

# RHINO NEWS



## VISITS...

### DISNEY ANIMAL KINGDOM

We had two visits from our November 2007 and the visits proved very fruitful, and for rhino monitoring. With the trained our rangers on using again gave us funding for 2008 rhinos. Rhino Fund Uganda their generosity and valued



sponsor, the first one in second in March 2008. Both we received 3 new GPS units help of the Disney team we these new units. DAK once to continue monitoring the would like to thank DAK for support towards our project.

### Green Living Project

Rob Holmes, who is the founder and president of Green Living Project, contacted me in 2007 to ask if they can visit and cover our project. Green Living Project educate and inspire citizens to live and support a more sustainable lifestyle through stories focused on successful and unique sustainable projects from around the world. It proved to be a very successful visit, and the team video graphed our rhinos over a 2 day period, as well as photo footage of the project as a whole. This information will now be used as part of their lectures and will appear on their website: [www.greenlivingproject.com](http://www.greenlivingproject.com) There is a post about their visit to Ziwa on the website already so please go to the above website and select "View all Dispatches", you will find us there....Happy reading!



On March from the Peace volunteers were divided into morning at our education centre doing a nature walk. The other field where they were educated on behaviour. After a short lunch and completed their day visit the Peace Corps for their interest



6th, we hosted 20 volunteers from the Peace Corps in Luwero District. The volunteers were divided into 2 groups, where they spent the morning learning all about our project and the afternoon group joined our rangers in the monitoring procedures and rhino break, the 2 teams changed over around 5pm. I would like to thank you in our project.





COMING BACK HOME

OUR RHINOS



Our CITES permit has been approved and the rhino samples collected in 2007 should be exported to our sponsor—Disney Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida, USA very soon.

Unfortunately tragedy struck on 13 March 2008, when Bella had a still born calf. With the assistance of UWA, we had the foetus and placenta transported to Makerere University where it is currently undergoing tests. The feedback I had so far is that we can rule out Salmonella and Brucella, and

they are now testing for Ehrlichia. As soon as I have a full report, I will distribute this to all relevant people.

This surely was a very sad time for our project as it has now put us back by at least 12 -18 months. But nevertheless, I am confident that she will be pregnant soon again as she has already started her cycle, and we observed some serious mating 2 weeks ago! On that front, there is also a possibility that Kori might be pregnant, as the last time she mated was in February this year....let's keep our fingers crossed!



With all these hormones in the 'air' our males have been quite feisty and even young Hasani is getting into scuffles with the other 2 males, Taleo and Moja. All in all our rhinos are doing good and Bella showed no adverse affects of her traumatic ordeal.

SECURITY



In November 2007 we received 4 extra rangers from UWA (Uganda Wildlife Authority). This has now enabled us to reinstate our 24 hour monitoring of the rhinos. Without this much needed assistance we would not have been able to do so and Rhino Fund Uganda would like to thank UWA for their valued and ongoing support of this project.

UWA made another goal possible by allowing Rhino Fund to send 5 rangers and 2 askaris for further training. This would not have been possible if UWA did not give us replacements in the interim. Again a very sincere thank you to UWA, and in particular John Makombo and Lulu Itipa (just to mention a few) for their valued input and support.



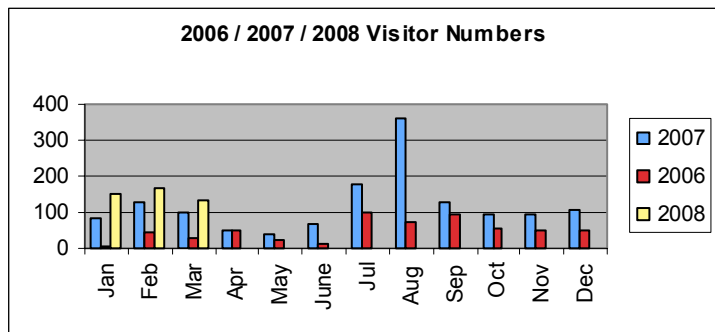
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TOURISM

is looking promising as one of Spain's major tour operators, Kananga, has included us in their itinerary. Their tours start in June 2008 through

December 2008 with 20 visits and maximum of 19 PAX per visit.

Our visitor figures are increasing steadily and another tour company from South Africa, Drifters, will be including us in their itinerary in 2009.



Until next time...



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