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## **NEWSLETTER #17 NOVEMBER 2009**

Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 17th issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the RRC – the Rhino Resource Center. Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker.

This quarter, there are 160 new references to literature about rhinos in Africa, in Asia and in captivity. There are now 5431 PDFs of these papers on the website, which shows an increase of over 1100 in these three months.

There is a report of the proceedings of the last conference of the IUCN-SSC Asian Rhino Specialist Group, with discussions of the latest plans to protect the Javan Rhinoceros in Ujung Kulon and in Vietnam.

There are five new dissertations or theses by young zoologists who have chosen the rhino as the subject of their investigations.

The website of the RRC changes daily, with new items being listed as they come in. Many are now sent to me by authors or publishers, because they realize that the RRC is the best method to provide information on rhinos to a wide audience. The RRC receives an average of 250 visits every day, with thousands of pages being read. It is good to know that over seven thousand people look at the site every month.

There are over two thousand pictures visible on the website, showing rhinos in the wild, rhinos in book illustrations, rhinos in zoos and circuses, and rhinos in modern art. We aim to have a picture of every rhino shown in a zoo, and we surely can still use assistance to compile this virtual studbook.

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is supported by  
**International Rhino Foundation**  
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All species of rhinos are threatened with extinction in the wild. Some populations are effectively guarded thanks to the efforts of enthusiastic and dedicated people. There is a constant and a real threat of poaching. The Northern White Rhino of Central Africa is likely to be wiped out in the wild, and thanks to the long-term efforts of zoo directors and keepers, the only ones left are now living in zoos. There is a minimal chance to save the species. Let us not waste our last chance.

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Rhinos need protection in the wild and rhinos need to be studied in all situations to increase our knowledge about their ecology, behaviour and status. Research is important to ensure the long-term survival of the species in Africa and Asia.

Field work and surveillance is essential. The field managers need information on best practices, methods and past experiences. Often such data are available, but difficult to access, except through the Rhino Resource Center.

Research is essential. Students and staff need information about past work, the best approach, the most significant questions to be answered in their particular expertise. They can spend months in a library gathering elusive papers and books, or simply log on the Rhino Resource Center for immediate results anywhere in the world.

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We do not actively raise funds due to the nature of our work,  
but need your assistance to provide our service to all rhino lovers worldwide.*

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in our publications and on our website**

Visit the website of the Rhino Resource Center for everything about the five species of rhinoceros in Africa, Asia and around the world.

- There are details of 13,137 references to publications on rhinos
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- A large photo gallery showing illustrations in old books, individual rhinos in zoos around the world, and a new section of [rhinos in modern art](#).
- Links to other website with rhino information.
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- A message board for queries and comments.

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## MEETINGS

The annual Rhino Mayday is taking place on Wednesday 5 May 2010 at the Huxley Conference Theatre at London Zoo in Regent's Park. A definite date for your diary.

## NEW LITERATURE (finalised 30 October 2009)

In the past quarter (August to October 2009), we have added 160 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to 13,137. Of these, 41 percent are available as PDF, and many are searchable in the notes.

Below I have listed new entries published in the 21st century (and a few special older ones) in five categories: Books, General, African rhinos, Asian rhinos and Fossil species. If you are interested in one of these titles, always check the [RRC website](#) first if it may be available there.

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