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## Version 1.0 Rhino Horn Stockpiles



**User's Manual** 

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#### 2 INTRODUCTION

Effective management of wildlife product stockpiles is required to reduce the risk of leakage for contraband to illegal markets. Further, in the case of legally traded wildlife products, stockpile management help ensure that trade is properly organised and regulated.

The *Wildlife Stockpile Register Database* (WSRD) is a data storage, analysis and management tool for stockpiles of wildlife products. *WSRD Version 1.0* has been specially designed for rhino horn stockpiles. It is designed to facilitate the monitoring of the accumulation, marking, registration, security and co-ordination of rhino horn stockpiles from all sources, in accordance with *CITES Resolution Conference 9.14 (Rev.)*.

WSRD provides an extremely user-friendly interface to facilitate data entry, interactive queries, and the production of automated reports to help **provide answers to key management questions**. In addition to providing outputs to user-defined queries, it is also a tool to assist with law enforcement enquiries, and to ensure a secure and permanent record storage.

This manual is designed to assist all users operate WSRD. Users do not necessarily need prior knowledge of *Microsoft Access* software. The term "reserve" is used throughout the manual to represent any area containing a rhino population. It is recommended that all new users read these instructions *fully* before using the database.

This manual is also available on the WSRD CD-ROM. For additional information on the dynamics of rhino horn stockpile accumulation and the importance of proper stockpile management, interested parties are advised to read the *Rhino Horn Stockpile Management Discussion Paper*. For more detailed information on recommended horn stockpile management practices, refer to the report *Strengthening Rhino Horn Stockpile Management in the SADC Region*. Both reports are available from TRAFFIC or the SADC Regional Programme for Rhino Conservation.

#### **3** INSTALLATION

- 1. Create a folder in <My Documents> called "WSRD".
- 2. Insert CD and **copy both files** 'Wildlife Stockpile Register Database' and "WSRD Instruction Manual" from the CD into this folder.
- 3. Right-click the file 'Wildlife Stockpile Register Database' in the "WSRD" folder with the mouse, and select <Create Shortcut> from the menu.
- 4. Move the short cut to the desktop by keeping the left mouse button down over the file and dragging it to the desktop.
- 5. From now on, double-clicking this icon on the desktop can **open** the WSRD. You are first presented with the Main Menu.

6. Press this button and complete **your organisation's contact details**.

📰 ORGANISATIO	N CONTACT DETAILS		×					
WILDLIFE STOCKPILE REGISTER DATABASE								
Enter your organisation's name and address information here. You will save the information by closing the form.								
Company								
Address								
City		Phone Number						
Region/Province		Fax Number						
Country	•	Email Address						

7. **Introductory information** may be viewed by pressing the large button marked with a rhino horn on the left of the opening screen.



#### 4 SETTING UP THE DATABASE

- 1. **FAMILIARISATION**: A total of ten records have been entered as **sample data** for new users. First of all, take time to **familiarise yourself** with the user-friendly menu interface to guide between different data entry forms, automated tables and reports. Simply use the mouse to press the different buttons and move between screens/menus. You will notice that you need not be a computer graduate to use this database!
- 2. **CUSTOMISE MENUS**: To ensure standardised data entry, the database uses various 'drop-down' menus. These need to be modified to suit your national situation. For example, your terminology for different categories of protected areas should be used.
- 3. From the Main Menu, select the last button: **<View and Edit Menus>** and then select **<View and Edit Location Categories>** to view different kinds of locations from which rhino horn could originate. Several categories have already been entered including

'National Park' and 'Private sanctuary'. Modify these to suit the terminologies in your country. Delete or add further location categories required.

- 4. It is advisable to include one location category labelled as **'Unknown'**.
- 5. Press the 'X' button to close the form.

😂 View and Edit Menus			_ 🗆 ×
WILDLIFE STOC	KPILE REGIS	LOCATION CATEGORY	
		Category	
RHINO HORNS		National Park	
A	View and Edit Location C	Game Reserve	
	View and Edit Locations	Private sanctuary	
	View and Edit Causes of I	Conservancy	
	_	City	
	View and Edit Visible Mar	Conservation Area	
	View and Edit Other Mark		
	View and Edit Stock Incidences of Poachi		
	View and Edit Country Info	ormation	
Ensure organisational details are correct	Today's date: 18-Jun-03	Return to Main Menu	

- 6. The **<View and Edit Locations**> form is used for adding and editing the names of all locations from where horns are recovered. Start by entering the names of all protected areas where rhino populations occur. Additional locations (e.g. newly established rhino sanctuaries, location of a seizure) can be entered later on, as required.
- 7. It is advisable to include one location entry labelled as **'Unknown'**.

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select

Location name	Category	Region/Province	Country	
National Park A	National Park	- Region X	Zambia	•
Only add the following informa	tion if necessary:			
Contact Name:	Address:		Tel/Email:	

appropriate location category from the available list, as well as the region/province, country and other contact details (name, address, telephone and email).

9. The locations of rhinos on government, community and privately owned land should **all** be included.

10. The same process should be repeated with the next three menus: **View and Edit Causes** of Horn Recoveries>, **View and Edit Visible Marking Techniques**> and **View and** Edit Other Marking Techniques>.

	CAUSE OF HORN RECOVERI	ES	
	Cause	Status	-
►	Natural/Old age	Legal 🗾	
	Fighting	Legal 🗾	
	Disease	Legal 🗸	
	Predation	Legal 🗾	
	During calving	Legal 🗸	
	Problem animal control	Legal 🗸	
	Trophy hunted	Legal 🗾	
	Immobilisn/translocn	Legal 🗾	
	Poached	Illegal 🗾	
	Seizure	lllegal 🗾	
	Pre-CITES	Legal	
	Donation/handed in	Legal 🗾	
	Unknown cause	Unknown 🗾	
	Dehorning exercise	Legal	
*		<b>•</b>	

🖼 VISIBILE MARKING 📃 🗖	x
Marking technique	1
Marker pen	
Tags or discs	
Labels	
Digit punches	
Other	
None	

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Marking technique	-
Transponder or microchips	
Ultraviolet marker pen or paint	
Photographs	
Other	
None	

11. At the bottom of the <Enter/View/Edit Records> menu, press the button labelled <**View and Edit Country Information**> to view country codes and full country names. The short-cut keys at the bottom of this menu facilitate quick viewing.

COUNTRY INFORMATION			- U ×
Country Name	CITES code	GIS country name	4
Afghanistan	AF	Afghanistan	
Albania	AL	Albania	
Algeria	DZ	Algeria	
American Samoa	AS	American Samoa	
Andorra	AD	Andorra	
Angola	AO	Angola	
Anguilla	Al	Anguilla	
Antarctica	AQ	Antarctica	
Antigua and Barbuda	AG	Antigua and Barbuda	
Argentina	AR	Argentina	
Armenia	AM	Armenia	
Aruba	AW	Aruba	
Australia	AU	Australia	
Austria	AT	Austria	
	KLMN	<u>₽₽₽₿\$</u> ĭ <u>₩</u> ¥ <u>₩</u> ≚YZ	All

12. **IMPORTANT! READ BEFORE STARTING DATA ENTRY**: Once all locations, location categories and other menus have been updated, **data entry** may begin. It is first necessary to **delete the sample data**. However, **no data should be removed before the user has fully understood this entire manual.** 

Instructions for deleting sample data are given at the end of this manual.

