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20th ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL EDITION

1987

TRAVEL with John Young

Poachers' mass slaughter fires charge to save rhino

FOUR years ago an estimated 60,000 rhino roamed Africa – now there are 4000. The slaughter of these magnificent beasts by poachers for their horn and the males' penis has been a major problem in central and southern Africa. Since 1980, Babette Alfieri has raised \$US350,000 to combat the increasing threat of poachers in this region. She and a friend have bought anti-poaching equipment, including two light aircraft for aerial reconnaissance, and a Mercedes truck for transporting animals to protected areas. Babette is concerned with saving the rhino from extinction. She is working with the Zimbabwe authorities to conserve 750 black rhino. Find out about "Vanishing Africa" at a talk Babette is giving in Perth on Tuesday night. Gordon Tours Australia, which specialises in safari holidays to Africa, is organising the evening. It's at 6pm, at the Wesley Auditorium in William St. Admission is free, but phone 322 5674 to book seats.

□ Babette Alfieri . . . animal poachers are her public enemy No 1.

This was the meeting that resulted in the formation of Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation (SAVE) - June 1987.

1988



Our first Committee—Tim, John, Warwick, Nicholas, Pat, Jo, Julie and Marion.



Our first donations—tyres (above), keys to a red Landrover (top right) and the Landrover itself (bottom left). Our first safari (below), Warwick, James and Bev on Lake Kariba.



1989



Fundraiser with Glenn Shorrock at the Regal.



Bishop's House Gardens, venue for a cocktail party and fundraising auction.



Volunteers from Operation Raleigh, Chief Warden Glenn Tatham, and Lynne Taylor, with donated toolkits and engines. This was the beginning of a Landrover refurbishment programme, ultimately to come under the control of Paul Olesczuk (4th from right)

1990



Clockwise: More support from Qantas and Yamaha.

Glenn and Paul.

A newly formed BP Mobile Workshop.



Andy Searle and Glenn appealing for an outboard motor for their boat on Lake Kariba, at Matusadona.



1990



Imire Game Ranch—our first introduction to the seven hand-reared, orphan rhinos from the Zambezi Valley, with the Travers family.



“Out of Africa” fundraiser at the Abbey Restaurant, Glebe, NSW.



We had displays at the Perth Royal Show from 1987—1995.



Arantxa and Emilio Sanchez, Spain, donating \$100 each into our acrylic rhino, at the Hopman Cup. This rhino subsequently appeared in many shopping centres over the years.

1991



David Gower and Allan Border signing autographs for the many guests at Coco’s, South Perth.



On safari with David in the Okavango Delta and at Imire.



Ten rhinos being captured at Chete safari area to begin a breeding programme at Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo.



1992



Our main role is to supply vital kit and spare parts.



Warden Norman English and his men at Sinamatella, with new Motorola radios we donated.



Beginning of the de-horning programme: L—Mark Atkinson, above—Barney O'Hara, R—Mike Kock.



1993



The last of our five donated Land Cruisers on display at National Rhino Day, Harare Showgrounds.

1994



Another safari group, and below, donating outboard motors to Tashinga Camp, Matusadona.



Tim and Ray helping at the Perth Royal Show.

1994



Another fundraiser with some cricketing greats, Mike Proctor (left) and Sir Richard Hadlee (below).



Kevin Judge, left, after his winning bid for a safari, thus beginning his 11-year contribution to the SAVE FOUNDATION.



Margaret, Cheryl, Nicholas, John and Guy, with a carved wooden "tombstone", RIP Black Rhino.

1995

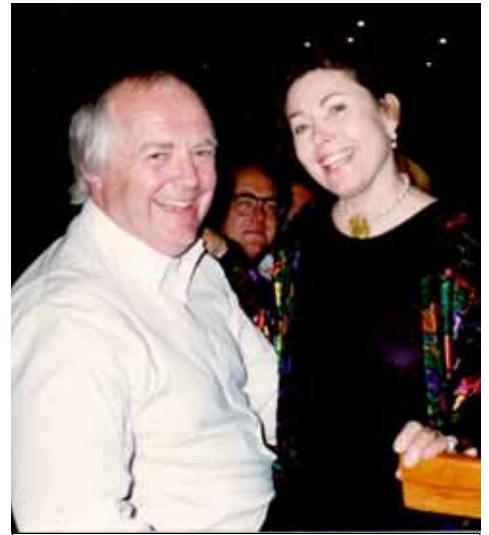


Dennis Lillee at Imire

The first of our four Black Rhino International cricket matches, World XI –v– Zimbabwe XI. World team taking the field, featuring the "big five", David Gower, Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell, Mike Proctor and Clive Rice.

1995

Another fund-raising dinner/auction with our new Patron, David Gower.



Also there, Sir Tim Rice, meeting Santana Stransky.



