

# DAVID SHELDRIK

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in Tsavo have since been adopted by other National Parks in East Africa and indeed beyond.

To his many friends and foes alike, David will be remembered and respected always for outstanding integrity, his enormous capacity for sheer hard work and an inflexible pursuit of what he believed to be right; even at the expense of personal relationships and expediency.

A versatile perfectionist and a born leader, nothing but the best would ever do, and "Saa Nane," as he was affectionately known by the subordinate staff, led the way by never expecting anyone to do anything he could not do himself. As a result he commanded immense respect from people in all walks of life. His outstanding contribution to the conservation effort has had world wide recognition, and he was awarded the M.B.E. by the British Government in 1964.

It was typical of David that although he had to leave his beloved Tsavo and a lifetime's work a few months prior to his death, he threw himself into the new task set him with the same vigour and zest that had marked all he ever undertook. An aloof and quiet man, David never spared himself, and shouldered formidable responsibilities from a very early age. He put heavy demands on himself, but he was always assisted in all he did by the loyalty, love and constant encouragement of his wife, Daphne.

Tsavo is a living testimony to this man, and if future Wardens and conservationists can learn from him, even in a small way, the future of wildlife in Kenya and elsewhere would be secured.



Poached rhino—

## Rhino tragedy at Amboseli

In January, we mentioned some of the ills with which Amboseli is afflicted; we did not, however, say anything about the tragedy of the rhinoceros.

We spent a week in March camped in Amboseli and during this time, found only one live rhino after much hunting in every known place. But we also came upon a carcass which had been speared; inevitably the horn had been removed and strips of skin had been cut from the back to fashion "kibokos".

Not so very long ago there was a population of some 60 rhino in the Amboseli basin. They were fairly tame, approachable and obviously very popular with tourists. Many were known by name, such as "Gladys" and her daughter "Gertie" who gave birth to an earless son known as "Pixie". But most of these famous animals have suffered the same fate—speared by poachers!

So again, we ask: *When will this wanton killing be stopped?*



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