

African rhinos: Endangered species facing an uncertain future

Large scale poaching and habitat loss continue to be major threats to both Black and White rhinoceroses and even surviving populations are becoming increasingly geographically and genetically isolated.

Namibia's rhinos are crucial to the long-term survival of both species, but in particular the Black rhinoceros, with almost one third of the remaining population now confined within its borders.

The ERCA rhino translocation project aims to support rhino conservation in Namibia by establishing viable new populations of Black and White rhinoceroses and to extend the range of protected habitat within an area of key conservation significance. Through a programme of wildlife management and conservation research our long-term objectives are to:

- Open up an important new wildlife corridor using rhinos as flagship species
- Generate a biological database useful for future translocation programmes
- Enhance Namibian conservation awareness and research capability

The project is part of an integrated development plan for the Moesamoeroep ranch and is a privately-run endeavour to support and extend Government-run conservation measures within Namibia. The following organizations are working cooperatively to achieve its aims.







Hannover Veterinary School

German-Namibian Society

Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism



Göttingen





Serengeti Park

Our mission is to help secure a future for Namibias rhinos. Its success depends upon your support.

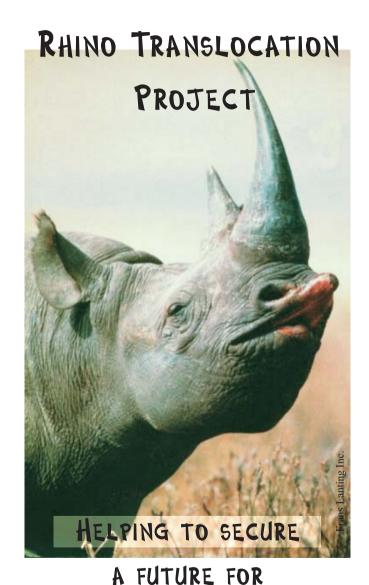
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NAMIBIAS RHINOS

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RHINO TRANSLOCATION AND HABITAT MANAGEMENT



- Conversion of former cattle ranching habitat for wildlife use
- Controlled release programmes for wild and captive-bred rhinos
- Improved handling procedures minimizing animal transfer and adaptation stress

MONITORING POST-RELEASE ADAPTATION

- Tracking of individual animals to monitor movement patterns and habitatuse
- Comprehensive veterinary and health-care programme
- Non-invasive measurement of physiological parameters
- Long-term studies on feeding ecology, reproductive and social biology



EDUCATION, TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER



- Education opportunities for Namibians through workshops, seminars and practical courses in wildlife management
- Scientific exchange programmes with overseas universities
- Integration of local communities in conservation issues