

# Latest Rhino Population Estimates Show Some Increases

According to the latest population estimates from the African Rhino Specialist Group (AfRSG), approximately 9,000+ rhinos exist on the African continent today. The group listed an estimated Black rhino population of 2,550 with a White rhino population at approximately 6,750. Scientists are encouraged because, for the first time in many years, there is not a significant decline in population numbers. Dr. Tom Foose, AfRSG member noted that the Black rhino population has appeared to have stabilized, indicating in part that the sanctuary/intensive protection zone strategy in use in most countries appears to be succeeding.

May 1994 estimates by country of the two African rhino species are shown below:

<u>Country</u>	<u>White Rhino</u>	<u>Black Rhino</u>
Angola		10
Botswana	18▼	4▼
Cameroon		27▼
Ethopia		5▼
Kenya	87▲	417▲
Malawi		2
Mozambique	0?	45▼
Namibia	98▲	583▲
Rwanda		10▼
S. Africa	6,376▲	897▲
Sudan	0?	
Swaziland	33▼	4▼
Tanzania		132▼
Zaire	32▲	
Zambia	6	33▼
Zimbabwe	134▼	381▼

▲ = Upward Trend

▼ = Downward Trend

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