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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor welcomes letters from readers, but they must be brief. Photographs, to accompany letters, which illustrate points of interest are invited. A stamped, addressed envelope must be sent with photographs if their return is desired.

WHITE RHINO

SIR—Congratulations on the excellent magazine; may it go far in spreading the word of conservation.

I should like to comment on A. Cullen's letter which appeared in the June issue, regarding the position of the

square-lipped or white rhino in the Umfolozi Game Reserve of Natal.

May I assure him that all Natalians are very proud of their natural heritage, especially in the 600-odd white rhino at Umfolozi, and every care is taken as regards their safety. So much so that the Parks Board is at this moment capturing and transporting

rhinos to many other parts of the country, including Rhodesia, as a safety measure against them, in their present isolated state, being wiped out by disease.

I suggest Mr. Cullen refers to either some recent editions of "African Wild Life" or the "Lanimergeyer", the journal of the Natal Parks Board, for further enlightenment on the subject.

In conclusion, may I say that as regards wild life conservation, the reserves in South Africa are the most stable in Africa, as is the attitude of the peoples towards this subject.

B. J. HUNTLEY,

University of Natal,
South Africa.

UNIQUE VISITOR

SIR—On the 11th July, in company with Prince Pignatelli, I was bird-watching on Lake Naivasha when we sighted a pair of duck swimming in one of the lily-covered lagoons.

Although both of us have a fair knowledge of the wild fowl of East Africa, neither could place this pair of duck. They were dark, almost black, set low in the water, and with quite bright large orange to red heads and short red mandible.

We got within about 50 feet of them before they took to the air, and we noticed that in flight their wings were well set back, with a distinct white under-wing band.



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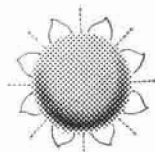
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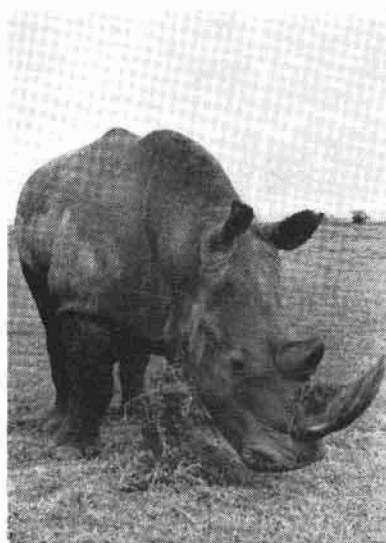


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SIR—With regard to Mr. Cullen's letter on our white rhino.

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