

Book Reviews

Bibliography of the Rhinoceros. By L. C. Rookmaaker. 1983. A. A. Balkema, Rotterdam. 292 pp. ISBN 90 6191 261 X. Price: £12.25.

Almost any popular wildlife magazine in the world carries more than one article a year charting the disappearance of the rhinoceros from the savannas of Africa to the jungles of Java and Sumatra. Indeed, so rapidly has the African black rhinoceros been depleted in little more than the last ten years, that there is a real possibility that it will soon be extinct over most of its former range, whether that be actual disappearance or displacement.

Those of us that have had the intense pleasure of approaching wild rhino on foot, and even being charged by one of these huge beasts, have always been aware that these creatures have always mystified and fascinated mankind. The author's mammoth task of bringing together this impressive bibliography will remind us all on the one hand of how much has been written, and on the other how much we still may never know. Having completed this valuable task, one can only hope the author will now perhaps turn his attention to the elephant and other endangered leviathans.

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The Behaviour and Ecology of the African Buffalo. By M. J. Mloszewski. 1983. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. 256 pp. ISBN 0 521 24478 1. Price: £25.00; US\$37.50.

It is now six years since A. R. E. Sinclair published his scholarly treatise on the resource limitation of African buffalo population. To a large degree, this work dealt with topics directly and peripherally related to population processes.