





# STOP WILDLIFE CRIME



# KwaZulu-Natal: proud home of the Southern White Rhino & on frontline of the rhino poaching war

KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) is renowned for bringing the southern white rhino back from the brink of extinction in the late 1800s and for reintroducing this rhino species into former habitats during *Operation Rhino* in the 1960s and 1970s, including the Kruger National Park. It is thanks to KZN's rhino conservation pioneers such as the late Dr Ian Player, Magqubu Ntombela and others that by 2010, southern white rhinos around the world numbered 22,000 - the greatest rhino conservation success story ever. The province is also home to a healthy population of the critically endangered black rhino and through the WWF & Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Black Rhino Range Expansion Programme (BRREP), is establishing new black rhino breeding populations.

Today, KZN holds the second-largest and most genetically diverse populations of white and black rhino in South Africa, found in 13 Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife-managed parks and 26 key private/community-owned game reserves. However, the escalating threats of rhino poaching that began in 2007, driven by ongoing demand from particularly Vietnam and China and vast sums of money offered by criminal poaching syndicates to the rural poor, KZN's rhinos are under increasing threat. The lives of field rangers and anti-poaching teams are also at increasing risk.

**KZN** has the ability to maintain healthy populations of white and black rhino because it has a unique dynamic: a large number of committed private and community-owned game reserves with significant rhino populations, already working in collaboration with provincially-managed game reserves — all willing to go to punishing lengths to remain strongholds for the survival of both white and black rhino species.

But they need help. In 2014, KZN lost 99 rhino to poaching out of a national total of 1215. In 2015, KZN's rhino poaching deaths increased to 116 out of a national total of 1175. Whilst this constitutes less than 10% of the national losses and approximately 3% of the province's total rhino population, it signals a need for constant and increasing rhino protection efforts for 2 key reasons: 1) the proximity of KZN's rhinos to the porous Mozambique/Swaziland borders and 2) as the Kruger National Park intensifies security efforts and other regions are robbed of their rhinos, KZN's large rhino population becomes an increasing target for ruthless rhino poaching syndicates.

We cannot, for a moment, let up our guard. Ongoing support is needed for KZN's game reserves and their personnel on the frontline of the rhino poaching war, to assist the work of dedicated rhino security teams, to continually build awareness and supportive relationships with neighbouring rural communities, to lobby for greater governmental and judicial support to improve prosecutions, and to maintain a supportive network of influential partners and stakeholders.

The current rhino poaching war playing out in South Africa's game reserves is an international wildlife crisis that requires all of us to work together to save a 50 million year-old species. KwaZulu-Natal has a proud history of saving the rhino and being leaders in rhino conservation: we did it once - we must do it again.

#### **BACKGROUND TO PROJECT RHINO KZN**

#### **FOUNDING STATEMENT**

Project Rhino KZN is an association of like-minded organisations facilitating rhino conservation interventions aimed at eliminating rhino poaching and securing the white and black rhino populations of KwaZulu-Natal.

The members of Project Rhino KZN recognise that the work in conserving and protecting rhinos from the threat of poaching is symbolic of the broader threat faced by all wildlife, and that all wildlife will benefit from actions taken by Project Rhino KZN.

The association is also aware that the poaching of rhino is symptomatic of the overall, bigger environmental crises facing South Africa and its neighbours.

World Rhino Day, 22 September 2011

Responding to the modern day war on rhino poaching and other wildlife crimes requires a new approach: one that breaks through the traditional, hierarchical methodology of conservation operations and builds relationships between state, private, civil society and communities, to effectively counter the adaptable, well-resourced, international criminal syndicates driving the poaching of rhinos (and other wildlife) in South Africa.

Project Rhino KZN was formed in 2011 by 18 Founding Members to unite the province's conservation community against rhino poaching threats to the province. The Founding Members include Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (the

provincial government conservation agency) private and community-owned game reserves and leading conservation NGOs.

# PROJECT RHINO KZN VISION

What motivates us daily is the dream of both White and Black rhino species thriving in KwaZulu-Natal and far beyond - forever free, forever secure from poaching, well managed and protected.