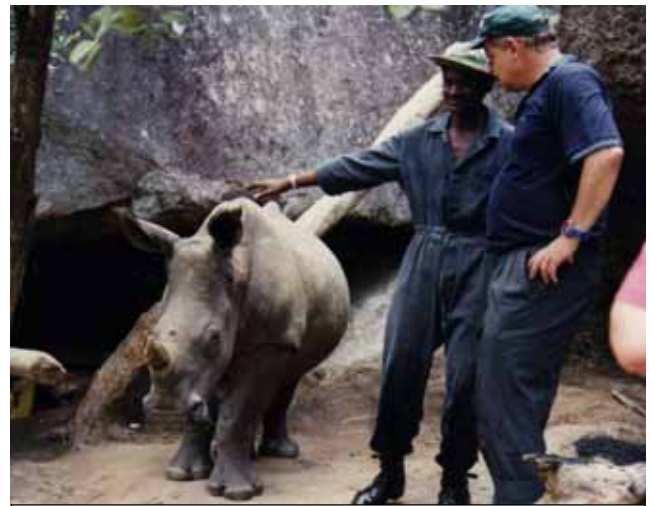
Painted Dog Project anti-poaching patrol with their multi-tool units.



Tracking equipment being donated to Sinamatella IPZ.



Guy and Nicholas visiting the local community on the outskirts of the Bubiana Conservancy.



Kevin with a hand-reared baby white rhino and his handler, Matobo National Park.

1996

Our second international cricket match, Super Eights— Zimbabwe (left), World (centre) and South Africa (right). The stars included David Gower, Allan Border, Collis King, Mike Proctor and Graeme Pollock.



Allan Border featured in a documentary with Chewore, a hand-reared rhino in Matusadona, televised on "Today Tonight".

1997



For years we have been supplying ex-British Army field kit, particularly boots, backpacks, bivvies, socks, shirts, trousers, ponchos, jerseys and sleeping bags, all kindly airfreighted by Affretair, DHL Aviation, MK Airlines and British Airways.

1998-1999



Norman English and his men at Sinamatella with new kit.



Rock band "Oasis" lend their support.



Andy Searle examines kit for his game capture unit.



One of our Land Cruisers going off to patrol.

2000

TRAGIC DEATH OF ANDY SEARLE

It is with great sadness that we report the untimely death of Andy Searle in a helicopter crash on 6 March. He was returning from rhino tracking and mysteriously nose-dived into the ground. Andy was a great all-rounder with National Parks and had served them with distinction for more than 20 years. His last position was as Warden of the game capture unit at Umtschibi, Hwange National Park. He leaves a widow, Lol, and a four-year old son, Drew.

2001



With the downturn in the Zimbabwe economy, and unreliable fuel supplies, it was necessary to turn to “bike power” for patrolling. Above, Paul de Montille, DART, examines a pile of snares, the result of increased meat poaching right around the country. 90% of Zimbabwe’s wildlife on the game farms was about to be lost in the next 5 years.

2002



Our biggest event so far, another evening with David Gower at the Hyatt, followed by an International cricket festival the next day at Melville Cricket Ground, a Super Eights Challenge between the World (left), Australia (centre) and Western Australia (right).

The stars included

Clive Rice, Adam Hollioake, Collis King, Merv Hughes, Graham Yallop, Greg Matthews, Kim Hughes, Bruce Reid and Mike Veletta.

2003



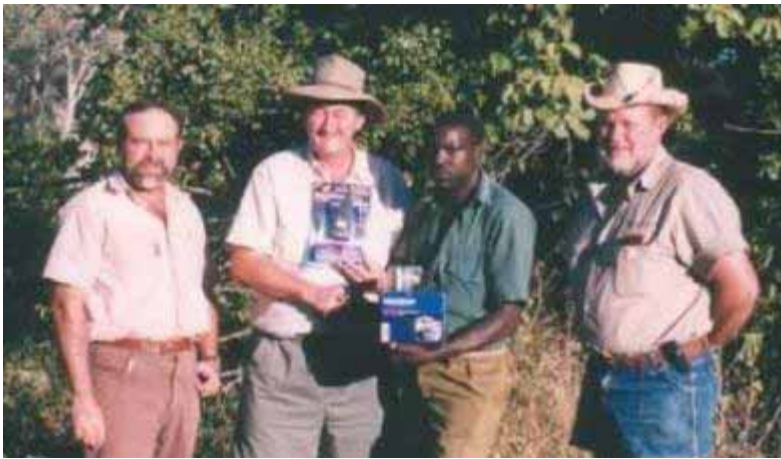
Rhino numbers in Zimbabwe doubled between 1993 and 2002, and then, **BANG**, poaching started in January 2003 in Sinamatella. The rhino skull (right) evaded her captors before dying with 4 kgs of horn, perhaps \$80,000 worth in the Far East! Since then, Sinamatella has lost more than 40 rhinos and around Zimbabwe, there have been at least 100 poached in the last 4 years.



2003



Matthew Hayden, here with some admirers, was our special guest at a dinner/auction the night before he scored a world record 380 against Zimbabwe.



The main rhino breeding successes have been in the Lowveld Conservancies, and here, Nicholas presents Head Tracker, Jackson, with a camera for rhino identification, watched by Raoul du Toit (WWF) and Clive Stockil (Chairman, Save Valley Conservancy).

