



# A Commitment to Rhinos

## at

# Disney's Animal Kingdom

## Orlando, Florida

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# A little bit of DAK history



*“People often ask me where we find our stories about animals... and my answer is that Nature herself writes them. The wonders of nature are endless. Sometimes we can recognize ourselves in animals, that's what makes them so interesting.”*

*-Walt Disney*

# Kilimanjaro Safari Ride



## Husbandry Highlights: Southern black rhinoceros

*Diceros bicornis minor*



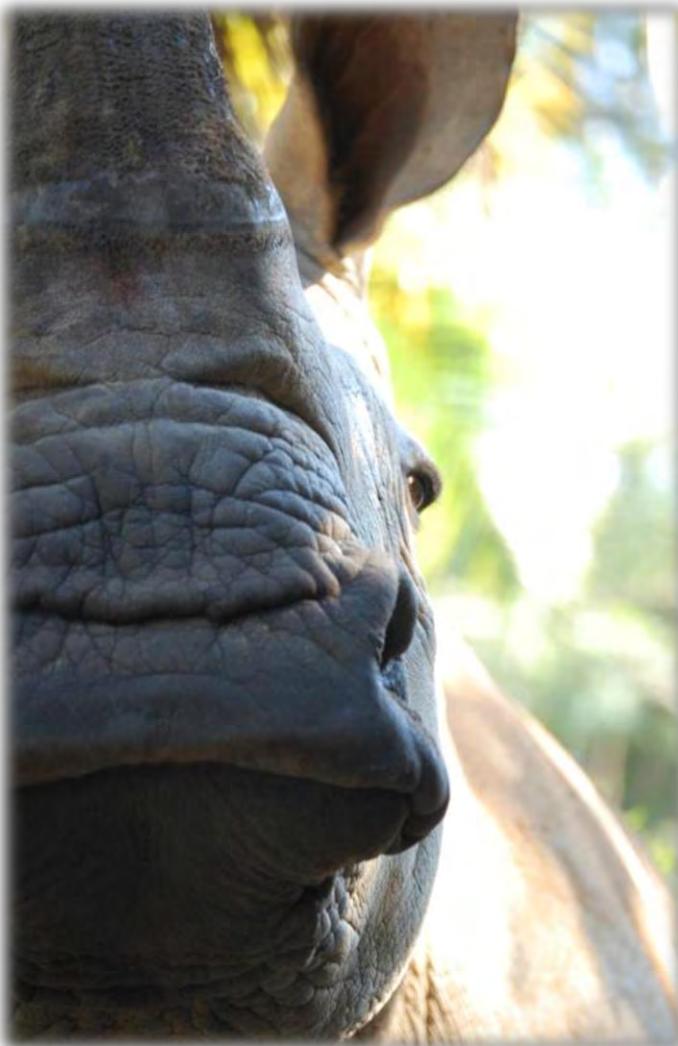
- Current Crash: 2.1
- 2.0 Born at DAK
- Intent to breed
- 0.1 arrived in 2014, team recently battled serious health challenges with success
- 3 separate exhibit enclosures



\*Photos taken backstage at Disney's Animal Kingdom

## Husbandry Highlights: Southern white rhinoceros

*Ceratotherium simum simum*



- Current Crash: 2.6
- 5.5 Born at DAK (1.1 in 2015)
- Active breeding program
- Team currently hand-rearing 1.0 calf rejected from dam
- One large mixed-species exhibit with other hoof stock & ostrich



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# DAK Rhino Program Successes: Training



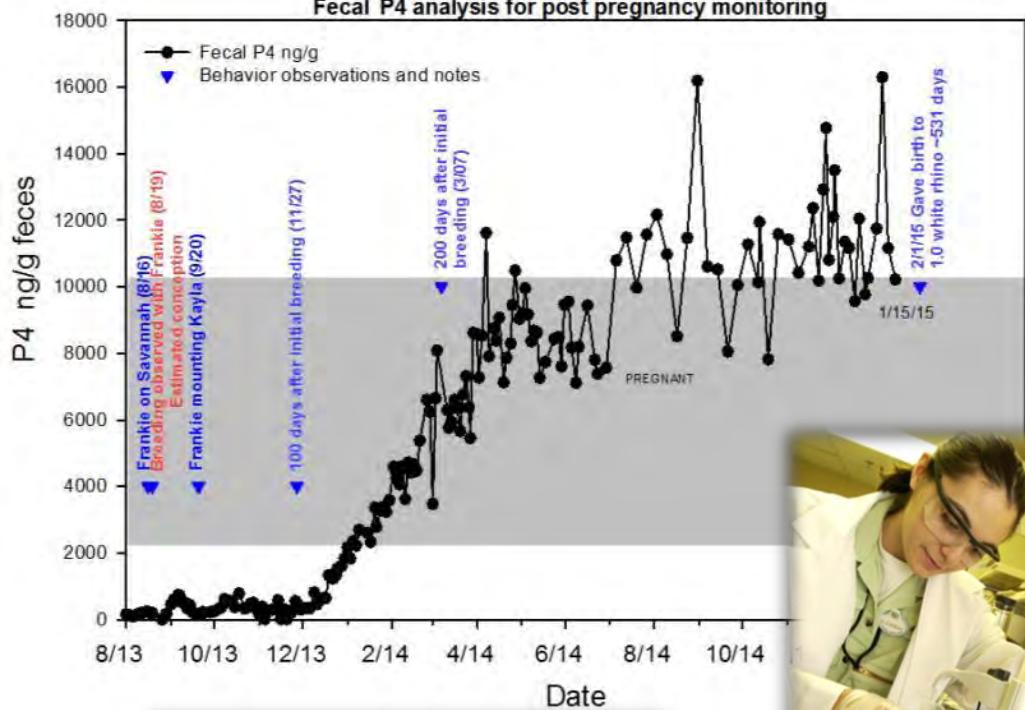
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# DAK Rhino Program Successes: Staff Resources

