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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 82nd issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center. Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker. The RRC has a total of 30,425 references and 7,660 images.



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Thank You, Tineke van Strien

The Rhino Resource Center is very thankful to Tineke, our chairperson since 2016. Her husband Nico van Strien (1941-2008) studied the ecology of the rhinoceros in northern part of Sumatra, accompanied by Tineke, from 1974 to 1980. This resulted in his Ph.D. dissertation in 1985, still one of the pivotal studies on the species in the wild. Nico was influential in the conservation of the rhinoceros in Indonesia and more widely in South-East Asia. The Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in Way Kambas developed under his guidance. He knew that for any effective study of a species, it was essential to know the literature and reports on previous work.

The RRC was registered as a charity on 8 January 2003 through the foresight of Nico. His son Willem contributed substantially by designing our website, which has been visited by thousands of users until 2025. Tineke has been very helpful in all the years as Chair of the Board, always thoughtful, always welcoming, always knowledgeable.

Nico, Willem, Tineke – they have been at the heart of the Rhino Resource Center. Their contribution to rhino conservation is unmeasurable, understated, yet immense.

Thank you.



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Courtesy Dr Joachim Bautze

Rhinoceros in Lahore in 1850

The Lahore Chronicle of 1850 (digitised on <https://gpa.eastview.com/>) has three short notices about a rhinoceros exhibited alive in this large town in northern Pakistan. The exact words can be found in the notes to the entries on the RRC. These contain three rather interesting elements:

- (1) A rhinoceros was brought alive to Lahore by an Arab merchant hoping to sell it. There is no comment if the animal was in fact sold at the time.
- (2) Another rhinoceros had died in the menagerie of Maharajah Dulleen Singh. This probably should read Dulleep Singh (1838-1893), who was disposed in 1849 and went to Britain. Interesting to note the existence of this collection, and the presence of a rhinoceros.
- (3) The Soldier's Garden in Lahore was a public park at that time. While it was being developed in those years, they exhibited a tiger, and maybe the rhinoceros joined it?

[Lahore Correspondent 1850](#). Correspondence: A rhinoceros [alive near Post Office].

Lahore Chronicle 1850 August 21: 427 (3rd column, middle)

To the Editor of the Lahore Chronicle. Sir. – For some time past the community of Lahore have been gratified with the sight of a large Rhinoceros fastened to a tree on the side of the road near the Post Office. I believe this animal was brought from Bombay by an Arab merchant for sale here, but has been attached, together with a huge elephant and some horses, for debt. As these animals will be disposed of in a few days by auction to defray the debt, I would recommend the authorities to purchase the Rhinoceros for the purpose of having it placed in the Soldier's Garden, where already a menagerie (in its embryo yet) is in existence. A Rhinoceros would be no unworthy addition to the noble Tiger there. Yours fathfully “---”

Replies: [Punjabee 1850](#). Correspondence: The rhinoceros again. Lahore Chronicle 1850 August 31.

by Kees Rookmaaker

FUN FACTS ON THE RHINOCEROS – YOU CAN HELP

The RRC is developing a revolving ‘Fun Fact’ on the new website. Is there a question which you like answered, a fact about rhinos which strikes you as remarkable? Other people will like to know as well. Please contact us and together we can edit your idea. <https://rhinoresourcecenter.com/contact/>

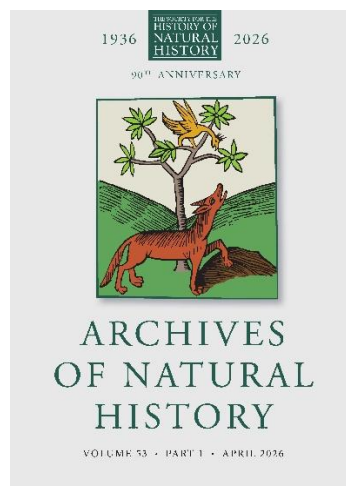
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Kees Rookmaaker joined the Society as a biology student in 1975, and has been a member ever since. First called the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History, it was renamed when the scope became less niche, to the Society for the History of Natural History. Not only does it publish one of the better journals in the field, and a Newsletter, it brings together people from a wide range of disciplines interested in the history of their respective field – and they can meet at the regular meetings.

