



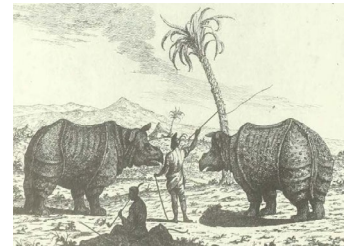
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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 79th issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center. Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker.



WE ARE LIVE AGAIN

THE RRC WEBSITE HAS BEEN FULLY RENOVATED
NEW LOOK – BETTER SEARCHES
NEW SOFTWARE – NEW CLARA FEATURE

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THE NEW RRC WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE

We released the new look RRC website on 19 November 2025.

It took about six month for the new design and the transfer of all data to a new server.

The first website of the Rhino Resource Center was initiated in 2006. Our webmaster Willem van Strien has dedicated many hours and days of painstaking labour, first to design the entire site from scratch, later to address the small problems which occur from time to time. Due to increasing commitments of work and family, Willem reluctantly decided to hand over his voluntary efforts. The RRC website needs to be updated in line with the newest technology.

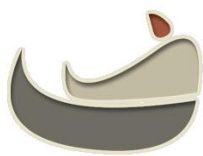
We are extremely thankful to Willem for all the years of dedicated work for rhinos.

The new design has been created by Carsten Lund Thomsen, working in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. We thank him for his dedication and time-consuming efforts with a great result.

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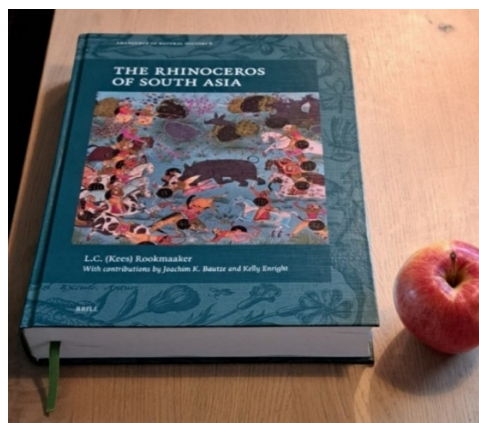
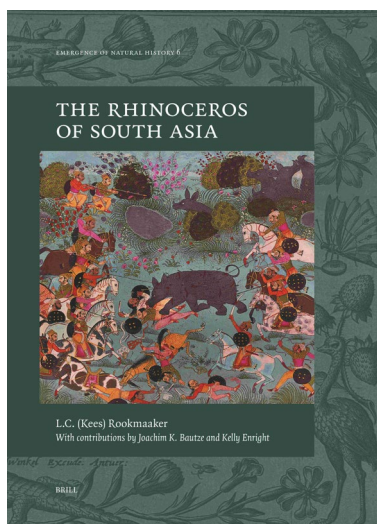


Indian rhino in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, India. Photo taken in 1996 by Kees Rookmaaker.



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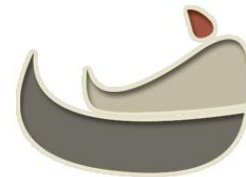
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- 🐾 Authors of books, papers and reports can send us a copy after publication.
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- 🐾 Contribute a message to our blog and get into contact with others
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NEW LITERATURE (finalized 22 November 2025)

In this period of renovation (March 2025 to November 2025), we have added over about 280 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to **29,444**.

All the latest additions are now found on the new website

Below I have listed all new entries since 2000 in four categories: General (all species), African rhinos, Asian rhinos and Fossil rhinos.

Most additions are available on the website.

Search for them on the RRC, it's easy.

Always check the [RRC website](#) first, many papers are available there.

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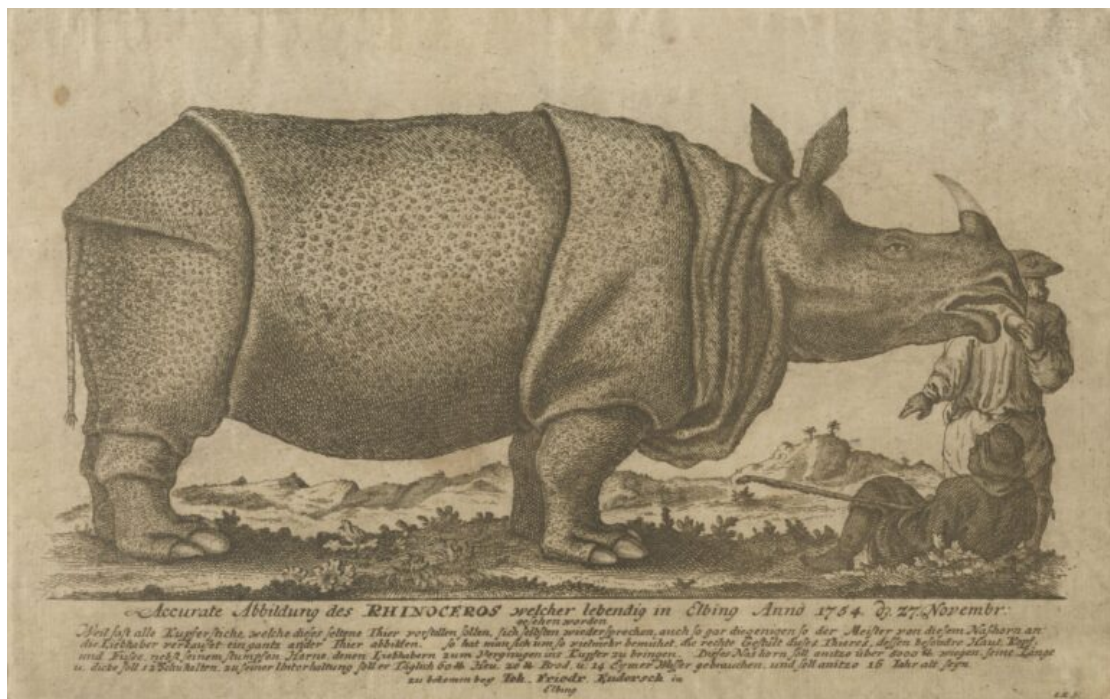
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Accurate depiction of the Rhinoceros which was seen alive in Elbing on 27 November 1754. Broadsheet issued by Johann Friedrich Endersch (1705-1769), because Clara's appearance had changed much during the last years. He saw her in Elbing, now Elblag in northern Poland.

