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SECTION 16 WWF/WCS COST BENEFIT STUDY



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Dear Tom

Re: Cost Benefit Study of Approaches to Rhino Conservation

Given that the conservation of rhinos is likely to be a major topic of debate at the upcoming Conference to the Parties of CITES in November 1994, WWF and WCS have agreed to co-fund a study of the most cost-effective approaches to rhino conservation. Both organisations wish to formulate a coherent and technically sound policy document that will address the best approaches to securing the future of rhinos in Africa and Asia. I have been asked to co-ordinate the project. In order to complete this task successfully, WWF and WCS would very much like the co-operation of other various conservation NGOs.

In your role as Executive Officer for the Asian Rhino Specialist Group, could I ask for your assistance to construct a table on spending by, and resources of, national conservation agencies in Asian range states. You may well have seen the enclosed table which was constructed by AERSG in the early 1980s, and I have used its material extensively. Nothing similar seems to be available for Asia, though I have odd snippets of data from individual countries. Would it be possible for you to write to the heads of the authorities of the various Asian range states and request them to bring or have their representative bring this information to your upcoming meeting of ARSG.

It would certainly be very intriguing to see how the Asian and African figures compare, and I would like to take this opportunty of thanking you in advance for any help you can give in this matter.

With mant thanks Yours sincerely

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Manpower Strength*

Equipment¹

Foreign Aid

Yes

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Budget/

277

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79 20

40

Budget/

6,054

man

Table 1 Summary of resources available for protection in 15 African countries

2,147

13,000

Country

Zimbabwe

1

Wild Life

47,000

Conservation

Total

Budget

1,894

⁽⁻⁾ indicates information not provided or incomplete, (+) Data are for Kruger National Park and Addo National Park only and do not include tourist, mechanical and construction budgets, staff and equipment.

^{*}Manpower strength: 1 = Total, 2 - Management, 3 = Research, 4 = Administrative

¹ Equipment 1 = Helicopters, 2 = Fixed wing aircraft, 3 = 5t or larger trucks, 4 = 4 wheel drive vehicles, 5 = Boats