

# REALLY RHINOS!

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## RHINO UPDATE; WWF AND NWF URGE SANCTIONS

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"Although international trade in rhino horn has been prohibited by CITES since 1977, four consumer countries - South Korea, China, Taiwan, and the Republic of Yemen- are doing little to control the illegal trade. In response, World Wildlife Fund and the National Wildlife Federation in late November petitioned the U.S. government under the Pelly Amendment to impose sanctions on the four countries.

Under the Pelly Amendment the U.S. can ban direct imports of wildlife products from countries that undermine the effectiveness of CITES programs for species such as rhinos.

Although no sanctions have ever been imposed through the Pelly Amendment procedure, conservationists credit the threat of sanctions in 1991 with influencing Japan's decision to ban all international trade of sea turtle products by 1994."

**NEWS FLASH!** Taiwan announced an immediate ban on the import, export, sale, and display of rhino horn. WWF applauds Taiwan's critical move to help shut down the illegal rhino trade.

## GALLOP OVER

to your nearest bookstore or newsstand and get a copy of the Winter, 1993 issue of ZOOLIFE. There is a black rhino on the cover and a featured article inside. "Operation Rhino" describes rhino conservation efforts in Zimbabwe as a last stand against poachers is mounted. The chart below is most sobering:

	1970	1992
Black	65,000	3,400
Northern White	Several thousand	31
Southern White	1,000*	5,560
Indian	Unknown	1,700
Javan	Unknown	<100
Sumatran	Unknown	850
TOTAL	@ 70,000	11,600

\*Recovered from a low of <100 [Furnas, Brent. "Operation Rhino" ZOOLIFE, 4(1):16, Winter, 1993]

## TAX REFUNDS FOR RHINOS

If you are one of the lucky ones (not me) to get money back from the IRS, consider pledging it during the 3rd annual BOWLING FOR RHINOS sponsored by the zookeepers at the Washington Park Zoo in Portland, Oregon or check with your local zoo to see if they are doing the fundraiser. Monies raised will go to Ngare Sergoi Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya. For more information, contact the Ngare Sergoi Rhino Trust, 6208 SW 32nd Ave, Portland, OR 97201; (503) 293-0920. ALSO..... the San Diego Zoological Society is probably going to have another RHINO WALK in May. For more information, write to SDZS, POBox 551, San Diego, CA 92112-0551.