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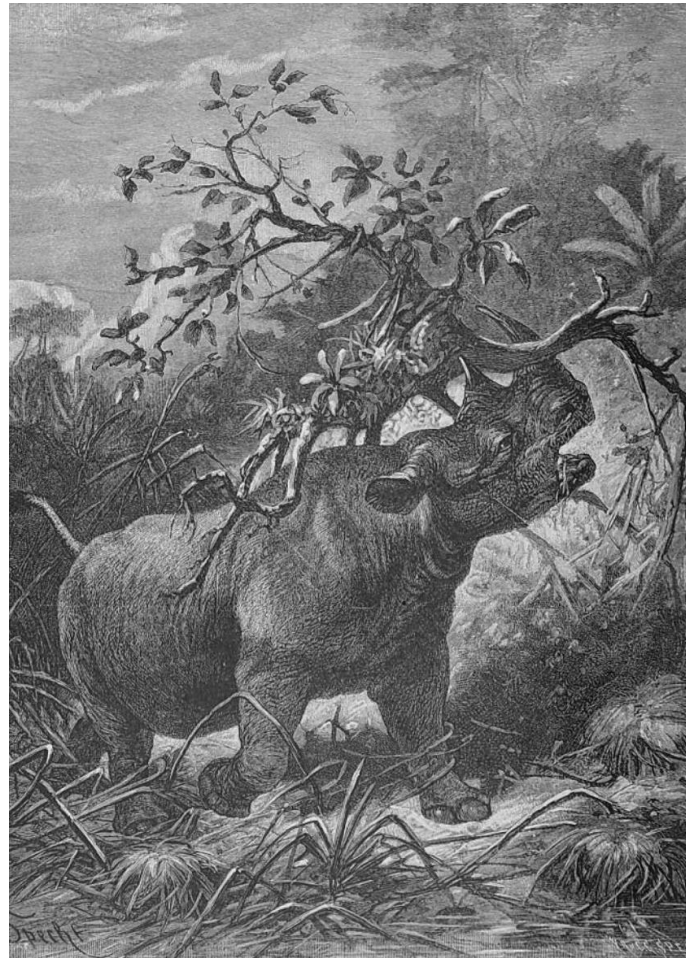
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Southern White Rhino (*Ceratotherium simum*), bull showing comfort behaviour at Thyeni Hide, Hluhluwe Game Reserve, Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa, on 1998-01-18.

One of many photographs kindly shared by Peter Dollinger, Zoo Office Berne.



