

2.3 Sources of funding for rhino conservation and the role of the AfRSG (Richard Emslie)



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- US Fish & Wildlife Rhino & Tiger Cons.Fund
 - ▶ Maximum usually \$30-\$50 th. Need matching\$\$
 - ▶ Total of \$506,215 for 21 African rhino projects in 2001-2002
 - ▶ Range of topics supported
 - Applied research, Conservation education & outreach, Law enforcement, Surveys & monitoring and Protected area/reserve management
 - ▶ Specific proposal format
 - Contact Dr Karl Stromayer at Karl.Stromayer@fws.gov or visit www.fws.gov to get a copy of detailed request for proposal
 - ▶ Annual awards - want quality proposals -Review process - Don't be put off if you get lots of questions back
 - ▶ Problem - delay in getting funds

- WWF
 - ▶ African Rhino Programme
 - ARP guided by Action Plan with overall objective and 7 targets. Clear focus on *Key* populations and metapopns
 - ▶ Set proposal format and reporting
 - ▶ Two tier process to prioritise and select projects
 1. **AfRSG Criteria**
 - Rated *Continental priority* or *Continentially important* projects
 2. **WWF Criteria**
 - Contributes to ARP programme goal and objective
 - Historical involvement with WWF
 - Falls within WWF Global 200 Eco-region
 - Fits in with "purpose" of WWF sub-regional programme
 - Offers strategic and catalytic possibility
 - Applies lessons learned from WWF/MNC study on what works in rhino conservation
 - ▶ Collaboration & Partnerships
 - AfRSG, TRAFFIC, SADC Rhino Programme

- Frankfurt Zoological Society
 - ▶ Project selection process not as formal as other funding agencies
 - ▶ Track record of significant long term involvement in specific field projects
 - ▶ Sometimes provision/use of fixed wing aircraft
 - ▶ Rhino coordinator based at Ngorongoro, Tanzania
 - ▶ Veterinary assistance to Namibia
 - ▶ North Luangwa Conservation Project
 - ▶ Assistance in Garamba

- International Rhino Foundation (IRF)
 - ▶ Many projects relate to captive breeding
 - ▶ A few major field projects
 - Garamba NP - Northern White rhino main focus in Africa
 - Limited current/past support to Zimbabwe, Tanzania and S.Africa
 - In Asia main focus on Sumatran and Javan rhinos and includes putting rhino protection units in the field
 - SOS rhino
 - ▶ Limited money for field - cooperates with IRF
 - Save the Rhino International
 - ▶ Main focus on field projects

- African Wildlife Foundation
 - ▶ More limited funding available
 - ▶ Specific projects designed and developed with key partners. For both private and state populations.
 - ▶ Range of projects in Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia and S Africa
 - Support for basic needs for surveillance and monitoring of rhino populations
 - Support for re-establishment of populations
 - Promotion & development of technologies and innovative methodologies to make rhino monitoring and protection cost effective
 - Supporting exchange of experiences and lessons learned
 - ▶ Africa office based in Nairobi

- Local country specific opportunities
 - Namibia - NNF and SRT
 - S.Africa - EWT
 - Zimbabwe - Marwell Trust and Zam besi Soc.
 - Etc.
- International Projects
 - UK funded Darwin Initiatives

- Other sources of funding ...
 - Taking businessmen as paying passengers on rhino captures, Science on Safari etc.
 - Setting up "Friends of..." organisation etc. Help in kind & donations (e.g. Pilanesberg Bomas)
 - Revenue generation from sale of rhinos, hunting and tourism



- ### Proposals
- Your chances of getting funding will be enhanced by
 - Submitting proposals which follow required form at for that donor, and taking the trouble and time to put together a good complete proposal.
 - Proposing projects that qualify for AfRSG rating
 - Having matching funds - and showing what you are doing/contributing
 - Building relationships with specific donors - delivering on what you proposed to do and reporting to donor as required and on time
 - Building up a track record of spending and managing past money effectively

- ### Role of the AfRSG
- Encourage - make members aware of different donors
 - Promote effective conservation strategies
 - Rating system for projects
 - Review and comment on proposals at request of funding agencies
 - Assist range states with preparation of proposals (technical comment/commenting on drafts)
 - Field visits to discuss programme - feedback to donor agency (eg Zambia re-intro)

- ### Project rating system
- Continental Priority Projects (P)
 - *Essential* to secure *immediate* survival of viable populations of each taxon of black and white rhino in Africa and are therefore accorded highest priority
 - Must either
 - Involve an existing Key population and
 - Follow a conservation model appropriate for the situation
 - Ensure population increase or stability
 - Include demonstrated commitment through active involvement by the relevant management authority (govt, pvt owner, custodian) and ideally enhance the capacity of these authorities
 - Or
 - Address a national or international issue that is critical to the long term survival of the taxon

- Continentally Important Projects (I)
 - *Important* to survival of of each taxon in the *medium to long term*
 - Must either
 - Involve an existing Key population and
 - Follow a conservation model appropriate for the situation
 - Ensure population increase or stability
 - Include demonstrated commitment through active involvement by the relevant management authority (govt, pvt owner, custodian) and ideally enhance the capacity of these authorities
 - Involve the re-establishment within the taxon's former range of a population initiated within at least 20 founders in area having an ECC of 100+ rhinos and
 - Follow the re-establishment principles and procedures as defined by AfRSG
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- Nationally Important Projects (N)
 - Projects that do not fulfill criteria for P and I continental projects, but are considered important for rhino survival and viability within individual historic rhino range states
 - The following will qualify
 - Rhino surveys
 - Drafting and adoption of rhino legislation, policies, strategies, feasibility studies and action plans.
 - In addition given adoption of appropriate national plan drafted in accordance with AfRSG's best practice guidelines, any project will qualify provided it :
 - Is important for achievement of rhino conserv. goals for the country and
 - Involves the creation, maint, and protection of at least one discrete popn with at least 20 founders (or commitment to achieve this number) and ECC of 50+