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We have a massive announcement coming your way on April 1st—and **no, it's not a prank**. We've partnered with our friends at Blue Rhino to bring you an opportunity that sounds too good to be true, but we promise it's the real deal.

Keep a close eye on your inbox next **Wednesday, April 1**.





Sumadi Hasmaran, Manager of Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary and Sedah Mirah

This week, the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary was buzzing with joy as Sedah Mirah turned 4!

Sedah Mirah’s life is a true testament to resilience. Her mother, Rosa, was brought to the sanctuary for her own safety after she began frequenting local villages in search of food. The road to motherhood was long and difficult; after the heartbreak of eight miscarriages, Rosa finally gave birth to Sedah Mirah on March 24, 2022.

Happy Birthday, Sedah Mirah!

Image of Sumatran rhino courtesy of the Indonesian Ministry of Forestry

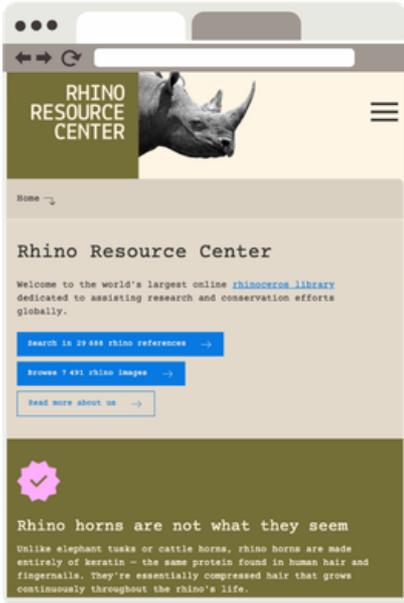


Empowering Artisans in Assam



We are proud to announce the opening of two new handicraft production centers near Assam’s Laokhowa-Burhachapori Wildlife Sanctuary. These centers provide workspaces and income opportunities for women artisans living on the fringes of this vital rhino habitat. Our Executive Director, Nina Fascione, and Intelligence Specialist, Rahul Dutta, recently joined partners from Aaranyak and Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve to officially inaugurate these facilities. By turning traditional skills into sustainable livelihoods, we are strengthening positive socio-economic relationships between rhinos and the communities who live near them.

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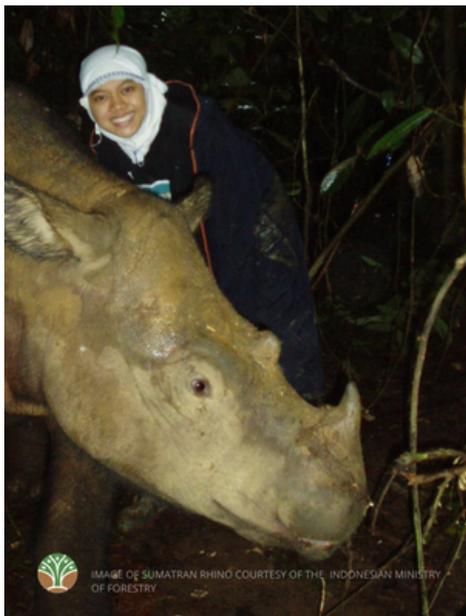
A New Look for Rhino Research

We're excited to announce that IRF's partner, the **Rhino Resource Center (RRC)**—the world's largest database of rhino knowledge—has a brand-new look!

With over 25,000 localized and rare documents, the RRC is an essential tool for researchers and conservationists worldwide. Our Executive Director, Nina Fascione, notes that this modern upgrade makes it easier than ever to access the decades of data required to make science-based decisions for rhino survival.

Whether you're a student, a scientist, or a rhino enthusiast, the revamped RRC is open for exploration.

Explore the New Site



New Series: The Women Saving the World's Rarest Rhinos

From the rainforests of Indonesia to the savannas of Namibia, women are leading the charge for rhino survival. We are excited to introduce a new storytelling series highlighting the expertise, grit and leadership of women on the frontlines.

We're kicking things off with Dr. Kurnia "Nia" Khairani, Director of ALeRT. Nia manages the critical monitoring of the world's last Javan rhinos, balancing high-level veterinary science with the daily demands of protecting a species on the brink.

This is just the first story in our series—stay tuned as we profile more incredible women in the months to come.

Meet Dr. Nia Khairani



Ready for the Unexpected

In the wild, the unexpected is the only constant. Your unrestricted gift empowers us to act instantly when emergencies arise. Support the "Where Needed Most" fund to ensure we are always ready to protect the world's most vulnerable rhinos.

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International Rhino Foundation

RHINOS IN THE NEWS

A WORLD WHERE RHINOS THRIVE IN THE WILD.

More than 30 years ago, intense, organized poaching was decimating Zimbabwe's black rhino population at an alarming rate. In response, a group of concerned individuals and institutions founded the International Black Rhino Foundation in 1991. In part because of the Foundation's support, poaching was virtually eliminated and Zimbabwe's black rhino population began to stabilize and eventually increase. In 1993, recognizing that all five rhino species were facing an escalating crisis, the International Black Rhino Foundation expanded its mission and became the International Rhino Foundation (IRF).

All five living rhino species (black, white, greater One-Horned, Sumatran, and Javan) are in terrible peril – from poaching, forest loss, and habitat conversion, from human settlements encroaching on their habitats in Africa, Indonesia, and India, and from the effects of living in small, isolated populations that can't get together to breed. IRF protects particularly threatened rhino populations and their habitats in the wild, while also supporting management and applied research that can help improve the chances for rhinos' long-term survival.



WE'RE FIGHTING FOR THEIR SURVIVAL

More than 1,000 individual "members", along with zoos, private foundations, corporations and government agencies comprise IRF's financial supporters. The International Rhino Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors who generously contribute time and financial resources to its efforts. IRF maintains a very small staff – this lean structure allows more than 80% of its funds to go directly to its field programs in Africa and Asia. The IRF Program Office is based in Strasburg, VA (USA); the IRF Business Office is in Fort Worth, TX (USA).

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