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Above: Endangered black rhino, one of the sixty odd in Nairobi National Park.

Opposite page: Michael Werikhe spent some time discussing the situation with China's Premier Lie Chan.

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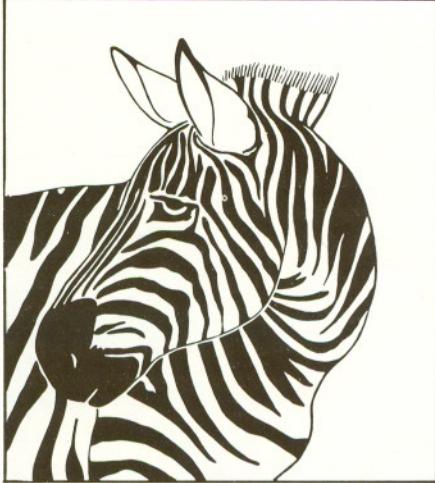
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# The Rhino Man walks again

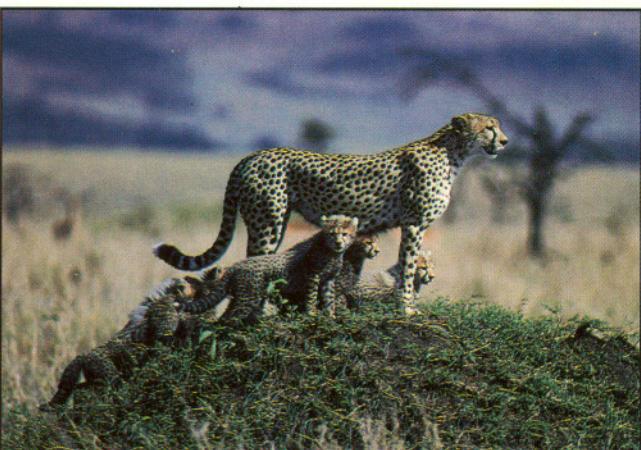
ON 30 AUGUST 1993 CARON Musson completed her 320 kilometre run in Augusta, the South Western tip of West Australia. Fourteen days earlier she had set out from the capital, Perth, and run through many small and big country towns with a mission: to raise awareness and money for her home country's rhino population. Everyday people could listen to her live report on the local radio, Southwest ABC, she also spoke on Perth talkshows and the ABCnews. There were several newspaper interviews and Caron featured in almost every Southwest newspaper along her route. As a result hundreds more West Australians are familiar with the rhino situation. In anticipation of her arrival in Augusta the Hash House Harriers ran out in driving rain and icy wind to meet her for the final kilometres of her journey.

The message that Caron gave to the people in West Australia was very important - that the plight of Africa's animals is important to everyone in the world, and should not be left totally up to the concerned countries to solve the problems. Australia's proximity to Asia, and her push to become trading partners with leading Asian markets, has important bearing on a part of the world that continues to be oblivious to

its cultural demands on the world's diminishing wild life resources. Paul Keating and his government should be made aware that Dubbo Zoo Projects are not enough. Trading with Asian countries that continue to defy the world's attempts to conserve endangered species, the rhino especially, is unacceptable.

Caron's run was reported in SAVE's newsletter and by Odile Lemon in her letter to Swara.

The main sponsor for Mr Werikhe's Taiwan visit was the Vitalon Foundation, the non-profit arm of a Taiwanese soft drink manufacturer. Vitalon has sponsored much of Earthtrust's work in Taiwan since 1991, including the creation of a Chinese language documentary titled 'Rhino Crisis' and other educational materials, the airing of numerous public service announcements on national television, and in newspapers and magazines and a Chinese-English magazine titled *Earth Journal*. Vitalon also pledged US\$50,000 at the June 1992 UNEP Rhino Donors' Conference in Nairobi and US \$10,000 to the Michael Werikhe/EAWLS Rhino Conservation Fund during Mr Werikhe's stay in Taiwan.



Dave Richards' photograph of a cheetah and her cubs has been wrongly attributed to Jonathan Scott in the East African Wild Life Society's 1994 desk calendar (May), owing to confusion at the design stage. The East African Wild Life Society would like to apologise for the mistake.