

Project 1934**Tanzania, Anti-poaching Camp, Lake Eyasi**

WWF Funding 1982 — \$3,548

(Total since 1981 — \$16,862)

Project Initiated 1981**Project Executant** Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority.**Objective** To provide equipment to improve the conservation status of the black rhino in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.

Lake Eyasi zone, in the south of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, is fortunate in possessing a viable population of the black rhino, as well as elephant and leopard. Despite the zone's relative inaccessibility, poachers had begun to turn their attention to it, as they went further afield in search of rhino horn, ivory and leopard skins, so that it became necessary to construct an anti-poaching ranger post at Lake Eyasi. WWF provided two field vehicles and a transceiver radio, and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority has stationed rangers in the zone since November 1982 at Endaghmaga. The authority has also established a sub-headquarters at Karatu, where one field vehicle and the radio are stationed. The other vehicle provides support from headquarters.

Project 3022**Anti-poaching Unit, Laikipia Ranch, Kenya**

WWF Funding 1982 — \$13,200

(Total since 1982 — \$13,200)

Project Initiated 1982**Project Executant** Colin Francombe, Manager, Laikipia Ranching Co. Ltd.**Objective** To protect the rhino population on Laikipia Ranch by establishing an anti-poaching unit.

Laikipia Ranch, on the eastern edge of the Rift Valley, east of Lake Baringo, contains 60-70 black rhino, as well as an abundance of other wildlife, including 300 elephant, 800 buffalo, 200 leopard, 30-40 lion, cheetah, wild dog and numerous types of antelope and smaller carnivores.

Until recently, the population was protected by ranch security personnel, armed with spears and bows and arrows, who effectively deterred poaching by the Pokot tribe. The ranch management, however, became concerned about the safety of the animals in 1979 when Somali poachers with modern firearms joined the local Pokot gangs of poachers and began to raid into the ranch. In the first eight months of 1980, six rhino and one calf were shot on the ranch's northwestern boundary.