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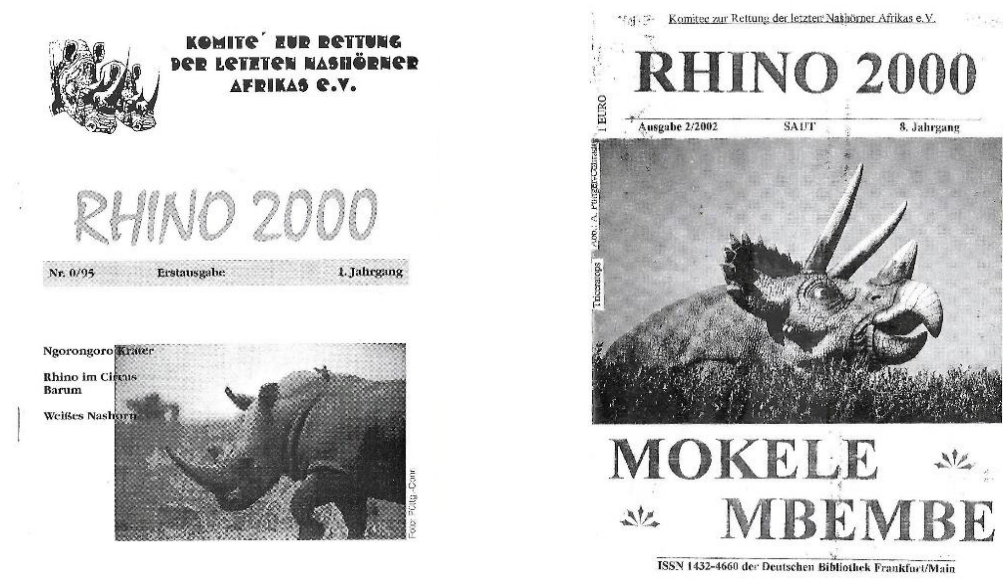
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RHINO 2000 KOMITEE ZUR RETTUNG DER LETZTEN NASHÖRNER AFRIKAS

This journal was published in Germany from 1995 to 2002. There were 18 issues in total. The editor was Armin Püttger-Conradt, well-known for his special love for Africa and the rhinoceros, and for his 2006 book about the conservation of the Northern white rhinoceros in Congo.

Armin Püttger-Conradt has sent scans of all the issues of RHINO 2000 to reach a wider audience and to preserve these valuable observations for the future. The list of issues and their contents can be found in the Literature section below.

We are very thankful to be able to make our website even more comprehensive.



[Puettger-Conradt, A. 2006](#). Der Fluch des Horns: die letzten weissen Nashorner im Kongo. Munchen, Frederking & Thaler. pp. 1-255.

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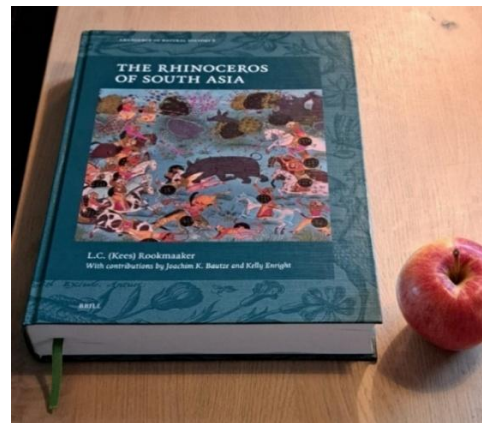
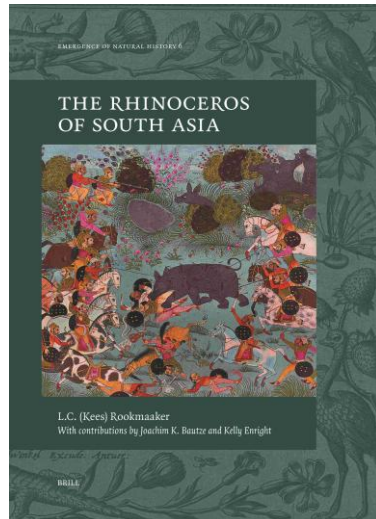
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Rookmaaker, Kees. 2024. *The Rhinoceros of South Asia*. Leiden: Brill (Emergence of Natural History, vol. 6), pp. i-liv, 1-835.

With contributions by Joachim K. Bautze and Kelly Enright.

Total 67 chapters, 889 pages, 707 figures (often in colour), 38 maps, 75 tables, 82 datasets, bibliography with 3081 items, index.

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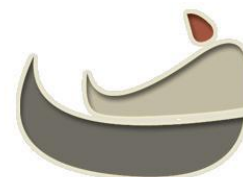
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References		29,757	30,235	30,425	+ 675
Images		7,420	7,610	7,665	+ 245

Many thanks to everybody who has helped us by sending copies of books and papers, information, data, news, pictures, photographs – all shared across the globe.

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- 👉 We are always looking for images of all rhinos in books and in the wild
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NEW LITERATURE (finalized 30 August 2026)

In this past quarter (June to August 2026), we have added 210 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to **30,425**.