Today we strive to protect the world's last remaining African rhino species,
So that tomorrow they will still continue to play their vital role in our continent's irreplaceable and beautiful ecosystems, contributing to an ever-growing realization of our fundamental reliance on the natural environment and all its elements for our very basic needs.

We honour their uniqueness as one of the primary icons of Africa's great wilderness areas.

32 game reserves in KZN benefit from Project Rhino KZN's efforts (24 private & community-owned reserves and 8 Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife parks). There are two key rhino regions in KwaZulu-Natal: Zululand in northern KZN being the main rhino population, followed by a smaller population in the Midlands. Zululand's reserves in particular are under severe threat, largely because of their proximity to Mozambique and Swaziland and the cross-border criminal syndicates operating in this region.

Project Rhino KZN has pioneered an ethos of collaboration on 5 Key Priorities and become the 'conservation conscience' of the province by tackling macro-level issues that affect all KZN rhino stakeholders, as well as initiating or partnering in anti-poaching strategies that benefit all rhino, regardless of whether they are to be found in provincial, private or community-owned game reserves.

#### **5 PRIORITIES OF PROJECT RHINO KZN**

- 1 Rhino Security
- 2. Community Engagement, Youth Education & Awareness
- 3. Legislation & Judiciary
- 4. Lobbying & Advocacy
- 5. Fundraising, Accountability & Public Awareness

#### **AWARDS**

- 2012: GRAA Rhino Conservation Award: Top 10 Best NGOs
- 2012: GRAA Rhino Conservation Award: Best NGO Practitioner Runner-up Sheelagh Antrobus (PRKZN Coordinator)
- 2013: Mail & Guardian Rhino Conservation Award: Best Rhino Conservation Entity in South Africa
- 2014: Mail & Guardian Rhino Conservation Award: Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing
- 2014: GRAA Rhino Conservation Award: Best Conservation Practitioner Award Lawrence Munro (ZAP-Wing Coordinator & Ezemvelo Rhino Security Operations)
- 2014: GRAA Rhino Conservation Award: Education & Awareness Runner-up Rhino Art Campaign

# **PROJECT RHINO KZN PRIORITIES & 2016 PROJECT GOALS**

ACTION	DESCRIPTION		2016 GOALS	MAIN PARTNERS
1. Rhino Security				
ZULULAND ANTI-	Established in 2012, ZAP-Wing is an award-winning, region-wide public-private	1.	Maintain & improve fixed-wing aerial	African Conservation Trust
POACHING WING	partnership between PRKZN & Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, which provides fixed-		surveillance support with dedicated,	
(ZAP-WING)	wing aerial surveillance and helicopter reaction support to 26 game reserves		experienced pilot for 17 private game	Wildlands Conservation Trust
	in northern KZN (both Ezemvelo and Private/Community), as well as aerial		reserves.	
	support for law enforcement-led rhino security operations in the region.			WWF/BRREP
		2.	Hluhluwe Airfield: manage, maintain	
	Project Rhino KZN directly covers the operational costs of a dedicated Bushcat		& improve the property and onsite	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
	fixed-wing aircraft and an experienced pilot with essential local area		assets as the regional anti-poaching	
	knowledge, to provide daily aerial anti-poaching support to 17 private game		base for ZAP-Wing and state/private	KZN Provincial Treasury
	reserves.		rhino anti-poaching operations and	
			personnel.	17 Private Reserves
	Hluhluwe Airfield: Since 2012 and with the financial support and backing of			
	the African Conservation Trust, Wildlands Conservation Trust, other NGO	3.	Support the introduction of additional	Other NGO supporters & donors
	Founding Members and major donors, Project Rhino KZN rents and manages		aerial anti-poaching platforms in	
	the Hluhluwe Airfield as a dedicated, fully equipped regional base for ZAP-		Zululand that operate in partnership	Major donors & supporters
	Wing and related state/private anti-poaching operations in Zululand. This		with ZAP-Wing.	
	includes ground crew, airfield & property maintenance, compulsory airfield			Rhino security personnel: state law
	licencing, security, radio communications, utility costs, a functional Ops	4.	Support the improvement of	enforcement & private security
	Centre, park-home accommodation and workshops.		Midlands regional aerial surveillance.	firms
	The ZAP-Wing base at Hluhluwe Airfield is currently being used as the Zululand			Zululand community
	headquarters for <i>Operation Rhino 6</i> - the national SAPS law enforcement drive			
	against rhino poaching, at no cost.			Aviation community
	Project Rhino KZN also funds ad-hoc fixed-wing surveillance support to			Media
	vulnerable game reserves in the Midlands region. This needs to be improved.			
BOOTS-ON-THE-	Rangers and anti-poaching teams remain the first line of defence in the rhino	1.	Training goals (funding dependent):	Game Rangers Association of Africa
GROUND:	poaching war. Our Ranger Support programme provides training and capacity		i. Use of Force: 100 field rangers &	
RANGER SUPPORT	development support to rangers and reserve managers in both private and		reserve managers	SA Wildlife College
	state game reserves.		ii. Human Tracking Training: 50 field rangers	Retired rangers (capacity building & mentorship)

