

Bowling for Rhinos Update

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In addition to supporting the Ngare Sergoi Sanctuary in Kenya, Bowling for Rhinos will now support the Ujung Kulon National Park in Java! The proposal that passed at the 1993 National Conference was that the first \$100,000 we raise each year will continue to go to Ngare Sergoi. Any additional money raised will now go to Ujung Kulon through the "Adopt A Park" program set up by Ron Tilson, Director of Conservation at the Minnesota Zoo. However, if a crisis should arise at Ngare Sergoi, such as a forest fire, we will be able to send all our money to Ngare Sergoi that year.

Ujung Kulon is a 300-square mile National Park that is home to the last 47 Javan rhinos in the world. Its annual running costs are \$50,000 to \$75,000, so \$5,000 to \$10,000 would go a long way in saving this ecosystem! Java is an island of Indonesia in the Asian Pacific which harbors one-eighth of the world's mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian and plant species. Ujung Kulon is home to some of the rarest plants and animals on earth. Some 40 mammal species are known to inhabit the park. In addition to the Javan rhino, the Javan gibbon, two species of leaf monkey and the Javan tree shrew are found nowhere else in the world. Other inhabitants of the park include Flying lemur, Banteng, Wild dog, Binturong, Asian small-clawed otter, 250 bird species, Green sea turtle, Saltwater crocodile, and more than 50 rare plant species.

To begin relations with Ujung Kulon, AAZK, Inc. donated \$5,000 on 31 January 1994. This was money that was recovered from the dissolution of the Toledo AAZK Chapter. Toledo had intended the funds to go to rhino conservation so this was a great start. I will be visiting Ujung Kulon May 6-20 so I can give everyone an update at the conference in Omaha. (Editor's note: Patti's trip is privately funded and does not use any BFR monies.)

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Florida's Key Deer Making Comeback

Brought back from the brink of extinction over the last 50 years, miniature Key deer in Florida represent a qualified success story in the troubled history of people-animal relations. You see them in quiet neighborhoods in the evenings, hanging around the houses like living lawn statuary. The 300 or so Key deer, found nowhere else, are preserved in part by an extensive series of government-mandated protections ranging from low (and strictly enforced) speed limits to restrictions on development. Key deer, which average just over two feet high at the shoulder, are closely related to the full-size Virginia white-tailed deer. (from *Eco Notes*, *The Topeka Capital Journal*, March 18, 1994).