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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 78th issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center. Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker.

THE RRC WEBSITE IS BEING UPDATED.
ALL USUAL FEATURES REMAIN FULLY ACCESSIBLE.
NO NEW DOCUMENTS OR IMAGES CAN NOW BE ADDED
UNTIL THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW SITE.
WE EXPECT TO LAUNCH IN THE COURSE OF JUNE 2025.

WAIT FOR A NEW LOOK – AND NEW FEATURES.



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And not only that, the entire background software will be rewritten to be compatible with all the latest technological developments.

The contents will all remain accessible while the design is being completed by the company in Amsterdam on a Wordpress platform.

New references can only be displayed after the new website will have been fully designed and tested – hopefully no later than May of this year.

This newsletter contains the latest references.

The current 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.

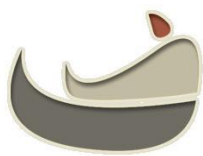
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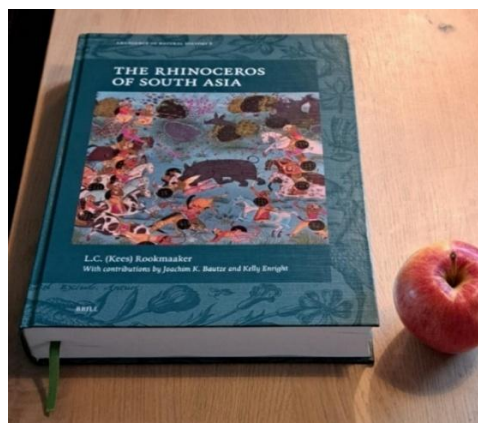
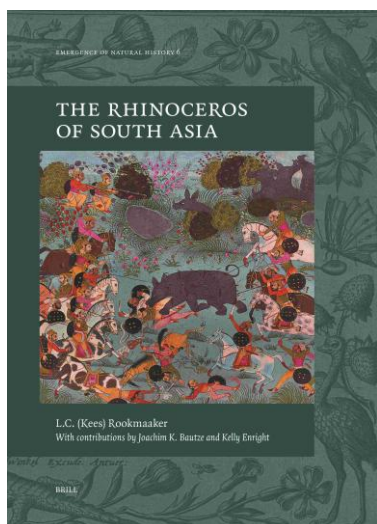


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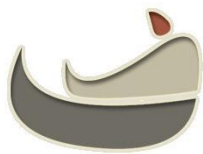
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ERRATA – JUNE 2025

Rookmaaker, *THE RHINOCEROS OF SOUTH ASIA* (2024)

To write a faultless book is impossible, however many times you check. There are many names, many dates, many concepts, many details of illustrations and references. Some kind correspondents have pointed me at some mistakes which I should have avoided.

p.30. Strickland is said to have chosen Linnaeus, *Systema Naturae*, 10th edition, 1758 as the starting point of zoological nomenclature. In fact, following Strickland's Correspondence on the subject, he advocated and referred to the 12th edition of Linnaeus 1766 in the Strickland Code. This was changed to the 10th 1758 edition in a new set of rules adopted in 1905. Refer: Rookmaaker, L.C., 2010. Calendar of the scientific correspondence of Hugh Edwin Strickland in the University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge – pp. 273-290 [HERE](#)

p.40 para 4.10 line 9

Not in bibliography: Rainey 1874a (on Blyth).

Rainey H.J. (Young Nimrod) 1874a. The late Edward Blyth, Esquire. *Oriental Sporting Magazine* (new series) 7 (75, March): 182-183.

p.65 fig. 5.19

This drawing of the rhinoceros penis is the copy made by Claude Richard at the end of the 18th century – Vélins, MNHN- Portefeuille 65, folio 48BIS – [HERE](#)

This is based on the drawing of 1793 by Pierre-Joseph Redouté (1759-1840) – Vélins, MNHN- Portefeuille 65, folio 48 – [HERE](#)

p.313 – paragraph lower right

The first wildlife tourism company in Chitwan, Nepal Wildlife Adventure, was in fact started by Albert Victor James (Jim) Edwards, (1935–2009) and Dr. Charles (Chuck) McDougal (1930-2016).