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	<ol> <li>The current training programme includes:         <ul> <li>"Use of Force': facilitated by the experienced Ed Ostrosky (Game Rangers Association of Africa) practically explains Section 41 of the SA Criminal Procedures Act. Includes combat/arrest techniques, drills on armed engagements and legal processes around arrest and bail conditions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Accredited Human Tracking Training (CITT): 8-day in-field training provided by SA Wildlife College.</li> <li>New: Starting in 2016 - at the request of reserve managers and rangers - the following ranger support initiatives will also be implemented in partnership with the Game Rangers Association of Africa and experienced conservation trainers.</li> <li>Capacity development for general game reserve staff being pulled into rhino security needs: eg: fence patrols, OP vigils &amp; Guard Tower stints, how to respond to fence incursions and armed poaching gangs.</li> <li>"Ranger Readiness': a tool that assists game reserve managers assess their rangers' skills and aptitudes and identify where support and skills training is required. It also identifies critical skills shortages and helps the wider conservation community take steps to fill those gaps, especially as KZN is reaching a stage where a large number of experienced rangers and reserve managers will be reaching retirement age in the next 5-10 years, or will be head-hunted to work in other parts of Africa.</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>iii. Capacity development for general game reserve staff: 5 game reserves</li> <li>iv. Ranger Readiness: 5 game reserves</li> <li>v. Psycho-social support: as required.</li> <li>2. Arrange 4 in-field skills-transfer days between retired rangers and current field staff</li> <li>3. Secure sufficient funding to meet and extend the Ranger Support programme</li> </ul>	Experienced training facilitators  Private game reserves  Ezemvelo Reserve Managers  Psychologists and counsellors  Funding partners
PRIVATE & COMMUNITY RESERVES: SECURITY SUPPORT	5. Psycho-social support to rangers suffering stress & trauma and PTSD.  Private and community-owned game reserves are finding it increasingly difficult to cover the growing rhino security costs they need to incur to remain vigilant against poaching threats, and find it difficult to source external funding.  We aim to assist dedicated and efficient private and community-owned game reserves improve their in-field communications and perimeter security through the implementation of effective new technology. Support will also be given for critically-needed APU equipment and resources and intelligence gathering.	Source funding partners to assist with the following:  1. Communications: Regional Digital Radio Networks in Zululand (1st) and the Midlands (2nd)  2. Perimeter Security: identify and implement effective technology that benefits game reserves (cluster or region-wide level)  3. APU Equipment & Resources  4. Informant Funding	Vulnerable private & community owned game reserves with important rhino populations  Major donors  Technology experts and suppliers  Rhino security experts & advisors