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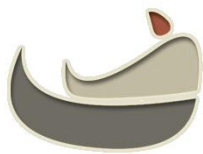
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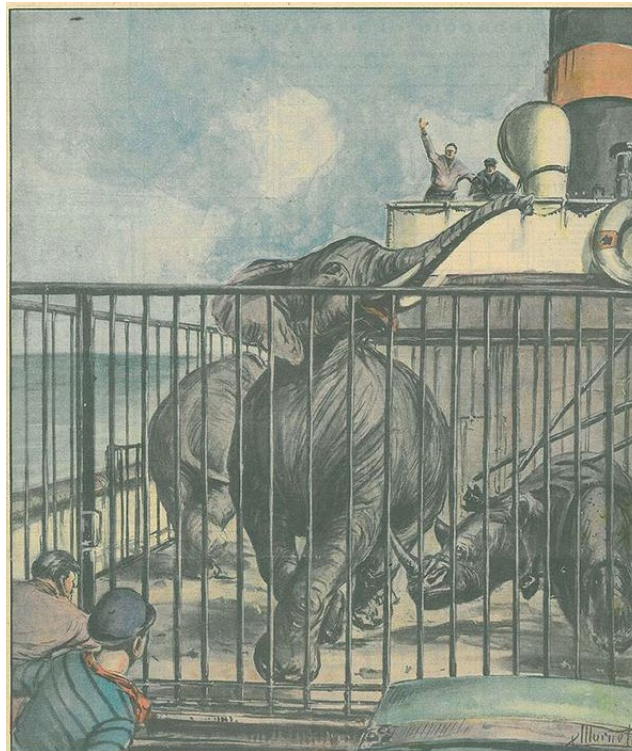
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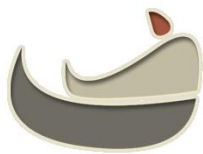
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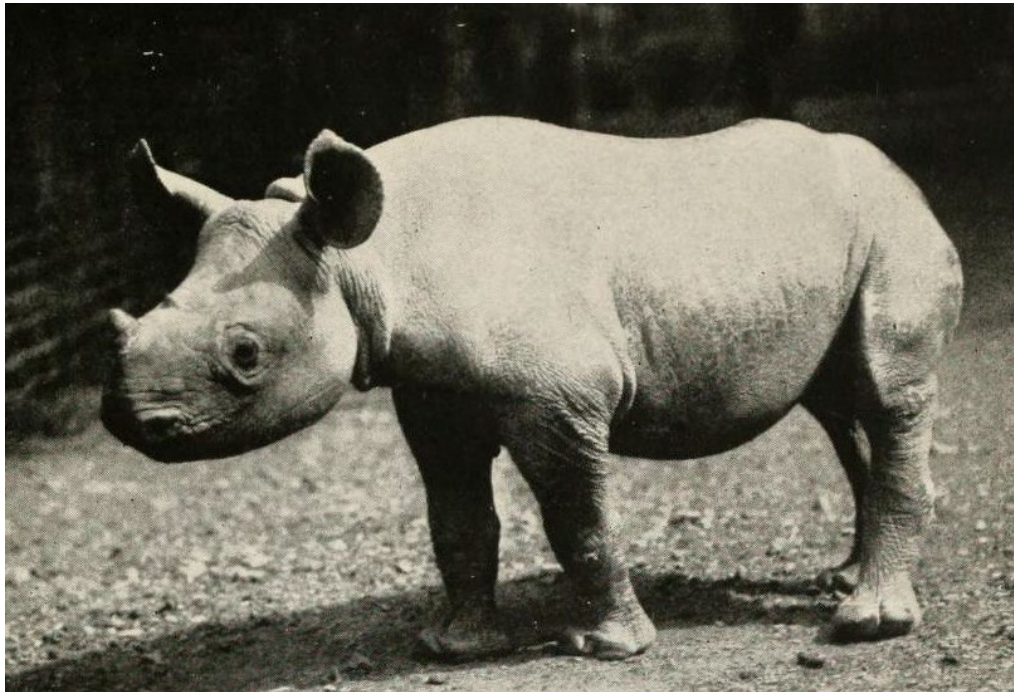
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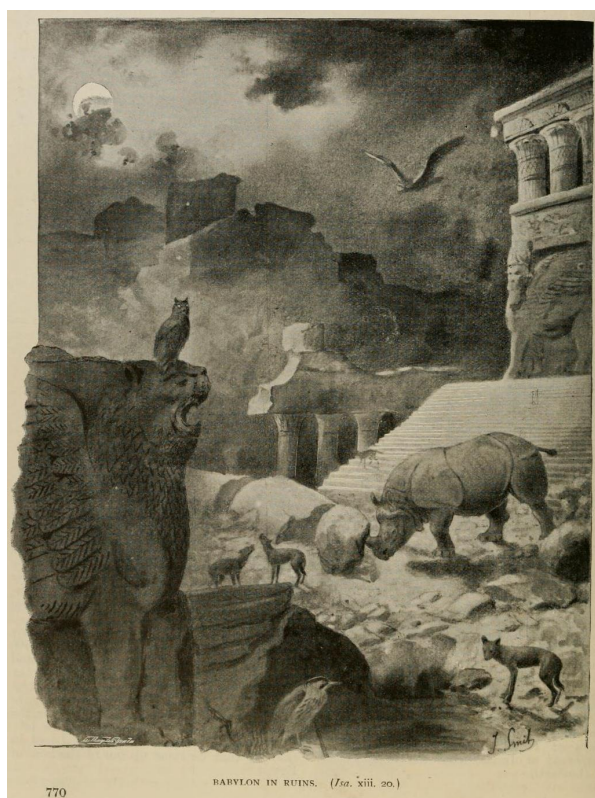
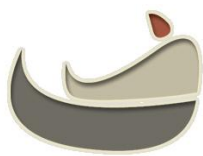
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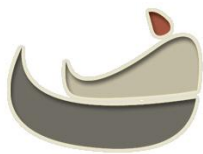
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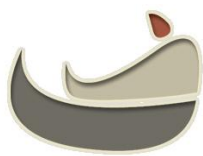


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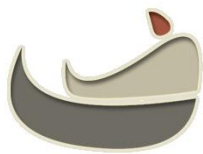


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