

# NYASALAND

FOR THE  
HUNTER AND SETTLER.

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when boiled and rendered down, is excellent for cooking purposes. The grunting of hippos will often be heard when one is camped near a river frequented by them.

### RHINO (*Rhinoceros bicornis*).

#### *Native Names.*

Chinyanja . . .	Chipembere.
Chiyao . . .	Chipembere.
Chikunda . . .	Ntema (often chipembere).
Chingoni . . .	Mkhombo (often chipembere).
Chisenga . . .	Pembre.

Good front horn measurement, 2oin. for male. Weight about 3 tons.

Rather scarce all over Nyasaland, but a few exist in Central and Northern Angoniland. The natives fear the rhino more than the elephant or buffalo, although it is not nearly so dangerous a beast as either. It usually has a fussy appearance when disturbed, and often rushes blindly forward without intention to charge home. Generally found in pairs. Inhabits rough, stony hills with plenty of thorn bush about. It seldom or never eats grass like its cousin the white or square-mouthed rhinoceros.

I once shot one in North-Eastern Rhodesia which had the beginning of a third horn growing behind the usual posterior horn. Rhino are particularly easy to kill with modern small bore rifles. They are seldom found near civilisation, and they prefer uninhabited country far from the abodes of men.

### ELEPHANT (*Elephas africanus*).

#### *Native Names.*

Chinyanja . . . . .	Njobvu.
Chiyao . . . . .	Ndembo.
Chingoni . . . . .	Nkhlovu.
Chikunda . . . . .	Mzou.
Chisenga . . . . .	Njovu.

Good pair of male tusks weigh 50lb. each; female, 15lb. each. Weight of big male, quite 6 tons.

Elephants are still numerous in the wilder parts of Nyasaland, and particularly abundant in Central and Northern Angoniland. Usually found in herds of from four or five to over a hundred. Old males often lead a solitary existence and wander about by themselves. These animals usually have the heaviest ivory. The heaviest single tusk known weighs 235lb., and the longest 11ft. 5½in.

The stature of a big bull may exceed 11ft., but the average height for large males will be about 10ft. 6in. at the shoulder.

Anything over 11ft. may be considered to be a very large animal, and a tusk weighing over 60lb. is a good one for Nyasaland. The ivory obtained here is of the best quality and brings about 13s. per pound in the home market. Cow, or female, ivory sometimes sells for £1 per pound. Elephant shooting is the hardest sport in existence, and often entails great hardships on the hunter. Elephants nowadays inhabit much wilder country than they used to do, for they have been so much harried that they seek the densest cover possible.

The heart shot is the best one, as the heart of an elephant is large. The brain is difficult to find, but