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2. Community Enga	agement, Youth Education & Awareness		
RHINO ART – LET	The objective of the Rhino Art – Let Our Children's Voices Be Heard campaign	Reach a further 80,000 school children by:	Kingsley Holgate Foundation
OUR CHILDREN'S	is to gather the largest number of hearts and minds messages from young	1. KZN:	
VOICES BE HEARD'	people, as a call to action against rhino poaching and all forms of wildlife	a. Continue to entrench the Rhino Art	Land Rover SA
CAMPAIGN	crime.	message in rural communities	
		bordering game reserves.	All Project Rhino KZN-affiliated
	This award-winning education and awareness project is run in conjunction	b. Take rural Rhino Art winners into	game reserves (Zululand &
	with the world-renowned modern-day African explorer and humanitarian,	game reserves to see rhino 1st hand	Midlands)
	Kingsley Holgate. Since its inception in 2013, it has reached over 250,000	and learn about the important role	
	school children in Southern Africa and Vietnam with a hearts and message that	conservation plays in rural	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Community
	educates them on the value of conserving rhino and the corrupt role of	economies & the need to protect	Rhino Ambassador Programme
	international criminal syndicates in the rhino poaching crisis.	biodiversity.	
		c. Continue to build capacity of the	TVG Youth Adventure Camps
	It has proved its worth in helping game reserves build good relationships with	Ezemvelo Community Rhino	
	their neighbouring, rural communities, with its educational theme that links	Ambassadors as part of their	Shakaland (Tourvest)
	traditional Zulu culture and heritage to conservation.	community work around HiP,	
		Tembe, Ndumo & Weenen game	Eastern Cape: Rhino Art team +
	The Rhino Art campaign is not restricted to KZN alone: we partner and support	reserves.	Amakhala, Shamwari, Kariega game
	other rhino conservation organisations in South Africa and other countries,	d. Extend Rhino Art's reach in urban	reserves
	who use it as part of their own community engagement efforts.	schools.	
	not be a second of the second	e. Raise sufficient funds to support the	Hoedspruit Endangered Species
	It has been the subject of a Masters' thesis on the views of 21 <sup>st</sup> century African	core Rhino Art team.	Centre
	children to conservation and is the foundation for Project Rhino KZN's growing	2. South Africa: Support the voluntary	Down No Disco (NA) acts we Count
	Rhino Conservation Youth Leaders programme.	efforts of our partners in other	Buy No Rhino (Western Cape)
		provinces to effectively utilise the	Lesedi Cultural Village (Tourvest)
		Rhino Art campaign in their own youth and community engagement efforts.	Lesedi Culturai Village (Tourvest)
		3. SADC & International: maintain and	Major sponsors
		grow partnerships in other countries	iviajoi sporisors
		to raise awareness of the rhino	SADC Regional partners
		poaching crisis as an international	SADE REGIONAL PARTIELS
		crime and its wide-spread implications	Vietnam partners & other countries
		amongst international youth.	victium partners & other countries
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YOUTH RHINO	World Youth Rhino Summits:	Planning for 2017 World Youth Rhino	All Project Rhino KZN members
AMBASADORS	Started in 2014 with the inaugural World Youth Rhino Summit that brought	Summit: secure conservation partners,	
PROGRAMME	youth delegates from 20 nations (including Vietnam) to the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi	key stakeholders and event sponsors.	Youth Rhino Ambassadors from
	Park, these Youth Summits increase conservation awareness and mobilize		previous World Youth Rhino
	youth leaders to speak out against the escalating poaching of rhino and global		Summits
	wildlife crime. Youth delegates debate critical issues and interact with		
	conservation leaders, building a worldwide call to action. Uniting key		South African and international
	stakeholders at an international level, the next World Youth Rhino Summit is		conservation stakeholders
	planned for 2017.		
			Government leaders
	World Youth Wildlife Declaration:	Continue to gather thousands of calls for	
	Signed by thousands of youth following its unveiling at the 2014 World Youth	action from youth and ordinary citizens	Schools and youth groups (local and
	Rhino Summit, the World Youth Wildlife Declaration has been endorsed by	for presentation to governments and	international)
	luminaries that include Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the late Dr Ian Player and	international leaders	
	Dr Jane Goodall. Government and conservation leaders worldwide and		Conservation partners in Asia, USA,
	hundreds of ordinary citizens have also added their heartfelt messages of		Europe and Australasia
	support calling for greater global commitment to end rhino poaching and		
	international wildlife crime.		Major donors and partners
	In October 2015, a delegation of South African Rhino Youth Ambassadors		Local and international conservation
	(participants from the 2014 & 2015 World Youth Rhino Summits) presented		personalities
	the World Youth Wildlife Declaration to Vietnamese government officials and		
	community leaders as part of <i>Operation Game Change</i> in Hanoi, Vietnam.		
	Vietnamese youth leaders and school pupils also signed the Declaration,		
	pledging their support to end the purchase and consumption of rhino horn in		
	their country.		
	School Engagement	Maintain & nurture current school	
	We support a core group of highly committed schools throughout South Africa	partnerships and add an additional 5	
	who have adopted the plight of the rhino and wildlife crime as a Critical Issue,	schools to the programme by year-end.	
	by giving presentations to school assemblies, arranging conservation field trips	, 5	
	and informative guest speaking events, assisting with their rhino fundraising		
	campaigns, mentoring individual pupils and providing educational information		
	and resources on all forms of wildlife crime.		
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	Africa/Asia Youth Exchanges	Host a Vietnam Youth Exchange in	
	Following the successful visit of our Rhino Youth Ambassadors to Vietnam in	partnership with Freeland Foundation and	
	2015, an exchange visit for Vietnamese youth leaders is planned for 2016. The	other Vietnam/Asia-based conservation	
	aim is to entrench Africa/Asia relationships amongst future leaders, develop	groups & South African stakeholders.	
	mutual respect and understanding of each other's cultures and societies and		
	give Vietnamese youth – who have a vital role to play in ending Vietnam's		
	consumption of rhino horn and other wildlife products – a deep-seated		
	understanding of the critical need to protect Africa's wildlife and biodiversity.		
	Online Youth-Driven Campaigns	Mentor the Youth Rhino Ambassadors to	
	Online social movements and forums - driven by Youth Rhino Ambassadors	grow the existing #LOVBH Facebook	
	themselves - continually educate and sustain the interest and commitment of	Forum to 500 active participants	
	young people who have participated in one or more of Youth Rhino Ambassador initiatives.	worldwide by year-end.	
COMMUNITY	Human population needs are one of the greatest challenges to ensuring that	Mkhuze/KwaJobe Community	12 KwaJobe Community Schools
ENGAGEMENT	protected wildlife areas remain pristine and sustainable.	Engagement pilot project:	Traditional/Community Leaders
		Rhino Art educational programme in	
	Rural communities need to be encouraged to see themselves as Wildlife	12 community schools	Project Rhino KZN NGO members:
	Guardians and active participants in conservation, if they are to become	2. 30 Art Winners to attend 4-day	Rhino Art team
	critical partners in ending rhino poaching and other wildlife crimes. However	Conservation Kids' Camp to see rhino	Wildlife ACT's Community
	poverty, food insecurity, unemployment and lack of access to basic services	and other wildlife, learn about	Conservation Liaison team
	have created large, poor and disempowered communities on the borders of	biodiversity and ecology, participate	African Conservation Trust
	game reserves, making them vulnerable to poaching (and other) criminal	in practical environmental education	Wildlands Conservation Trust
	syndicates.	and interact with rangers and conservation teams to gain	• WWF
	Project Rhino KZN's NGO members are joining forces with selected game	understanding of their important	Mkhuze Game Reserve
	reserves to bring sustainable community-based conservation and	work.	iSimangaliso Wetland Park
	environmental support to such communities. The aim of this joint	3. Establish 9 Community Conservation	Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
	community engagement approach is 4-fold:	Clubs, provide educational resources	Ezemvelo KZIV Whalife
	Build positive relationships between communities and their game	and organise environmental events.	Rhino Security cluster (SAPS, anti-
	reserve neighbours and encourage community ownership and	4. Host 4 Rhino Community Awareness	poaching units, ZAP-Wing etc)
	involvement.	Days: involving traditional leaders and	possining arrives are writing every
	2. Build understanding of the value of conservation and protected areas to	game reserve personnel, these	
	rural economies, through tourism income, job creation and protection of	enjoyable events will include: soccer	
	the environment;	competitions, cultural music and	

