



*A wild-caught female Sumatran rhino explores her new surroundings at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden.
(Photo by Ron Austing)*

SUMATRAN RHINO STATUS REPORT

By Warren Thomas

The trapping continues in Sumatra. Two new areas have been surveyed, and trapping will likely start in those areas shortly. Four female Sumatran rhinos have been successfully caught thusfar. One was turned over to the Indonesian government as part of a contractual agreement. The other three are now in North America: one in San Diego, one in Cincinnati and a third temporarily residing in Los Angeles until spring when it can be moved to its final destination in New York.

There are presently 5.14 Sumatran rhino in captivity:

- One pair in Sabah
- One male and seven females in Peninsular Malaysia
- One pair in Jakarta
- One female at private park in Bogor, Indonesia
- One male in Surabaya
- One pair in United Kingdom
- One female in Cincinnati
- One female in San Diego
- One female in Los Angeles

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BLACK RHINO SSP UPDATE

By Edward J. Maruska

The Species Coordinator gave the following black rhino SSP status report for 1989, as of September 24, 1989:

2.3 births (1.1 Diceros bicornis michaeli at Lincoln Park and Detroit and 1.2 Diceros bicornis minor at Ft. Worth, Bentsen and Bass).

1.3 deaths (all D.b.michaeli in Miami, Cincinnati and Oklahoma City).

Total SSP population of 35.48=83 (27.36 D.b.michaeli and 8.12 D.b.minor).

1.3 transfers (all D.b.michaeli): 0.2 Cincinnati to Columbus; 0.1 New Delhi to Oklahoma City; and 1.0 Cincinnati to Oklahoma City.

The Species Coordinator discussed the tripartite Memorandum of Understanding between Game Conservation International (Game Coin), AAZPA and Zimbabwe. This Agreement allowed for the importation of 10 D.b.minor into the U.S. from Zimbabwe. Since the population of D.b.minor will be managed as a separate population from D.b.michaeli, Dr. Don Farst has been designated as the new subcoordinator for the SSP program for D.b.minor, and will be managing the southern rhino under the overall umbrella of the SSP program. Dr. Farst discussed the formation of the South African group of animals and their new locations: 4.6 from Zimbabwe to the U.S. (1.1 to Dallas, 1.1 to Ft. Worth, 1.1 to Milwaukee, 0.1 to San Diego, 0.1 to Bentsen Ranch and 1.1 to Bass Ranch); and 0.1 from Natal to Bentsen Ranch. All arrangements for the animals from Zimbabwe were made by Harry Tennison, Game Coin President.

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