#### 5 DATA ENTRY AND EDITING

1. Select **<ENTER/VIEW/EDIT RECORDS>** from the main menu to access the three different forms of data entry:

🗃 View/Enter/Edit Records			
WILDLIFE STOC	KPILE REGISTER DAT	TABASE	
RHINO HORNS		version 1.0	
Ensure organisational	ENTER NEW HORN RECORDS  View Horn Records  Edit Horn Records  RHINO POPULATIONS and MORTALITIES  SEIZURES  Data accuracy check  Today's date: 17-Jun-03  Return to	Detailed red completed i received at Summary r completed i Summary r completed i	cords for every horn stockpile ecords annually ecords annually

2. Press the button **<ENTER NEW HORN RECORDS**> to open the following form:

1	Doc	ument No.	Date received	Origin	•	<b>#</b>	New Document	A
	•	REFERENCE INFORMA Station Serial No. National Serial No.	TION	ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE Origin Cause	• OF HORN RECOVE	RY J	NEW HORN	
		HORN IDENTIFICATION General Measurements Horn description Horn position	Condition Removals	Visible marking method Marked numbers and letters		-		B
		Front 🗖	Rear Unknown	Additional marking Transponder number Date inserted	None		Duplicate Record Useful if complete pair of horns is collected	
		Species Rhino identity Other remarks	Unknown -	Photograph reference Storage location			Note: All sunken boxes must be completed. Move the cursor over a box for useful hints.	
	Rec	ord: 14 - 1 - 1	▶ ▶ ≫ of 1					•

3. The form is divided into two sections, the top (marked 'A' above) contains reference information for the **document** accompanying the horn(s), with the remainder (marked 'B' above) used for **details on each horn**. **One** document may contain details on **many** horns, for example to record several horns included on one issue voucher.

- 4. DOCUMENT DETAILS: All document details must be completed: document
  - number, date received and origin of document. Otherwise, a warning message will be displayed. The purpose of this mechanism is to ensure reference documentation is available for audit purposes.

Microsoft Acces	8	[
This database d document inform	oes not allow entries without available auditable documentation. Ente ation before entering detailed information for each horn.	r referenc
	ОК	
	OK	

Enter the following information:

- a. **Document Number**: For example, the I/V number or register number accompanying the horns;
- b. **Date Received**: The date that the document and accompanying horns was received at the stockpile; and
- c. **Origin**: Select the most appropriate choice from the drop-down menu. For example, if the document (and horns) has come from a National Park, select 'Field station (reserve/park, etc.)'.
- 5. **HORN DETAILS: For each horn**, the form is divided into three sections (see diagram on previous page):
  - a. Reference Information;
  - b. Origin, Cause and Date of Horn Recovery; and
  - c. Horn Identification.

All **sunken boxes** in this section *must* be completed. This includes the following boxes: Station Serial No., National Serial No., Origin, Cause, Horn Description, Visible Marking Method and Weight. If they are not completed, a warning message will appear.

- **a. REFERENCE INFORMATION**: The unique **Station Serial Number** should be inserted. Duplicates are not allowed. Note that this number is also automatically entered as the **National Serial Number** underneath. However, this can be changed, for example, if and when a National Serial Number is allocated.
- **b.** ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE OF HORN RECOVERY: Select the Origin Location from the list of options included in the drop-down list. In most cases, this will be the name of the reserve that a rhino has died.

In the case of **seizures**, the name of the **origin of the horn** should be selected, *not* the location of the seizure itself. If the origin is not known (as is often the case), then select 'Unknown'.

If the origin location is **not included** in the drop-down list, double-click the <Origin> field, enter a new location and close the form.

🗃 LOCATIONS				×
Location name	Category	Region/Province	Country	
	-		·	·
Only add the following information if na	ecessary:			
Contact Name:	Address:		Tel/Email:	
Enter a new location. You may vie Record: 14 4 5 > > >>	ew other locations by usi	ng the cursor keys	below.	

This new location will now appear in the drop-down list.

Select the **Cause** of horn recovery from the drop-down list. Note that helpful hints are available by placing the mouse over different fields.

Doc	cument No. 763482	Date received 10/08	6/2003 <b>Or</b>	igin Field station (re:	serve/park, e	tc.) 🗾 🏟	
	REFERENCE INFORM	N, CAUSE AND DATE	E OF HORN	RECOVERY			
	Station Serial No.	3473242	Origin	National Park A		-	
	National Serial No.	3473242	Cause	Predation	• Date:	10/01/2003	
	HORN IDENTIFICATIO	DN		Natural/Old age	Insert the c	ause of the l	horn recovery or rhino mortality?
	General Measurements	Condition Removals		Disease Bradation	Lega		
	Horn description	Whole horn 👻	Visible m	During calving	Lega	-	
	Horn position	,	Marked n	Problem animal con Trophy hunted	trol Lega Lega		
	1	Rear	Additiona	Immobilisn/transloc	n Lega		
	Front 🗹		Transpor	Seizure	llega		
		Unknown	Date inse	Pre-CITES Donation/handed in	Lega Lega		
	Species	Black 🚽	Photogra	Other	Lega	own	
	Rhino identity	<b></b>	Storage I	Dehorning exercise	Lega	I	
	Other remarks						
Re	cord: 14 - 1	▶ ▶I ▶₩ of 2					
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Lastly, enter the **Date** that the horn was **recovered**. This date is always *before* the date that the horn was received at the stockpile.

- **c. HORN IDENTIFICATION**: This section of the horn data entry form is further divided into four parts (or tabs): <General>, <Measurements>, <Condition> and <Removals>. Each tab is visible as a labelled box, and is activated using the mouse.
  - i. **GENERAL INFORMATION**: This tab contains several fields, two of which *must* be completed: <Horn description> and <Visible marking methods>.
    - 1. **Horn description:** This field is preset to show 'Whole horn' since this is the most common entry. Otherwise, select the most appropriate choice from the drop-down list.
    - 2. Horn position: Tick the appropriate box for 'Front', 'Back' or 'Unknown'.
    - 3. Species: Select between 'Black', 'White' and 'Unknown'.
    - 4. **Rhino identity:** The drop-down list includes the identities of individually known rhinos. To avoid duplication of data recording efforts, it is advised that this field is **linked** to any other database that is maintained for recording information on individual rhinos. Contact TRAFFIC or a qualified computer software technician for more information on linking two databases. If rhino identity is not known, it should be left blank.
    - 5. Other remarks: Space for additional information.
    - 6. **Visible marking techniques:** Select the visible marking technique from the drop-down list, for example, tags, marker pen and labels. If more than one visible marking technique is used, select the most permanent.
    - 7. **Marked numbers and letters:** Record here any letters or numbers written or marked on the horn. This is often the same as the station serial number.
    - 8. Additional markings: Select from the drop-down list if any other marking techniques are used.

- 9. **Transponder number:** Record the unique transponder number here. Duplicates are not allowed.
- 10. Date inserted: Record the date that the transponder was implanted.
- 11. Photograph reference: If photographs are taken, record the reference.
- 12. **Storage location:** This should record the current storage location, for example the box number, shelf number, bank vault number.