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	<ol> <li>Assist communities alleviate food insecurity and other basic needs through education and support, eg: sustainable farming and food gardens, greening programmes and soil/water management.</li> <li>Engage young community residents: educate youth on the negative impact of rhino poaching and wildlife crime &amp; support community schools by providing conservation and environment-related resources and knowledge.</li> </ol>	entertainment, mini-workshops on conservation/environmental issues affecting community members, provision of resources and talks by local leadership on wildlife poaching, general crime, important conservation milestones, health, etc  5. Monitor & Evaluate pilot project and gain community feedback	
		Based on the outcome of the M&E report, implement further joint community projects.	
3. Legislation & Jud	diciary		
PROSECUTIONS & CONVICTIONS	Successful arrests leading to successful prosecutions and convictions of rhino poaching gangs and syndicate kingpins are critical if we are to effectively thwart rhino poaching syndicates.  Project Rhino KZN is assisting state-led law enforcement efforts by petitioning for greater Judicial support, particularly for the establishment of a dedicated Wildlife and Environmental Crimes Court in KwaZulu-Natal.	<ol> <li>Lobby and support senior government leaders and other important stakeholders towards the establishment of a dedicated Wildlife and Environment Crimes Court in KwaZulu-Natal.</li> <li>Provide legal assistance (and other) to aid the prosecution in their fight to obtain convictions.</li> </ol>	KZN government stakeholders  NPA Prosecutors and legal teams  Private legal experts and advisors
4. Lobbying & Adv	ocacy		
STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS	There is no single 'silver bullet' to end the rhino poaching crisis: it is an incredibly complex challenge that needs a multitude of interventions and the involvement of matrix of stakeholders at local, national, continental and international levels – government, law enforcement, conservation, business, tourism, local communities, the public, the media, international icons – to name a few.	Host 'Bushfire' evenings for local government and business leaders and other influential stakeholders to discuss critical issues and identify innovative or alternative approaches.	All Project Rhino KZN Members  KZN Government leaders  Dept. of Environmental Affairs
	Project Rhino KZN maintains relationships with a network of major stakeholders at provincial, national and international levels, helping to facilitate connections and raise awareness of KZN's battle to protect its rhino	Host international experts who can assist KZN rhino security efforts.	National conservation stakeholders  Local business leaders and influential stakeholders

