



Project Rhino is an association of like minded organisations facilitating rhino conservation interventions aimed at eliminating rhino poaching and securing the white and black rhino populations in South Africa. We recognize 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.



PILOT STUDY:

In November 2017, a K9 anti-poaching dog unit was established by Project Rhino to assist reserves in stopping wildlife crime. This unit was immediately put to work effectively in Zululand, locating a number of carcasses of critically endangered white-backed vultures. Within its first 3 weeks, the Project Rhino K9 Unit was present at SAPS road blocks, reserve vehicle checks and night patrols. Dogs have proved to be an essential tool to fight wildlife crime by tracking down poachers, detecting wildlife products and recovering illegal weapons and ammunition. KZN lost 222 rhino in 2017, compared to 162 rhino in 2016. Poaching methods are always changing therefore counter-poaching interventions need to adapt. Project Rhino believes that the development and implementation of the K9 Unit will serve as an additional law enforcement tool. This vital unit will need approximately R1, 200,000 in funding to run in 2018.



OUR RHINO NEED YOUR HELP:



LIST OF NEEDS FOR K9 UNIT:

1. Dog food sponsor
2. Kennels (+fence)
3. Vehicle
4. Vehicle insurance
5. Dog box for vehicle
6. Leashes
7. Tyres for vehicle
8. Metal detector
9. Accommodation
10. Tracking Harnesses
11. Check chains
12. Vehicle radios
13. Medication & vaccinations
14. Dog handler insurance
15. Handheld radios
16. GPS collars
17. Biothane leads
18. Ball on string
19. Webbing
20. S/steel food bowls
21. First aid kits
22. Bullet proof vests
23. Dog insurance
24. Torches
25. Uniforms
26. Binoculars
27. Rucksacks

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- # 1

MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION:
Account name: Rhino Fund
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Hayfields (250 655)
Account #: 627 420 16018
Swift code: FIRNZAJJ

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Sponsor an item on the list of needs

- # THREE:

ADD R180 (OR MORE) TO A DEBIT ORDER EACH MONTH

- # 4

ADD PROJECT RHINO AS A BENEFICIARY TO YOUR EVENT

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SOCIAL MEDIA
JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TO GET ALL THE LATEST UPDATES AND TO ASSIST IN SPREADING AWARENESS ON OUR RHINO.

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