	REFERENCE INFORMA	ATION	ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE	OF HORN RECOVERY	
	Station Serial No.	3473242	Origin National Park A	+	
	National Serial No.	3473242	Cause Predation	<b>Date:</b> 10/01/2003	
	HORN IDENTIFICATIO	N			
	General Measurements	Condition Removals			
	Horn description	Whole horn 🔹	Visible marking method	Tags or discs 🔹	
	Horn position		Marked numbers and letters	Marker pen	
	N N	Rear	Additional marking	Tags or discs Labels	
	Front 🗹		Transponder number	Digit punches	
		Unknown	Date inserted	None	
	Species	Black 🚽	Photograph reference		
	Rhino identity		Storage location		
	Other remarks				
Re	cord: 🖂 🕘 🔳	▶I ▶₩ of 2			

- ii. HORN MEASUREMENTS: The weight measurement *must* be completed.
  - 1. Weight (kg): Include the horn weight to the nearest 0.1 kg (100 g). In the case of trophies, record the weight of the entire mounted specimen.
  - 2. Lengths (cm): If known, include the three horn length measurements shown on the horn diagram to the nearest 0.1 cm (1 mm).



iii. **HORN CONDITION**: Select one of the four categories of horn condition: 'Normal', 'Weathered', 'Insect damaged' and 'Unknown'.

Document No. 763482 Date received 10/0	6/2003 Origin Field station (reserve/park, etc.) 🚽 🍂	New Document
REFERENCE INFORMATION           Station Serial No.         3473242           National Serial No.         3473242	ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE OF HORN RECOVERY         Origin       National Park A         Cause       Predation    Date: 10/01/2003	NEW HORN
HORN IDENTIFICATION General Measurements Condition Removals Normal	Weathered Insect Unknown damage	RECORD Duplicate Record Useful if complete pair of horns is collected Note: All sunken boxes must be completed. Move the cursor over a box for useful hints.
Record: IL ( 1 ) H + K of 1 (Filtered)		

- iv. HORN REMOVALS: Only complete this section if the horn is removed.
  - 1. **Description of removal:** Select the appropriate description from the drop-down list. In many cases, the description will read 'Moved to another strong room' or 'Destroyed'.

Description of removal	•
(required field for all removal	Moved to another strong roon
Data of romousi	Destroyed
Date of removal	Donated
	Stolen
	Sold
Destination (if any)	Other
Document reference	Unknown

2. Date of removal / Destination (if any) / Document reference: The destination is particularly important in the case of horns being moved to another strong room, especially during audit processes.

Do	cument No. <mark>763482</mark>	Date received 10/06	6/2003 Origin Field station (reserve/park, etc.) 🗾 🏙
	REFERENCE INFORM Station Serial No. National Serial No.	ATION  3473242  3473242	ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE OF HORN RECOVERY Origin National Park A Cause Predation Date: 10/01/2003
	HORN IDENTIFICATIO	of removal d for all removals) noval days after recovery u (if any)	
Re	cord: 14 - 1 -	Document re	eference

See page 26 on how to view a summary of horn removals.

6. **TWO HORNS FROM SAME RHINO:** In many circumstances, both horns are collected from a rhino carcass. In order to save time during data entry, press the button marked **<Duplicate Record>** on the right-hand side. A message will appear reminding you to enter certain fields again which will be different for the second horn: horn position, measurements, markings and transponder number.

Doc	ument No. <mark>763482</mark>	Date received 10/06	/2003 Origin Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	New Document
	REFERENCE INFORMA Station Serial No. National Serial No.	NTION 3434756 3434756	ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE OF HORN RECOVERY         Origin       National Park A         Cause       Predation         Date:       10/01/2003	NEW HORN
	HORN IDENTIFICATIO	N crosoft Access Make sure you enter new info	ormation for serial numbers, horn position, measurements, markings	RECORD
	Horn position	ransponder number.	OK Transponder number	Duplicate Record
	Species	Black	Date inserted Photograph reference	Useful if complete pair of horns is collected
Re	Rhino identity Other remarks	•	Storage location	must be completed. Move the cursor over a box for useful hints.
Rec	ord: 1	▶ ▶ ★ of 1 (Filtered)		

- 7. **NEW HORN RECORD:** To start a new entry (i.e. horn(s) from a different rhino but still on same document, press the button labelled '**New Horn Record**' (with picture of receiving officer registering horn at desk). Proceed with data entry as detailed above, paragraph 5, page 7. Note that there is no need to re-enter document information since the horn has been received together with the same document as the previous horn.
- 8. **NEW DOCUMENT:** If some horns are accompanied by a different document, then press the button at top right-hand corner marked *<New Document>*. Proceed with data entry as detailed above, starting from paragraph 4, page 7.
- 9. With regard to horns received in the stockpile, two other options are available from the <View/Enter/Edit Records> menu: <**View Horn Records**> and <**Edit Horn Records**>.



### 10. **VIEWING HORN RECORDS**: Press the button **<View Horn Records**> to open the following form.

First, to view all horns received from a **specific location**, select the location by pressing the grey box with arrow on the left-hand side, and then press the button in the top right.

		-8	Show detail on stocks received from selected location
Category	Region/Province	Country	
National Park	Region X	Zambia	•
National Park	Province Y	Zambia	•
Game Reserve	Province A	Zambia	-
City	Province B	Zambia	<b>-</b>
	Category National Park National Park Game Reserve City	Category       Region/Province         National Park <ul> <li>Region X</li> <li>Region X</li> <li>Province Y</li> <li>Game Reserve</li> <li>Province A</li> <li>City</li> <li>Province B</li> <li>Item A</li> <li></li></ul>	Category       Region/Province       Country         National Park <ul> <li>Region X</li> <li>Zambia</li> <li>National Park</li> <li>Province Y</li> <li>Zambia</li> <li>Game Reserve</li> <li>Province A</li> <li>Zambia</li> <li>City</li> <li>Province B</li> <li>Zambia</li> <li>of 4</li> </ul>

In this example, all horn entries originated from 'National Park B'. Scroll up and down the different horn entries using the control boxes on the right-hand side of the screen.

				by the	small black arrow on	the left) and pr	ess this button:		
Date received	28/04/2001	Species	Black	_	Visible marking	Marker pen	<ul> <li>Removal date</li> </ul>		
Source location	National Park B	Item description	Whole horn	-	Markings on horn	NPA/2001/001	Description	-	
Cause of death	Natural/Old age 🗾	Hom position	Rear	-	Additional marking	None	<ul> <li>Destination</li> </ul>		
National Serial No.	NPA/2001/00	Weight (kg)	2.50		Transponder no.		Removal Ref.		
Recovery date	16/03/2001	OC, IC, BG (cm)	21.00		Photograph ref.		Remarks		
Register doc. no.	IV2536 /	Condition	Normal	•	Storage location				
Date received	28/04/2001	Species	Black	-	Visible marking	Marker pen	<ul> <li>Removal date</li> </ul>		
Source location	National Park B	Item description	Whole horn	•	Markings on horn	NPA/2001/002	Description	-	
Cause of death	Natural/Old age 👱	Hom position	Rear	•	Additional marking	None	<ul> <li>Destination</li> </ul>		
National Serial No.	NPA/2001/00	Weight (kg)	1.00		Transponder no.		Removal Ref.		
Recovery date	16/03/2001	OC, IC, BG (cm)	7.50		Photograph ref.		Remarks		
Register doc. no.	IV2536 /	Condition	Normal	•	Storage location				
Date received	27/03/2001	Species	Black	•	Visible marking	Marker pen	<ul> <li>Removal date</li> </ul>		
Source location	National Park B	Item description	Hom tip	•	Markings on horn	NPB/2001/001	Description	-	
Cause of death	Natural/Old age 👱	Hom position	Rear	•	Additional marking	None	<ul> <li>Destination</li> </ul>		
National Serial No.	NPB/2001/00	Weight (kg)	4.10	_	Transponder no.		 Removal Ref.		
Recovery date	12/02/2001	OC, IC, BG (cm)	29.00		Photograph ref.		Remarks		
Register doc. no.	IV3465 /	Condition	Normal	-	Storage location				
Date received	27/03/2001	Species	Black	•	Visible marking	Marker pen	<ul> <li>Removal date</li> </ul>		
Source location	National Park B	Item description	Whole horn	-	Markings on horn	NPB/2001/002	Description	-	
Cause of death	Natural/Old age 🔻	Hom position	Rear	Ţ	Additional marking	None	- Destination	_	

