

RHINO RECOVERY 'INJECTION' PROJECT



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RHINO PROTECTION INITIATIVE

This document shows what is possible if vets can get to the scene of a poaching tragedy quickly enough in order to rescue rhinos who have not yet died from blood loss.

Thandi the rhino was treated over a 7 month period, and has now fully recovered from her wounds. She is functioning normally on the Kariega Reserve. The veterinary procedures cost approximately R100 000 over this period, but all funds were paid for in small amounts by the public at large.



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On 2 March 2012, three rhinos were poached at the Kariega Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape. Tragically one male rhino was fatally injured and died during the course of the night, but two rhinos, a male and a female survived. The second male succumbed to his wounds a few days later, but Thandi continued to fight for her life.



Veterinary surgeon William Fowlds, known for his compassion and expertise in rhino care, was called in to treat Thandi.

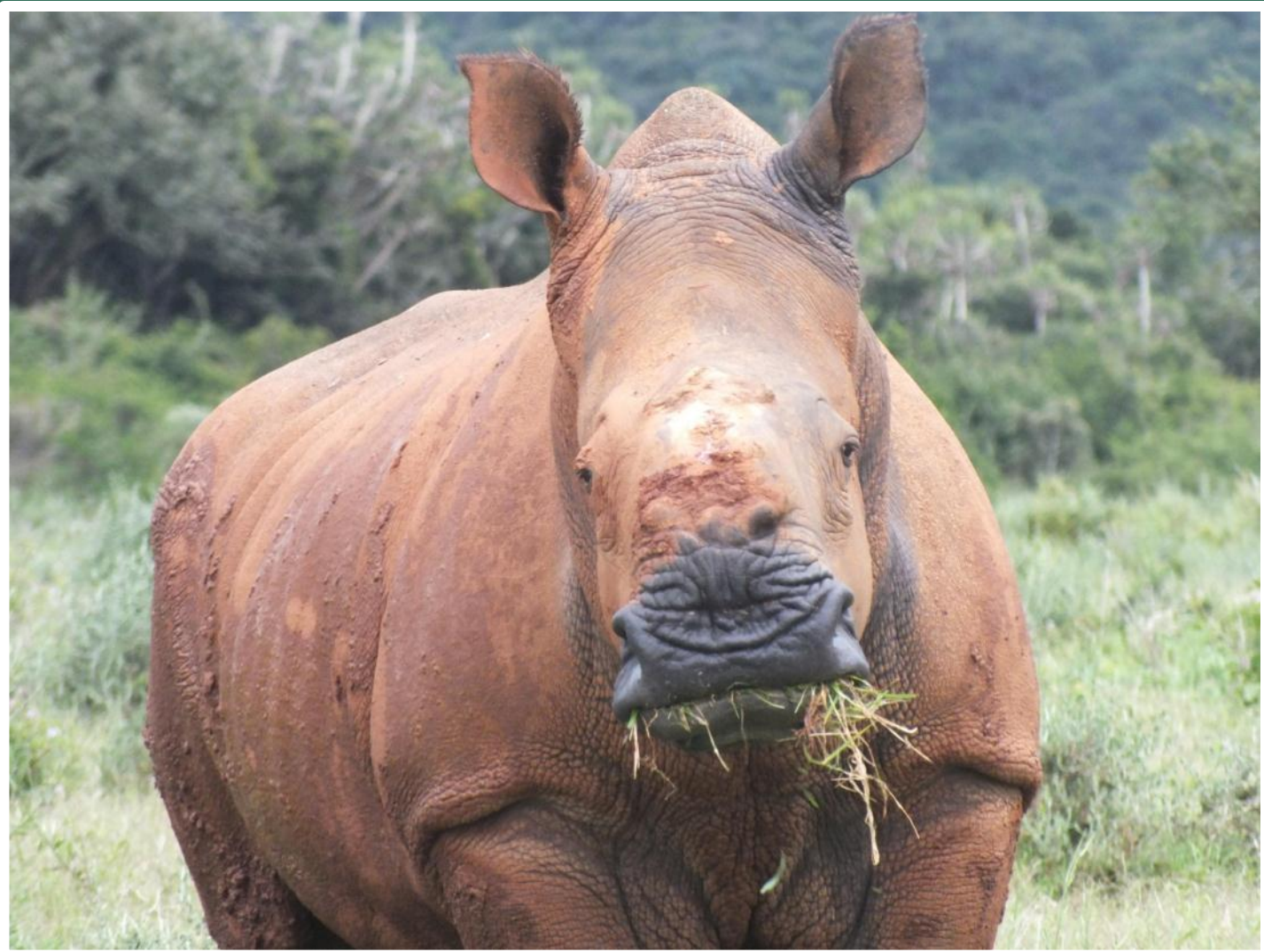


“The same moon that shines on those unsung heroes, who help protect our precious rhino, shines on Thandi and her companions tonight.” - Dr Fowlds



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RHINO POPULATIONS:

Javan rhino : 48

Vietnamese Javan rhino: Extinct

Sumatran rhino : 200

Borneo rhino : possibly 50

Indian rhino : 2,949

Black rhino : 4,860

White rhino : 20,600

Northern white rhino : 8

“It is only through a GLOBAL campaign and POLITICAL will that we can save this remnant of the dinosaur age – the rhino. Rhino have a particularly plaintive cry, which once heard is never forgotten. The screams of agony from rhino that have had their horns chopped off while still alive should reach out into the hearts of all of us.” Dr. Ian Player, environmentalist and conservationist.





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