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	population. International conservation networks, church leaders, government ministers, business leaders, local celebrities and the media form part of the growing Project Rhino KZN 'circle of influence'.	4.	Continually 'fly the KZN flag' at strategic opportunities to maintain and grow international awareness of KZN's efforts to stop rhino poaching.  Arrange guest speaking events for conservation leaders (local and international) to engage with the KZN conservation sector and public on relevant issues.	National and international rhino & conservation partners
5. Fundraising, Acc	countability & Public Awareness		relevant issues.	
FUNDRAISING & ACCOUNTABILITY	Project Rhino KZN provides both the public and wider donor communities with an accountable funding channel that delivers donor funds directly to bona-fide and approved anti-poaching needs in KZN.  Managed by a small Secretariat team, donor funds are channelled through a	1.	Raise a minimum of R3million for current needs through:  a. Public (individual) donors and supportive Trusts/Foundations  b. Brand-Sharing Partnerships with	African Conservation Trust  Project Rhino KZN Secretariat  Project Rhino KZN Members
	dedicated and fully registered non-profit Rhino Fund that is tax exempt, BBEE registered and audited annually.		well-known companies c. Fundraising Events d. Major donors	Partners & Donors
	Project Rhino KZN members meet every two months to collectively decide on which anti-poaching needs require funding support and donor are notified of how their support is assisting anti-poaching efforts.	3.	Establish new funding partnerships with USA and UK-based donors for new or expanded rhino security needs. Ensure full accountability to all donors thrugh efficient and transparent reporting and feedback.	Corporate Brand Sharing Partners International funding partners
PUBLIC AWARENESS	Project Rhino KZN has built a strong brand and reputation over the past 5 years for its 'can-do' attitude, accountability and collaborative approach to tackling a wildlife crisis that impacts on the entire conservation sector in KZN. We utilise social/online media and maintain good working relationships with journalists from traditional media to broadcast important and relevant updates on the work of the KZN rhino conservation sector. Through this we continually strive to grow public awareness and maintain interest in the rhino		Grow our online community to 10,000 followers by year-end Provide newsworthy information to traditional media partners every month Encourage national & international media coverage of KZN's rhino	Project Rhino KZN Secretariat & Members  Earth Touch TV (pro-bono partner)  KZN, national & international journalists & media houses
	poaching crisis. We don't shy away from contentious issues but always retain a balanced and objective approach.		protection efforts	(newspapers, magazines, radio & TV).

