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The Editor, "African Wild Life",

Sir,—With reference to Dr. M. J. Havenga's letter on page 171 of the June 1970 issue of "African Wild Life", he is of course quite right to deplore the introduction of exotic wild animals into national parks, which should provide for the perpetuation of the indigenous fauna and flora.

He is, however, not correct in stating that the white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) was unknown north of the Savé River in Mozambique. Vaughan-Kirby found two skulls on the south bank of the Zambezi River, above the Shiré confluence (*Ann. Durban Mus.*, 2, 20, p. 220, 1920), while Sidney (*Trans. Zool. Soc. Lond.*, 30, p. 61, Fig. 10, 1965) recorded that it survived between Gauveia and Marcorsa to at least 1935, and she illustrated a specimen shot about that time. This was in the general area of Gorongoza, though I am unable to say whether the species actually occurred within the national park boundaries. Player & Feely (*Lammergeyer*, No. 1, Map 1, 1960) indicated a putative former distribution in Mozambique as far north as the Zambezi, which was its limit in historical times.

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