To view details for a specific horn, select the entry (as indicated by the small arrow on the left) and press the button in the top-right corner. In this example, the original data entry form for horn 'NPB/2001/001' is shown. Note that there is no way of editing records in this view.



11. **EDITING HORN RECORDS**: Press the button **<Edit Horn Records**> from the <View/Enter/Edit Records> menu to open the following form.

RECEIVED DO( sorted in declinin;	CUMENTS g order of docu	ment number ဗ်	To edit details for a specific horn, select the entry (as indicated by the small black arrow on the left) and press this button:				
Document number	Date received	Document Origin		Date entered into database	Total number of entries		
763482	10/06/2003	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	-	06/10/2003	2		
IV1245	01/04/2000	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	•	29/05/2003	8		
IV1278	25/11/2000	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	•	29/05/2003	3		
IV1300	04/12/2000	Law enforcement agency	•	29/05/2003	1		
IV1785	28/12/2001	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	•	29/05/2003	6		
IV2536	28/04/2001	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	-	29/05/2003	(2)		
IV2678	26/11/2002	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	-	29/05/2003			
IV2785	20/12/2002	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	•	29/05/2003	6		
IV3465	27/03/2001	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	-	29/05/2003	2		
IV5242	02/06/2000	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	-	29/05/2003	7		
IV7236	01/09/2000	Field station (reserve/park, etc.)	-	29/05/2003	2		
Record: 14 4	6 • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •						

To view details for a **specific document**, select the document (as indicated by the small arrow on the left) and press the button in the top-right corner. In this example, the original data entry form for document 'IV2536' is shown.

Note how the total number of entries (two) shown in the document selection form matches the number of entries in the original form.

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Do	cument No. <mark>IV2536</mark>	Date received 28/0	/2001 Origin Field station (reserve/park, etc.) 🗾 🏄	New Document
	REFERENCE INFORM. Station Serial No. National Serial No.	ATION NPA/2001/001 NPA/2001/001	ORIGIN, CAUSE AND DATE OF HORN RECOVERY         Origin       National Park B         Cause       Natural/Old age         Date:       16/03/2001	Add Record
	HORN IDENTIFICATIO General Measurement Horn description Horn position	N s Condition Removals Whole horn	Visible marking method Marker pen Marked numbers and letters NPA/2001/001 Additional marking None Transponder number	RECORD
R	Species Rhino identity Other remarks	Black	Date inserted Photograph reference Storage location	of horns is collected Note: All sunken boxes must be completed. Move the cursor over a box for useful hints.

Document and individual horn details may now be edited.

- 12. As mentioned at the beginning of this section (page 6), two additional forms need to be completed **annually** to allow some analyses to be made:
  - a. Rhino Population and Mortality Summary Records; and
  - b. Rhino Horn Seizure Summary Records.

View/Enter/Edit Records	
WILDLIFE STOO	CKPILE REGISTER DATABASE
RHINO HORNS	version 1.0
Ensure organisational	ENTER NEW HORN RECORDS View Horn Records Edit Horn Records RHINO POPULATIONS and MORTALITIES SEIZURES Data accuracy check
Ensure organisational details are correct	Today's date: 17-Jun-03 Return to Main Menu

13. **RHINO POPULATIONS AND MORTALITIES:** Press the button **<RHINO POPULATIONS and MORTALITIES>** from the **<View/Enter/Edit Records>** menu to open the following form.

	🖫 RHINO POPULATIONS AND MORTALITIESX										
		Location	Voor	Rhino Population Estimates		Number of rhino carcasses			<b>_</b>		
		Lucation	Teal	DIACK	wille rola	Poacheu	Other	TULAI			
	•	National Park A	2002	25	37 <b>62</b>	3	2	5			
		National Park A	2001	22	35 <b>57</b>	3	1	4			
		National Park A	2000	20	30 <b>50</b>	2	2	4			
		National Park B	2002	95	0 95	4	2	6			
		National Park B	2001	97	0 97	3	4	7			
		National Park B	2000	88	0 88	4	3	7			
	*	<b></b>									
I											
	_								-		
	Re	cord: III I III III IIII of 6							1		

Enter the **population estimates** and **number of carcasses** found (both from poached ('illegal') and other ('legal') causes in the spaces provided. A new row should be completed for **each reserve** and **each year**.

14. **RHINO HORN SEIZURES:** Press the button **<SEIZURES**> from the <View/Enter/Edit Records> menu to open the following form.

	RHINO HORN SEIZURES		<u>- 0 ×</u>
	Country	Year	Rhino Horn Seizures Number Weight
	Zambia 🔽	2000	5 8.00
	Zambia 🗾	2001	3 7.20
	Zambia 🗾	2002	7 18.50
*	<u> </u>		
Re	cord: Ⅰ◀ ◀		

Enter the **total number** (and **weight** if possible) of horns seized in the spaces provided. A new row should be completed for **each year**.

15. **DATA CHECK:** Pressing the last button on the <View/Enter/Edit Records> menu marked <**Data accuracy check**> produces the following table. This allows a quick crosscheck to be made to ensure that the causes of horn recovery generally match the origin of the documents. For example, the table shows how, as expected, the one seized horn originated from a law enforcement agency. On the other hand, one would not normally expect to find a horn recovered from a diseased rhino being handed in from a law enforcement agency (e.g. police).

	Location Category	Cause of Recovery	Total	Field station	Law enforcement agency
►	City	Seizure	1		1
	National Park	Dehorning exercise	1	1	
	National Park	Disease	2	2	
	National Park	Fighting	8	8	
	National Park	Natural/Old age	22	22	
	National Park	Poached	8	8	
	National Park	Predation	2	2	
	National Park	Unknown cause	3	3	

If a mistake has been made, corrections can be made by selecting <Edit Horn Records> (see page 13).

#### 6 AUTOMATED REPORTS

- 1. A total of 12 automatic reports can be produced from WSRD, each a response to different management questions. It is important to note that whilst some of these reports may answer such management questions outright, others are designed to provide various indicators to catalyse management thinking and planning.
- 2. Three categories of automated report are available from the main menu, each concerning different aspects of management:
  - a. Horn Recovery;
  - b. **Stockpile Management**; and
  - c. Threat of Illegal Activities.

