

**Update on CITES developments relevant to rhino conservation: is there any need for regional coordination in consumptive utilization of rhinos? (R. Emslie)**

### CITES CoP

- Black rhino hunting proposals from Namibia and South Africa
- Annotated downlisting of Swaziland's southern white rhino
- Reporting under CITES Resolution 9.14(rev)

### Issue of MVP's

- Many national rhino plans have metapopulation goal of 2000 – based on original estimates from Franklin and Soule's estimate of Ne of 500 equiv. To at least 2000.
- However more probably 5000-7000 needed to ensure long term genetic variability (see p104 Pachyderm).
- **Does this mean we now need regional subspecies metapopulation goals?**

**Presentation of latest draft of SADC Regional Strategy for Rhino Conservation (R. du Toit)**




**SADC REGIONAL PROGRAMME FOR RHINO CONSERVATION**

**SADC REGIONAL RHINO CONSERVATION STRATEGY 2005-2010**



**GOAL**  
*Southern African rhinos maintained as flagship species for biodiversity conservation and wildlife-based economic development, within viable and well distributed populations.*



**OBJECTIVE** (for five-year time horizon)  
*By 2010, regional populations of each subspecies increased by 25% above their levels in 2005 and showing significantly wider distribution within the region as well as significantly greater economic relevance to the people of the region.*