**All the latest additions are now found
on the new website
click on the author / date links**

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.

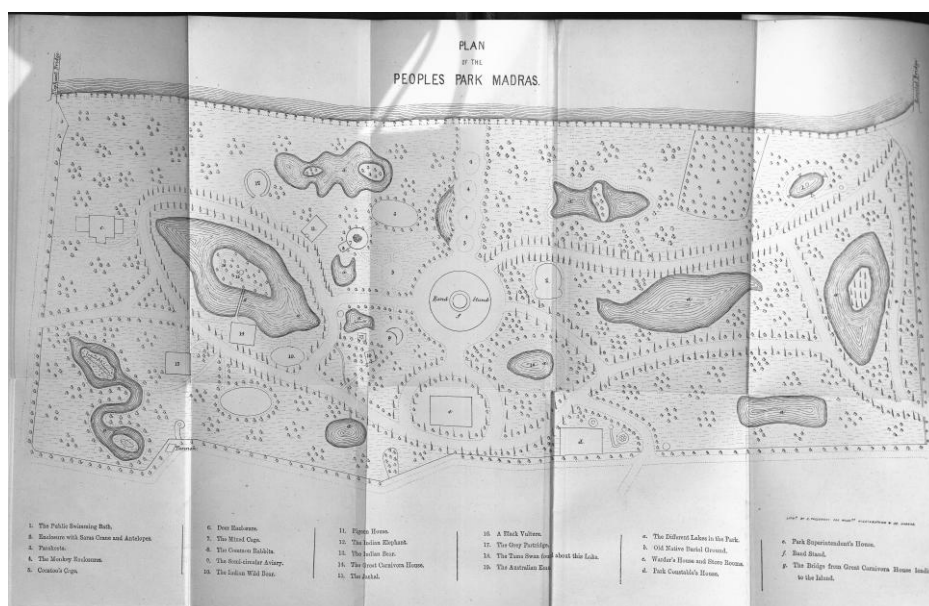
Always check the [RRC website](#) first, many papers are available there.

NEW PUBLICATIONS BY THE EDITOR

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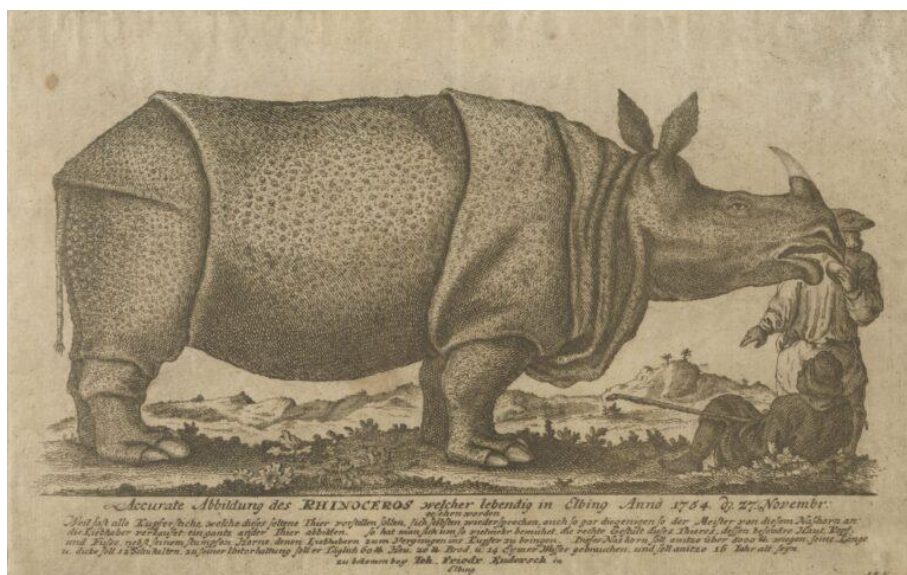
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Madras Zoo 1876. A guide to the People's Park, Madras, with a description of the zoological collection contained therein. Madras, Higginbotham. pp. 1-33, with map.

NEW GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

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Krapf auf der Flucht [Krapf on the run]. Druck von C. Grumbach in Leipzig. Johann Ludwig Krapf (1810-1881) was a German missionary in East Africa, as well as an explorer, linguist, and traveller. He spent time in Ukambani in Kenya. From Andree, K. 1861. *Forschungsreisen in Arabien und Ost-Afrika*, p. 465



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Black rhinoceros and goat in the Zoological Gardens at Giza, Egypt. This is the female *Diceros bicornis* in Cairo Zoo, from 29 May 1910 to 31 January 1918.

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