🗃 Main Menu	
WILDLIFE STOO	CKPILE REGISTER DATABASE
RHINO HORNS	version 1.0
Press for more information	<ul> <li>Management Reports - Horn Recovery</li> <li>Management Reports - Stockpile Management</li> <li>Management Reports - Threat of Illegal Activities</li> <li>Stockpile Registers</li> <li>Stockpile Registers</li> <li>Searches and Queries</li> <li>ENTER / VIEW / EDIT RECORDS</li> <li>View and Edit Menus</li> </ul>
Ensure organisational details are correct	Today's date: 12-Jun-03 📃 Exit this database

- 3. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS HORN RECOVERY:** Six different reports are available, which aim to help answer the following management questions:
  - a. Where are horns coming from and what are the general trends in accumulation? *Justification*: Accumulation dynamics *need to be tracked* in comparison with changes in rhino populations and other trends.

#### b. Are all the horns from discovered natural mortalities being stockpiled?

Justification: It is important to double-check that all horns are actually stockpiled after the discovery of a carcass.

#### c. Are field patrols collecting acceptable levels of horn?

*Justification*: In any given population, a certain number of horns should be collected from natural mortalities, depending on the size of population and patrol coverage. It is important to check that *recovery rates match expectations*.

#### d. Why are horns being recovered?

*Justification*: The more horns collected whose cause of recovery is established (i.e. natural mortality, predation, poaching, etc. as oppose to 'unknown'), the *better the understanding* of the relative impact of different mortality factors, and levels of illegal activity.

e. Which species are the horns coming from and what are their measurements?

#### f. Are both horns being collected when possible?

*Justification*: It is important to ensure that *both horns* are indeed collected and registered where relevant.



The content of the six reports are outlined below:

#### a. Where are horns coming from and what are the general trends in accumulation?

*Justification*: Accumulation dynamics *need to be tracked* in comparison with changes in rhino populations and other trends.



#### Interpretation:

The two graphs illustrate the breakdown of the existing stockpile by source location and cause of recovery, allowing rapid assessment of not horn only accumulation patterns also but the composition of the existing stockpile.





#### Note:

It may be necessary to close and reopen these reports if they do not read properly initially.

#### b. Are all the horns from discovered natural mortalities being stockpiled?

*Justification:* It is important to double-check that all horns *are actually stockpiled* after the discovery of a carcass.

#### National Park A



Summary of data:	Year	No. 'legal' horns	Potential no. horns to recover from natural mortalities
	2003	1	
	2002	4	4
	2001	1	2
	2000	3	4
	Total	9	10

#### Interpretation:

This graph compares the number of horns that should have been recovered from 'legal' causes (i.e. twice the number of recorded mortalities other than poached carcasses – since each rhino possesses two horns) with the actual number of horns received from 'legal' causes. Ideally, the two lines should match although there may be reasons for a mismatch. For example, when a young rhino is found dead and only the front horn is collected. Separate graphs allow comparison between reserves.

#### Note:

This report requires completion of the <Rhino Populations and Mortalities> form (see page 14).

#### c. Are field patrols collecting acceptable levels of horn?

*Justification*: In any given population, a certain number of horns should be collected from natural mortalities, depending on the size of population and patrol coverage. It is important to check that *recovery rates match expectations*.



#### National Park A

Summary of data:	YEAR	NO.HORNS RECOVERED	TOTAL RHINO POPULATION
	2003	2	
	2002	17	62
	2001	5	57
	2000	11	50
	Total:	35	

#### Interpretation:

This graph compares the number of horns collected (line on graph) with the size of the rhino population (bars on graph). The graph provides a *cursory look* at horn accumulation rates compared to changes in rhino populations. However, it is recognised that looking at annual rhino population changes is not the most accurate method for rhino populations – moving two or three-year averages is preferred. Separate graphs allow comparison between reserves.

#### Note:

This report requires completion of the <Rhino Populations and Mortalities> form (see page 14).

#### d. Why are horns being recovered?

*Justification*: The more horns collected whose cause of recovery is established (i.e. natural mortality, predation, poaching, etc. as oppose to 'unknown'), the *better the understanding* of the relative impact of different mortality factors, and levels of illegal activity.

Proportion of horn stockpile from 'legal' and 'illegal' origins and level of uncertainty (unknown origin).



#### Status of received horns by year.

Bar chart showing status of received rhino horns each year



Number of horns in stockpile by source location and cause of recovery

Interpretation:

This report presents three graphs. The first is a pie chart presenting the status of the current stockpile composition. The proportion of 'Unknown' horns is an indicator of the levels of understanding of mortality factors - the higher the percentage, the lower the understanding.

The second graph, a bar chart, illustrates the changing composition of horn status over time.

The third graph is a repeat of one of the bar charts shown in report (a) above, illustrating the cause of horn recovery for each reserve.

The Stockpile Register sorted by Cause of Recovery is another useful and related report (see page 25).



#### e. Which species are the horns coming from and what are their measurements?

The first two pie charts of this report illustrate the proportion of horns in the existing stockpile by (a) species, and (b) horn position.



Proportion of horn stockpile from different species.



Average outside curve length of different horns (mm)



The second two graphs illustrate (a) the average outside length curve measurements of different types of horn; and (b) the minimum, maximum and average weight measurements for different types of horn. Note that the bars in the last graph represent the number of horns (sample size).

Minimum, maximum and average weights of different horns (kg)

Note: bars represent the number of horns (sample size)



#### f. Are both horns being collected when possible?

*Justification*: It is important to ensure that *both horns* are indeed collected and registered where relevant.

*Interpretation:* The last of the horn recovery management reports is a summary printout of all rhino horns in the stockpile. The horns are ordered by (1) location of recovery, (2) recovery date, and (3) cause of recovery, to assist with analysis. When reading this report, particular attention should be paid to the columns titled 'Horn type and position' since in most cases, 'Front' and 'Rear' horns should follow one another for any given date, source location and cause of recovery.

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Report of entire existing rhino horn stockpile, sorted by location and date of recovery

Location Name	Recovery Date	Cause of horn s recovery	Species	Horn type a	nd position	Weight (kg)	Outside curve (cm)	Date received	Document number	National Serial No.	Storage location
City A											
	01/12/2000	Seizure	White	Whole horn	Front	4.8	32	04/12/2000	IV1300	ZM2000/9045	
National Park A											
	01/01/2000	Natural/Old age	Black	Whole horn	Rear	3	21	01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/001	
		Natural/Old age	Black	Whole horn	Unknavn	1.3	8	01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/002	
	25/02/2000	Natural/Old age	Black	Whole horn	Front	5.7	46	01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/003	
		Natural/Old age	Black	Whole horn	Rear	3.9		01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/004	
	28/02/2000	Poached	White	Whole horn	Unknavn	2.6		01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/007	
		Poached	White	Whole horn	Rear	2.05	17	01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/008	
	03/03/2000	Fighting	White	Whole horn	Front	8.4	67	01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/005	
		Fighting	White	Whole horn	Unknavn	3.6		01/04/2000	IV1245	NPA2000/006	
	25/06/2000	Unknown cause	Unknown	Whole horn	Unknavn	3.4	16	25/11/2000	IV1278	NPA2000/009	
	25/10/2000	Natural/Old age	Black	Whole horn	Front	4.7	39	25/11/2000	IV1278	NPA2000/010	
		Natural/Old age	Black	Whole horn	Rear	1.5	8	25/11/2000	IV1278	NPA2000/011	
	04/01/2001	Natural/Old age	White	Whole horn	Front	2.6	17	28/12/2001	IV1785	NPA2001/001	
	18/06/2001	Dehorning exercise	Black	Horn tip	Front	0.5		28/12/2001	IV1785	NPA2001/005	
	25/08/2001	Natural/Old age	Unknown	Whole horn	Unknavn	4.6	38	28/12/2001	IV1785	NPA2001/006	
		Natural/Old age	Unknown	Whole horn	Rear	2.2		28/12/2001	IV1785	NPA2001/007	

- 4. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT:** Three different reports are available, which aim to help answer the following management questions:
  - a. Are all the horns collected being stockpiled in a timely manner?

