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## **NEWSLETTER #13 NOVEMBER 2008**

Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 13th issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Centre (RRC). Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker.

You can visit the website of the Rhino Resource Center for all information on the five species of rhinoceros. Here you can find:

- Details of over 12.500 references
- The text of 3780 items in PDF
- 1784 images of rhinos in art, in the wild, in zoos
- A list of 107 links on rhinos
- A message board open to all questions
- General information on the five species

Remember that all books and articles are physically present in the collection of the RRC and have been carefully verified and catalogued.

### **FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

The International Rhino Keeper Association has scheduled its new workshop for May 17th - 21st, 2009 at Busch Gardens in Tampa Florida. A call for papers has been released. More information is found [on their website](#).

### **IRF: REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PREPOSALS**

The International Rhino Foundation (IRF) is requesting pre-proposals for research that is directly applicable to management, propagation and conservation of rhinoceros species under intensive protection and management in the wild or maintained in captivity. More information is [found here](#).

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***FACILITATING COMMUNICATION ACROSS DISCIPLINES AND CONTINENTS***

## FEATURES OF THE RRC

At the Rhino Resource Center, we aim to collect all existing publications and reports about the five living species of rhinoceros. There are no limitations on subject, date or even language. Many authors help us by alerting us to their new releases. All help is acknowledged and my sincere thanks are due to many in the rhino community.

All contents without exception are listed in the catalogue of literature on the website of the RRC. We are glad to state that we receive about 250 visitors every day, who study a great range of pages with information on rhinos.

### YOUR SUPPORT IS INVALUABLE TO THE RRC

Features of the RRC website include:

- Access to all documents produced by the SADC Regional Programme for Rhino Conservation (a full list is found [on this link](#)).
- Access to documents of the IUCN/SSC Asian Rhino Specialist Group. This includes the [Report](#) on the Regional Meeting for India and Nepal, March 2007.
- Access to all papers published in the newsletter of [Save the Rhino International](#).
- Access to all newsletters of the [SAVE Foundation of Australia](#) (see [this link](#)).
- Access to rhino items in the regular [Conservation Watch – Nepal](#).
- Access to all newsletters of the International Rhino Keeper Association, as well as the proceedings of their workshops.
- Full versions of many dissertations and theses by graduate students from universities around the world, often not available elsewhere.
- List of new books on rhinos, including Rookmaaker's [Encounters with the African Rhinoceros](#), with many contemporary illustrations in colour.

*We welcome submission of photographs for our Image Gallery. We especially need those taken in European and Asian zoos, and those taken in the wild, with records of place and date.*

The RRC also maintains archives of correspondence and records on rhinos.

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The black rhinoceros of West Africa, known as a separate subspecies *Diceros bicornis longipes*, has recently become extinct. A subspecies of the white rhinoceros in Central Africa known as *Ceratotherium simum cottoni* was discovered just over a century ago and is now very close to extinction.

While we are reading our books and papers, rhinos are persecuted and killed. The documents may soon be the only way to get to know the real rhinoceros and therefore are worthy our attention. But it is a reality check to remember that all this is [happening in our own lifetimes](#).

All rhinos are threatened with extinction. Together the small community of people dedicated to their survival should make a difference.

#### NEW LITERATURE

In the past quarter (August to October 2008), we have added 134 new references (an average of 1.4 items per day). This brings the total number of items in the database to 12,531. Of these 30 percent are available as PDF, accessible free.

Below I have listed new entries published since 2000 in four categories: General, African rhinos, Asian rhinos and Fossil species.

Happy browsing!

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