.

There are already three ranger posts in the Park, but a new ranger post is needed in the south of the island to carry out effective anti-poaching patrols. The National Parks Department has increased the Ranger Force to provide for the new post. WWF/IUCN is providing funds for four houses for the rangers and to improve the road leading to the post. The Frankfurt Zoological Society has provided vehicles and a boat with outboard motor for the Park.

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