## White Rhino "Kayla"

Accession # 050033 DOB 3/2/2005

### Fecal P4 analysis for post pregnancy monitoring



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# DAK Rhino Program Successes:

## Conservation Efforts



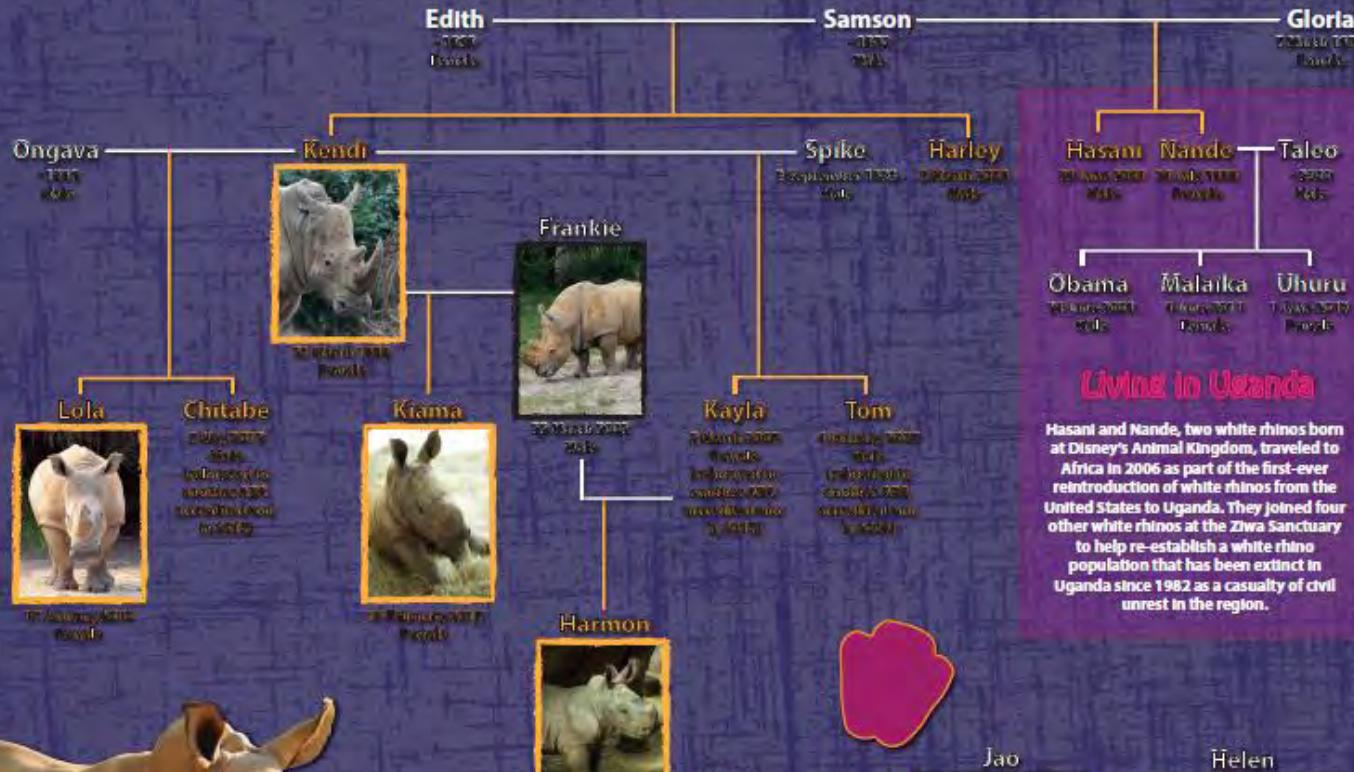
Global

Local



# Meet the White Rhinos

\* Rhinos in gold were born at Disney's Animal Kingdom \*  
\* Those pictured currently live at the park \*



## Living in Uganda

Hasani and Nande, two white rhinos born at Disney's Animal Kingdom, traveled to Africa in 2006 as part of the first-ever reintroduction of white rhinos from the United States to Uganda. They joined four other white rhinos at the Ziwa Sanctuary to help re-establish a white rhino population that has been extinct in Uganda since 1982 as a casualty of civil unrest in the region.



# DAK Rhino Program Challenges: Rapid Change



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# DAK Rhino Program Future: Where do we go from here?





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