THE RHINO & ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

The Rhino & Elephant Foundation (REF) has formed recently in South Africa. Why another wildlife organization? The answer is expertise and specialization. Experience around the world has shown that small, specialized bodies with very strictly defined objectives are able to focus their efforts very effectively. REF will include among its trustees, advisors, and supporters, the leading authorities, decision-makers, wildlife managers, wardens and rangers dealing with these species in their professional lives. REF is assured of their support. It now needs financial resources to effectively channel expertise into viable and successful projects for the conservation of rhinos and elephants.

REF concerns itself not only with the broad protection and research issues which have been addressed by other bodies, but also with practical management issues. Among these are the monitoring of vulnerable populations, the utilization of these species by the hunting and game-ranching industry, law enforcement and intelligence monitoring as regards the trade in rhino and elephant products and contributions to a national strategy for the conservation of these species.

The foundation publishes an excellent quarterly journal. To receive a sample copy write: Rhino and Elephant Foundation PO Box 381, Bedfordview, 2008. South Africa.

Number of black rhinos in Af[illegible] countries 1980-1987 as estimat[illegible] [illegible] African Elephant and Rh[illegible] Specialist Group [illegible]

Country	1980	1984	1986	19[illegible]
Tanzania	3795	3130	400	2[illegible]
Zimbabwe	1400	1680	1625	1[illegible]
Zambia	2750	1650	190	[illegible]
South Africa	630	640	548	[illegible]
Kenya	1500	550	381	[illegible]
Namibia	300	400	440	[illegible]
CAR	3000	170	150	
Moçambique	250	130	130	
Cameroon	110	110	60	[illegible]
Sudan	300	100	20	
Somalia	300	90	-	
Angola	300	90	50?	
Malawi	40	20	25	2[illegible]
Rwanda	30	15	20	[illegible]
Botswana	30	10	<10	
Ethiopia	30	10	-	
Chad	25	5	-	
Uganda	5	-	-	
Total	14795	8800	4049	37[illegible]

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RHINOS FOR LUNCH & ELEPHANTS FOR SUPPER!

A Maasai tale retold by Tololwa Marti Mollel. Part One:

After a pleasant visit with her aunt and a cool walk among the trees, the little hare had reason to be cheerful as she approached the cave where her den was hidden. I'll hop in, she thought happily, make a good fire, roast and munch a few nuts, then sleep, sleep, the sleep of the contented.

But just as she was going to enter, there was a sound in the cave. "Who is it?" cried the hare.

"A monster, a monster!" boomed a voice. "I eat rhinos for lunch and elephants for supper! Come in if you dare!" Trees creaked and leaves came fluttering down. The hare trembled with fear and took to her heels.

Along the path she met the fox and told him about the monster.

"Come, I'll get him out for you!" said the fox. When they got to the cave, the fox bared his teeth and barked, "This is the home of my great friend the hare. Come out, great bully of a monster, before I sink my teeth into your neck!"

Once again the terrifying voice rocked the earth and echoed through the jungle, sending the fox scampering away with the hare close behind.

The two ran until they met the leopard, who offered to help. They all returned to the hole, and the leopard stuck out his claws. "This cave belongs to my friend the hare," he growled. "Come out, big brute of a monster, before I claw your eyes out!"

The monster's voice ripped through the air, "I eat rhinos for lunch and elephants for supper! Come in if you dare!"

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DO RHINO YOU?

"A guy elephant took his girlfrien[illegible] - an avid movie fan- to a film opening. While she waited in the lobby, he went off to buy a couple of bags of popcorn. An aggressive rhinoceros lumbered up to the pretty elephant and introduced himself. "Hi," he said smoothly. "My name's Neal."

The elephant trumpeted loudly and fainted. In the confusion the rhino fled. The guy elephant rushed up to his date. "What happened?" he asked. She batted her eyelids and answered, "I just met Rhino Neal!"

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