

CHOBE WILDLIFE TRUST TRIAL OF THE GIANTS

Derek Joubert, Director/Cameraman, of the Chobe elephant film "Trial of the Giants", recently negotiated the sale of this documentary to an American TV Distributor. The film will now be distributed to TV Networks in America and will therefore do much to gain international awareness of the northern Botswana elephant problem.

The documentary was sold for approximately USD 50,000, and this return will be split 50/50 (fifty-fifty) between the two producers, SABC and Chobe Wildlife Trust. This will represent the biggest single cash injection the Trust earned since its inception in 1988.

CRY FOR AFRICA

The Chobe Wildlife documentary "Cry for Africa", has now been screened seven times on MNET television. This has created substantial awareness to the S.A. public about the uniqueness of Chobe, its wildlife, landscapes and habitats.

The documentary was also awarded third place at the International "Travel video of the Year" Competition in London, in 1989. Copies of this video "Cry for Africa" and "Trial of the Giants" are available for purchase to the public through the Johannesburg Marketing Office and also directly at the Lodge.

BLACK RHINO PROJECT

SEROWE RHINO SURVEY

The Chobe Wildlife Trust and Rhino & Elephant Foundation are currently involved in evaluating the tentative establishment of a Black Rhino sanctuary in the Serowe area of central Botswana.

The sanctuary is proposed specifically for the long term protection of the almost extinct Black Rhino sub-species, *chobensis*. This sub-species of *Diceros bicornis bicornis*, is thought to be almost extinct in northern Botswana with only few and infrequent visual sightings during the past 2 to 3 years. Two *chobensis* rhinos were recently captured in the Caprivi Strip and these are presently being held at an undisclosed location in Namibia.

On the weekend of the 14-15th September, Peter Hitchens of the Rhino and Elephant Foundation, Peter Joffe of the Endangered Wildlife Trust and Grahame Thomson of the Chobe Wildlife Trust undertook a ground and aerial survey of the proposed area. Also involved were local members of the Kalahari Conservation Society and Serowe residents.

The preliminary evaluation of the survey was extremely positive,

although it was felt that the area should be considerably enlarged from its presently envisaged form. Representation will now be made to the Department of Wildlife and National Parks and the Serowe Tribal Authorities, to enlist their support and assistance with the project. It is anticipated that the World Wildlife Fund and major commercial conglomerates in Botswana will be recruited for financial support of the project.



Peter Hitchens of the Rhino and Elephant Foundation (second from left) discussing aspects on the recent rhino survey.



Preparations at Serowe for the aerial survey of the proposed new sanctuary at Serowe.

AN APPEAL

To ensure that the Trust's objectives are met, it is vital that commerce and industry and also interested individual persons become members of the Trust. Our target for 1991 is the recruitment of 100 Corporate Members and 1 000 individual Members. We appeal to all those who believe in the future of

conservation in southern Africa to commit themselves to this cause. The future of Africa's wildlife stretches across political and ethnic boundaries. The wildlife and wild landscapes do not belong to today's generations. We have it in trust for tomorrow's and yet unborn generations.

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