*Justification*: The sooner horns are moved to a central stockpile, the *less likelihood* they may be lost or stolen, or important accompanying information is mislaid.

#### b. Are all the horns being marked and identified adequately?

*Justification*: Marking helps in identification and assisting with audit processes. Some marking techniques are better than others.

#### c. Is there an effective registration process for the stockpile?

*Justification*: Without proper registration protocols, the possibility for theft and illicit trade remains. Audits rely on adequate paper trails and registration processes.

🗃 Management Reports - Stockp	ile Management
WILDLIFE STO	CKPILE REGISTER DATABASE
RHINO HORNS	version 1.0
	<ul> <li>Are all the homs collected being stockpiled in a timely manner?</li> <li>Are all the homs being marked and identified adequately?</li> <li>Is there an effective registration process for the stockpile?</li> </ul>
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The content of the three reports are outlined below:

#### a. Are all the horns collected being stockpiled in a timely manner?

*Justification*: The sooner horns are moved to a central stockpile, the *less likelihood* they may be lost or stolen, or important accompanying information is mislaid.

#### WILDLIFE STOCKPILE REGISTER DATABASE

Monitoring the Efficiency of Registration and Centralisation of Rhino Horns Report of time taken between recovering horns and final registration

Location name	Year	Average number of days between recovery and receipt
National Park A		
	2003	(151)
	2002	181
	2001	170
	2000	(54)
	Overall average:	139
National Park B		
	2001	43
	2000	40
	Overall average:	41

#### Interpretation:

This report facilitates comparison – between years *and* between reserves - of the time between horn recovery and horn registration. For example, in the report above, the 'centralisation rate' was similar between National Park A and B in 2000, but for some reason in 2003 it is taking three times as long for horns to reach the central store than in 2000.

#### b. Are all the horns being marked and identified adequately?

*Justification*: Marking helps in identification and assisting with audit processes. Some marking techniques are better than others.



Proportion of horn stockpile with (a) visible and (b) invisible markings.

#### Interpretation:

This report enables a rapid assessment of status of stockpile marking (above), particularly useful to ensure that all horns are marked. Another application is when stocks are being remarked, perhaps when adopting a new marking technique.

The second part of the report provides a detailed breakdown of all horns implanted with transponders (below). Horns are listed in decreasing order of transponder number.

Report	of entire	existing rhino	hom stock	pile, sorted b	v transi	ponder number

Transponder number and	National date Serial No.	Date received	Recovery date	Source location	Cause of horn recovery	Species	Item desc.	Horn position	Weight (kg)	Outisde curve (cm	Markings ) on horn
8756	NPA2002008	26/11/2002	18.03/2002	National Park A	Ponched	White	Wholeham	Rear	190	9.50	NPA2002.008
8743	NPA200 L007	28/12/2001	25.08/2001	National Park A	Natural/Oldage	Unienzen	Wholeham	Rear	2.20		NPA2001.007
7875	NPA2002007	26/11/2002	18/03/2002	National Park A	Poached	White	Wholeham	Brant.	4.50	29.00	NPA2002.007
7833	NPA2002005	26/11/2002	09.04/2002	National Park A	Poached	White	Wholeham	Brant.	3.40	37.00	NPA2002.005
4.563	NPA200 L006	28/12/2001	25.08/2001	National Park A	Natural/Oldage	Unknown	Wholeham	Unknown	4.60	38.00	NPA2001.006
3675	NPA2001004	28/12/2001	10.09/2001	National Park A	Natural/Oldage	White	Wholeham	Rear	390	26.00	NPA2001.004
3674	NPA200 L003	28/12/2001	10.09/2001	National Park A	Natural/Oldage	White	Wholeham	Brant.	7.65	57.00	NPA2001.003
2731	NPA2002006	26/11/2002	09.04/2002	National Park A	Poached	White	Wholeham	Rear	1.40	12.50	NPA2002.006
2653	NPA2002003	26/11/2002	04.04/2002	National Park A	Poached	Black	Wholeham	Brant.	2.70	29.00	NPA2002.003
2348	NPA2002004	26/11/2002	04.04/2002	National Park A	Poached	Black	Wholeham	Rear	090	7.00	NPA2002.004
1762	31/12/2002 ZM2000/S045	04/12/2000	01/12/2000	Uhbnown	Seizure	White	Wholeham	Brant.	4.80	32.00	ZIM12000/S045
1256	NPA2001/001	28/12/2001	04.01/2001	National Park A	Natural/Oldage	White	Wholeham	Brant	2.60	17.00	NPA2001.001

#### c. Is there an effective registration process for the stockpile?

*Justification*: Without proper registration protocols, there remains a greater risk of theft or illegal trade. Audits rely on adequate paper trails and registration processes.

Selecting this button opens another form, which can also be accessed directly from the main menu by selecting **<Stockpile Registers**>. Six options are provided. These registers are not only useful as detailed references for horns in stock, but also during audits and as supporting documentation for other reports detailed above.



**NORMAL STOCKPILE REGISTERS**: The first three reports on the <Stockpile Registers> menu are **normal stockpile registers**, which are lists of the **existing stockpile** available in three forms: sorted by **source location**, **cause of horn recovery** (see below), or receipt **date of receipt**.