# PROJECT RHINO KZN FOUNDING MEMBERS AND AFFILIATED GAME RESERVES

# **FOUNDING MEMBERS**

- 1. African Conservation Trust
- 3. Black Rhino Range Expansion Project (WWF)
- 5. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
- 7. Game Rangers Association of Africa (GRAA)
- 9. Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation
- 11. Magqubu Ntombela Foundation
- 13. Phinda Private Game Reserve (& Beyond)
- 15. Space for Elephants
- 17. Thanda Foundation

- 2. Thanda Private Game Reserve
- 4. Wildlife & Environmental Society of Southern Africa (WESSA)
- 6. Wildlife ACT Fund
- 8. Wildlands Conservation Trust
- 10. Wilderness Action Group
- 12. Wilderness Foundation
- 14. The Wilderness Leadership School
- 16. Zululand Rhino Reserve
- 18. KwaZulu-Natal Directorate for Priority Crimes (Hawks)

# **BENEFITTING GAME RESERVES**

#### **ZULULAND**

#### **Black Rhino Range Expansion Sites:**

- 1) Thanda Private Game Reserve
- 2) Mduna Royal Reserve (community-owned)
- 3) Phinda Private Reserve
- 4) Zululand Rhino Reserve
- 5) KwaZulu-Private Game Reserve
- 6) Somkhanda Game Reserve (community-owned)

#### Other:

- 7) Zimanga Game Reserve
- 8) Zulu Nyala Private Game
- 9) Falaza Game Park
- 10) H&H Ranch
- 11) Hluhluwe Farms Conservancy
- 12) Kube Yini
- 13) Ubizane
- 14) Thula Thula Game Reserve & Fundimelo Rhino Orphanage
- 15) Mahlalela Game Reserve
- 16) Pongola Game Reserve East
- 17) Pongola Game Reserve North
- 18) Esikhoteni

#### **Ezemvelo Provincial Parks**

- 19) Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park
- 20) Mkhuze Game Reserve
- 21) iSimangaliso Wetland Park (World Heritage Site)
- 22) Tembe Elephant Park (Mozambique border)
- 23) Ndumo Game Reserve (Mozambique border)

#### **MIDLANDS**

# Black Rhino Range Expansion Site:

1) Nambiti Private Game Reserve

#### Other:

- 2) Mawela Private Game Reserve
- 3) Msinsi/ Albert Falls
- 4) Tala Game Reserve
- 5) Umphafa Game Reserve
- 6) Zulu Waters Game Reserve

#### **Ezemvelo Provincial Parks**

- 7) Spionkop Nature Reserve
- 8) Weenen Game Reserve

# FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The African Conservation Trust is the nominated Secretariat for Project Rhino KZN and the **ACT Rhino Fund** is the official NPO-registered, Section 18A, BBEE-registered account for donations to Project Rhino KZN. It is audited annually by CA firm Baker Tilley & Associates and is registered with the Department of Environmental Affairs.

Project Rhino KZN's founding members meet every two months to review and collectively decide which anti-poaching needs require funding support. Donors can also specify which Project Rhino KZN initiative they wish to support.

#### **ACT RHINO FUND**

Account Name:ACT Rhino FundBank:NedbankBranch code:13012610 (Musgrave)Account no:1008662976SWIFT No:NEDSZAJJIBAN code:198765

#### **African Conservation Trust Non-Profit Organisation Details**

Charity Trust Registration Number: IT 2174/00 Non-Profit Organisation Number: 030-243

SARS Public Benefit Organisation No: 930014758 (Section 18A & PBO tax exemption status)

BBEE Status: Level 2

IUCN Membership Number: NG/25190

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