Information corrected by Lisa Choegyla (Tiger Tops).

p.326 left column, line 9

Bihar: Last rhino was killed in 1939 [not 1949]. (More recently strays).

p.326 – Rhino Region 16: Bihar – South-West

3rd entry: undated – Gaya Dt – Four rhinos sculptured in black marble.

As noted by MacGregor (2023: 132), these sculptures are listed in the India Museum 1880 inventory, p. 66 – Room no. 8, Case 43.

Currently V&A Museum, London, 12766: <https://collections.vam.ac.uk/item/O474701/figure/MacGregor,Arthur.2023.TheIndiaMuseumrevisited.London,UCLPress.OPENACCESS>

pp. 573-578. Rainey (Young Nimrod) references

p.573 Rainey 1874a:240 should read Rainey 1874b:240

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p.578 Rainey 1874a should read Rainey 1874d

p.578 Rainey 1874d:340 should read Rainey 1874c

p.611, 50.12 end of first paragraph – Sundarbans Rhino in works of Emilio Salgari

The works by Salgari were (are) immensely popular, especially in Italy.

The title of the 1904 novel is *Le Due Tigri* [not: “Le Duo Tigre”].

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Information corrected by Dr. Paola Irene Galli Mastrodonato.



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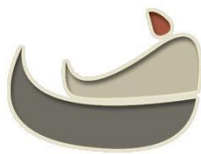
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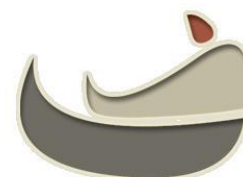
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NEW LITERATURE (finalized 30 May 2025)

In this quarter (March 2025 to May 2025), we have added over about 275 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to **29,279**.

The latest additions are not yet entered in the website while it is under construction.

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

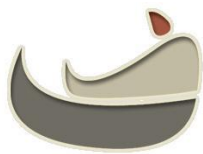
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Always check the [RRC website](https://www.rhinoresourcecenter.com) first, many papers are available there.

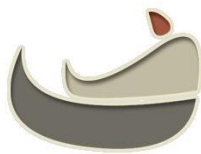
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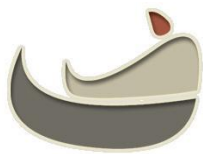
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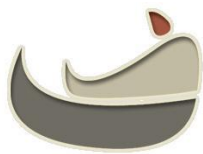
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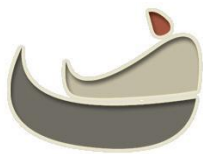
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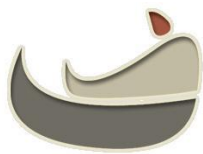
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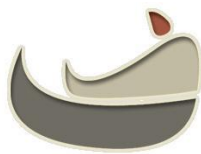
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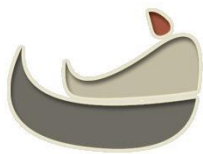
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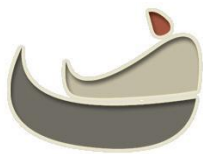
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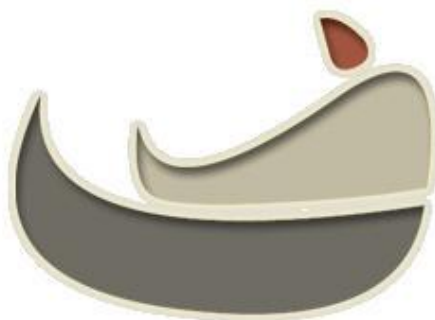


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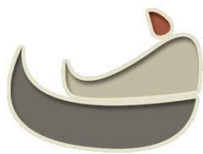
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