



The new rhinoceros in the Gardens of the Zoological Society

This study of a Javan rhinoceros is from the Illustrated London News dated the 8th April 1871. The report states that : "The present specimen, which is believed to be the only individual of the species ever brought alive to Europe, was for some time kept in captivity in some tea gardens at Batavia, in Java. Having been purchased by the agents of some well-known dealers in animals, it was conveyed to this country, and ultimately transferred to the Zoological Society for the sum of £800. The Javan rhinoceros is of the male sex, and, though certainly by no means adult, is believed to have acquired nearly its full stature. It is lodged with its brethren and sisters of the same genus in the elephant-house in the middle garden. There is, we believe, no specimen of this rhinoceros in the British Museum."

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