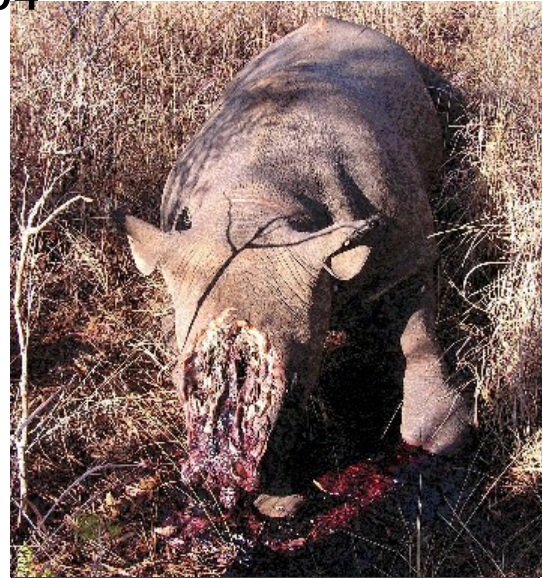


Director General, Morris Mtumbirwa, presents Certificates of Achievement to Sinamatella scouts for their outstanding anti-poaching efforts.



Left, one of our Land Cruisers from 1992, needing repairs, and right, after a successful rebuild. It is now functional in Matusadona Intensive Protection Zone.

2004



Fumbai, a 4-year old female, was the first of 30 rhinos out of a total population of 50 to be killed in the Midlands Conservancy!



Save Valley scouts with new kit that we donated.

Nicholas vehemently opposes the introduction of black rhino hunting in Namibia and South Africa at CITES, Bangkok. Hunting was approved by an overwhelming majority.





With increased rhino poaching, de-horning again became necessary and Chris Foggin (subsequently to be the first non-South African to be awarded the prestigious 'Wildlife Vet of the Year'), moved around Zimbabwe from project to project. He also fitted radio transmitters to some of the front horns (right).



Our safaris have become very popular and are always fully booked (right). Amongst our favourite destinations are the Hide (left) and Okavango Delta with the fantastic leopard (centre).



A bad drought resulted in an increased demand for water from the big elephant herds in Hwange. Pumps needed repairing (left) and we supplied thousands of litres of diesel (right), supervised by Johnny Rodrigues, Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force.



Far left, Norman English takes our group out rhino tracking in Sinamatella.

Left, the de-horning programme came to an abrupt end when the helicopter crashed, badly injuring Chris Foggin. Fortunately, he has made a good recovery and continues his magnificent work.

2005



The Zimbabwe rhino hierarchy with our Committee—from the left—Kim & Geoff Hoddy, Nicholas, Morris Mtsimbirwa (Director General of National Parks), Mike Palmer, Evelyn Wong, Raoul du Toit (WWF rhino programme), Chris Foggin (Wildlife Veterinary Unit) and Lovemore Mungwashu (WWF).



Other projects supported included Sharon Pincott's elephant studies, Painted Dog Project and the Hwange Lion Project.



Another of our Patrons, Bryce Courtenay, inspired and entertained a sell-out audience at the Hyatt, and a fine time was had by all.

2006



Our safaris continue to be extremely popular and great value, and a good source of funds for the Foundation.



Some of our members privately sponsor the salary for Jean Sigauke, a teacher at the Sinamatella School.

2006

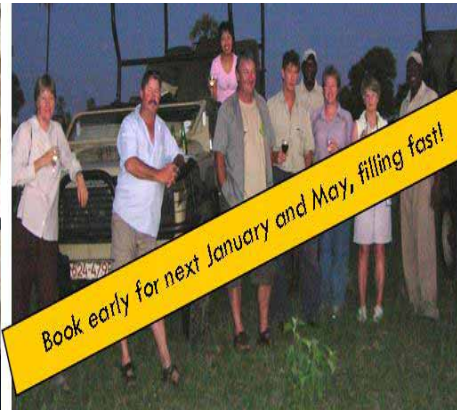


In December, 620 guests were entertained by David Gower at our Annual Dinner/Auction. David was hosted by Peter Gangemi of Westwide Financial Services (left), whilst our array of sporting memorabilia was widely admired. A record amount of \$150,000 was raised in the evening. Thanks, David, for being a true friend and champion of the SAVE FOUNDATION cause since 1991.

2007



14 rhino monitors are employed by us in Sinamatella.



Behind-the-scenes trips are becoming increasingly popular.



A new project for us is the Tikki Hywood Trust for small cats, and Lisa (above) feeds one of the civets, part of her breeding programme.



*Left
The hub of our Foundation—back row—Mike, Steve, Nicky, Martin, Miriam, Geoff and Nicholas. Front row—Evelyn, Susie (Executive Director, International Rhino Foundation), Kim and Nia.
Right
Celebrating our 20th Anniversary on 6 June at Victoria Falls Hotel. We have now raised and supplied more than \$2 million worth of equipment, mainly to the Zimbabwe rhinos.*



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