Report of entire existi	ng rhino horn stockpile	, sorted by cause	of horn recovery
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Cause of horn recovery	Date received	Document No.	Register Item No.	Station Serial No.	Recovery date	Source location	Sp ecies	Item desc.	Horn position	Weight (lıg)	National Serial No.
Natural/Old a	ge										
Detail:											
	20/12/2002	IV2785		NPA2002.0	06.06/2002	National Park A	White	Whole hom	Rear	1.50	NPA2002.01
	20/12/2002	IV2785		NPA2002.0	12/07/2002	National Park A	Black	Whole hom	Front	3.40	NPA2002.01
	20/12/2002	IV2785		NPA2002.0	12/07/2002	National Park A	Black	Whole hom	Rear	1.90	NPA2002.01
	28/12/2001	IV1785		NPA2001.0	04/01/2001	National Park A	White	Whole hom	Front.	2.60	NPA2001.00
	28/12/2001	IV1785		NPA2001.0	10/09/2001	National Park A	White	Whole hom	Front.	7.65	NPA2001.00
	28/12/2001	IV1785		NPA2001.0	10/09/2001	National Park A	White	Whole hom	Rear	3.90	NPA2001.00
	28/12/2001	IV1785		NPA2001.0	25/08/2001	National Park A	Unknow	Whole hom	Unhoran	4.60	NPA2001.00
	28/12/2001	IV1785		NPA2001.0	25/08/2001	National Park A	Unknow	Whole hom	Rear	2.20	NPA2001.00
	28,04,2001	IV2536		NPA/2001/0	16.03/2001	National Park B	Black	Whole hom	Rear	2.50	NPA/2001/00
	28.04/2001	IV2536		NPA/2001/0	16.03/2001	National Park B	Black	Whole hom	Rear	1.00	NPA/2001/00
	27.03/2001	IV3465		NPB/2001/0	12/02/2001	National Park B	Black	Hanntip	Rear	4.10	NPB/2001.00
	27.03/2001	IV3465		NPB/2001/0	12/02/2001	National Park B	Black	Whole hom	Rear	2.10	NPB/2001.00
	25/11/2000	IV1278		NPA2000.0	25/10/2000	National Park A	Black	Whole hom	Front	4.70	NPA2000.01
	25/11/2000	IV1278		NPA2000.0	25/10/2000	National Park A	Black	Whole hom	Rear	1.50	NPA2000.01
	02.06.2000	IV <i>5</i> 242		NPB/2000.0	02/03/2000	National Park B	Black	Whole hom	Front.	2.80	NPB/2000.00
	02.06/2000	IV <i>5</i> 242		NPB/2000.0	02/03/2000	National Park B	Black	Whole hom	Rear	1.80	NPB/2000.00
	02.06.2000	IV <i>5</i> 242		NPB/2000.0	02/04/2000	National Park B	Black	Whole hom	Front.	3.80	NPB/2000.00

**DETAILED STOCKPILE REGISTERS**: The last three reports on the <Stockpile Registers> menu provide more **detailed** information for each horn. The first option provides detailed information for each horn contained within the **existing stockpile**.

#### WILDLIFE STOCKPILE REGISTER DATABASE

Report of existing rhino horn stockpile, sorted in order of national serial number

National Serial Number	Document details		Horn description		Horn markings	
	Date received:	28/04/2001	Species:	Black	Visible marking:	Marker pen
NPA/2001/001	Source location:	National Park B	I tem description:	Whole hom	Markings on horn:	NP A/2001/001
	Cause of death:	Natura VOM age	Horn position:	Rear	Additional marking:	None
	Station serial no. :	NPA/2001/001	Weight (kg):	2.50	Transponder no.:	
	Recovery date:	16/03/2001	OC, IC, BG (cm):	21.0	Photograph ref :	
	Register doc. no. :	TV2536	Condition:	Normal	Storage location:	
	Date received:	28/04/2001	Species:	Black	Visible marking:	Marker pen
NPA/2001/002	Source location:	National Park B	Item description:	Whole hom	Markings on horn:	NPA/2001/002
	Cause of death:	Natura VOM age	Horn position:	Rear	Additional marking;	None
	Station serial no. :	NP A/2001/002	Weight (kg):	1.00	Transponder no.:	
	Recovery date:	16/03/2001	OC, IC, BG (cm):	7.5	Photograph ref :	
	Register doc. no. :	TV2536	Condition:	Normal	Storage location:	
	Date received:	01/04/2000	Species:	Black	Visible marking:	Labels
NPA2000/001	Source location:	National Park A	I tem description:	Whole hom	Markings on horn:	NP A2000.001 2.4
	Cause of death:	Natura VOM age	Horn position:	Rear	Additional marking;	None
	Station serial no. :	NP A2000.001	Weight (kg):	3.00	Transponder no.:	
	Recovery date:	01/01/2000	OC, IC, BG (cm):	21.0 17.0 26.0	Photograph ref :	
	Register doc. no. :	TV1245	Condition:	Normal	Storage location:	

The second and third options provide a summary list of **all horns received into the stockpile** (including horns that may have been since removed) and a summary of **all horns removed from the stockpile** (example given below).

#### WILDLIFE STOCKPILE REGISTER DATABASE

Historical report of all removed rhino horns

Date removed	Destination	Descrip tion	Serial Number	Weight (kg)	Document Ref
31/01/2003		Destroyed	NPA2002/012	3.10	
2003 Summary:	l units weighing	3.10 Kg			
06/08/2002		Destroyed	NPB/2000/005	4 20	
14/12/2002	None	Destroyed	NPA2002/009	3.80	IV 3894B
2002 Summary:	2 units weighing	8.00 Kg			

- 5. **MANAGEMENT REPORTS THREAT OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES:** Three reports are available, aiming to help answer the following management questions:
  - a. What are the levels of poaching, trends in mortalities and what is the overall impact of mortalities on populations?

*Justification*: It is vital to track changes in poaching levels to ascertain *threat levels* to populations. Without relating mortalities to population size and trends, the *real impact* of mortalities cannot be ascertained.

- **b.** What is the recovery rate of horns entering illegal trade from poached animals? *Justification*: It is important to monitor the *success rate* of law enforcement following a poaching in addition to effectiveness in the field to prevent poaching.
- **c.** Are all the horns seized by law enforcement agencies being stockpiled? *Justification*: It is important to ensure that all seized horns *are actually stockpiled* following forfeiture.



The content of the three reports are outlined below:

### a. What are the levels of poaching, trends in mortalities and what is the overall impact of mortalities on populations?

*Justification*: It is vital to track changes in poaching levels to ascertain *threat levels* to populations. Without relating mortalities to population size and trends, the *real impact* of mortalities cannot be ascertained.

#### Interpretation:

Levels of poaching may not alone be determined from the absolute numbers of poached carcasses found since one of the major factors influencing the detection rate of carcasses is the level of law enforcement/patrol effort (which also influence levels of poaching). Unfortunately, it is often difficult to collect accurate and comparable information on law enforcement/patrol levels. However, in many populations, a good **indication of changes in poaching levels** may be deduced by looking at changes in the **ratio of poached carcasses to other carcasses from natural causes** (see Figure 1 in sample report below). The advantage with this indicator is that it is independent

of law enforcement/patrol effort. For example, during a year when field law enforcement levels decline, the detection rate of both illegally killed carcasses and natural mortalities will drop by the same degree, and hence the ratio will still provide an indicator of poaching levels.

The relevance of changes in poaching levels on a given population can be determined by looking at the changes in numbers of poached carcasses expressed as a percentage of the entire population (see Figure 2 in sample report below). However, it should be noted that this might only be useful with larger populations since not only may poaching pressure reduce at lower populations but also the sample size may not be statistically large enough.



*Note:* This report requires completion of the <Rhino Populations and Mortalities> form (see page 14).

#### b. What is the recovery rate of horns entering illegal trade from poached animals?

*Justification*: It is important to monitor the *success rate* of law enforcement following a poaching in addition to effectiveness in the field to prevent poaching.

#### Interpretation:

This graph compares the number of horns that *should* have been recovered from 'illegal' sources (i.e. twice the number of poached carcasses – since each rhino possesses two horns) with the *actual* number of horns received from seizures and recoveries from poached animals. Rarely will the two lines match, especially given the difficulties with infiltrating illegal syndicates and recovering poached horns. However, the percentage of recovered horns gives an indication of reactive law enforcement success following poaching incidents. Separate graphs allow comparison between reserves.

*Note:* This report requires completion of the <Rhino Populations and Mortalities> and <Seizures> forms (see pages 14 and 15).





#### c. Are all the horns seized by law enforcement agencies being stockpiled?

Justification: It is important to ensure that all seized horns are actually stockpiled following forfeiture.



#### Interpretation:

This graph compares the number of horns that *should* have been recovered from seizures (i.e. number of horns seized) with the *actual* number of seized horns received in the stockpile. Ideally, the two lines should match although there may be reasons for a mismatch. For example, horns may be retained by law enforcement agencies during ongoing court cases. Separate graphs allow comparison between reserves.

*Note:* This report requires completion of the <Seizures> forms (see page 15).

#### 7 INTERACTIVE QUERIES

1. In addition to the extensive selection of reports and registers detailed above, the database offers several interactive queries or searches. These are accessed by selecting **<Searches** and **Queries**> from the Main Menu.

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RHINO HORNS	version 1.0
	<ul> <li>Detailed report of received horns by selected Source Location</li> <li>Detailed report of received horns by selected Weight Range</li> <li>Detailed report of received horns by selected Year Range</li> <li>Summary report of received horns by selected Year Range</li> <li>Other summary tables</li> </ul>
Ensure organisational details are correct	Today's date: 12-Jun-03 Return to Main Menu

2. The first three selections produce detailed reports of the existing stockpile, according to source location, weight range of horns, or date range (of horn receipt).

#### a. Selected Source Location

This is the same procedure explained earlier for viewing horn entries (see page 12). Select a **specific location** by pressing the grey box with arrow on the left-hand side, and then press the button in the top right. The following report will include all horns received from that location.

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		-		National Park A			National Park	•	Region X		Zambia			•	
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	Cause of death	Natural/Old age	•	Horn position	Rear	•	Additional marking	None	-	Destinat	ion				
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	Recovery date	12/02/2001		OC, IC, BG (cm)	29.00		Photograph ref.			Remarks	:				
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#### b. Selected Weight Range

To produce a report based on a range of horn weights, define the lowest and highest weight limits. This is particularly useful to help rule out the possibility of seized horn having come from a stockpile - the stockpile can be checked according to this register output, queried for similarly-sized weights.

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Report of existing rhino horn for horns weighing between: 2.2 and 2.5 kg

National Serial Number	Document details		Horn description		Horn markings	
NPA2001/00	Date received : Source location: Cause of death: Station serial no.: Recovery date: Register doc. no.:	28/12/2001 National Park A Natura/VOld age NP A2001/007 25/08/2001 IV1785	Species: Item description: Horn position: Weight (lg.): OC, IC, BG (cm): Condition:	Unknown Whole hom Rear 2.2 Nomnal	Visible marking: Markings on horn: Additional marking: Transponder no.: Photograph ref.: Siorage location:	Tags or discs NPA2001/007 Transponder or micro 8743
3434756	Date received : Source location: Cause of death: Station serial no.: Recovery date: Register doc. no.:	10/06/2003 National Park A Predation 3434756 10/01/2003 763482	Species: Item description: Horn position: Weight (hg): OC, IC, BG (cm): Condition:	Elack Whole hom Rear 2.3 Normal	Visible marking: Markings on horn: Additional marking: Transponder no.: Photograph ref.: Siorage location:	Tags or discs 234342 None
NPA/2001/0	Date received : Source location: Cause of death: Station serial no.: Recovery date: Register doc. no.:	28/04/2001 National Park B Natural/Old age NPA/2001/001 16/03/2001 IV/2536	Species: Item description: Horn position: Weight (lg): OC, IC, BG (cm): Condition:	Elack Whole hom Rear 2.5 21 Nomnal	Visible marking: Markings on horn: Additional marking: Transponder no.: Photograph ref.: Storage location:	Mark er pen NPA/2001/001 None

#### c. Selected Date Range

Similarly, a report may be produced according to a selected year range, sorted by declining date of receival at stockpile.

Report of existing rhino horn for horns received between: 2000 and 2002

National Serial Number	Document details		Horn description				Hom markings		
	Date received :	20/12/2002	Species:	Black			Visible marking:	Tags or discs	
NPA2002/01	Source location:	National Park A	Item description:	Whole hom	ì		Markings on horn:	NPA2002/016	
	Cause of death:	Unknown cause	Horn position:	Front.			Additional marking:	None	
	Station serial no.:	NPA2002/016	Weight (hg):	5.3			T ransp onder no. :		
	Recovery date:	12/12/2002	OC, IC, BG (cm):	47	42		Photograph ref.:		
	Register doc. no.:	IV2785	Condition:	Normal			Storage location:		
	Date received :	20/12/2002	Species:	Black			Visible marking:	Tags or discs	
NPA2002/01	Source location:	National Park A	Item description:	Whole hom	ì		Markings on horn:	NPA2002/015	
	Cause of death:	Natural/Old age	Horn position:	Rear			Additional marking:	None	
	Station serial no.:	NPA2002/015	Weight (hg):	1.9			T ransp onder no. :		
	Recovery date:	12/07/2002	OC, IC, BG (cm):	18	16	26	Photograph ref.:		
	Register doc. no.:	IV2785	Condition:	Normal			Ctomars Insection .	-	
	Date received :	20/12/2002	Species:	Black			Start Year	2000	×
NPA2002/01	Source location:	National Park A	Item description:	Whole hom	ı			2000	
	Cause of death:	Natural/Old age	Horn position:	Front			End Year	2002	
	Station serial no.:	NPA2002/014	Weight (hg):	3.4					-
	Recovery date:	12/07/2002	OC, IC, BG (cm):	32				Pre <u>v</u> iew	
	Register doc. no.:	IV2785	Condition:	Normal					

3. The fourth button <**Summary** report of all received horns by selected year range> produces, as the title suggests, a summary of received horns for each location, both number and weight.

National Park B Whole horn

Whole horn

Unknown



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	ACCUMULATION OF HORN (kg) BY SOURCE AND SELECTED DATE RANGE : Select Query										
	Source location	Total Weight (kg)	Total number of horns received								
٠	National Park A	66.65	22								
	National Park B	5.6	3								

4. Lastly, selecting **<Other summary tables>** produces another menu from which three useful tables can be viewed:



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#### 8 **DELETING SAMPLE RECORDS**

#### NOTE: THIS PROCEDURE CANNOT BE UNDONE! It should only be followed after reading all instructions and before starting data entry.

Step 1: To delete sample records, first 'minimise' menu screen the bv pressing the button marked "\_" at top right corner.

Step 2: Then 'maximise' (make large) the other screen item by pressing the button marked " $\square$ ".

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Step 3: Next select the <Tables> tab and double-click (open) the table <Received Documents>.



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Step 4: Use the mouse to select <Select All Records> from the <Edit> menu, and then <Delete Record> from the same <Edit> menu at top of screen.



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#### 9 SECURITY AND BACKING UP DATA

- 1. Access to the computer holding this database should be **restricted** to, ideally, no more than the necessary personnel, to prevent unauthorised access and misuse of information.
- 2. It is recommended that a **full electronic back up** of the database be made at least every two months. The copied version should be renamed to include the date of back-up, for example, 'WSRD ZM 1 Jun 02'
- 3. If possible, a copy should be also made on CD-ROM every six months and stored in a separate, *secure* location.
- 4. It is further recommended that a **hard copy** of important register reports be made at least every three months. For example, <Detailed Stockpile Register> and <Stockpile Register (existing stockpile sorted by DATE of receipt)>. These hard copies should be *securely* stored.

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