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JAVA YOU SEEN ANY RHINOS LATE

The rarest species of Asian rhino is under threat from poaching. With possibly only 60 Javan rhinos left in the wild, possibly up to have already been killed by poachers in the animal's last strongh Ujung Kulon National Park in Indonesia. A conservation team is investigating the possibility of establishing a second population is another locality in Sumatra where the species once lived. Conservationist say the Javan rhinos have been able to survive because of the animal's inhospitable and nearly inaccessible habit but despite the difficult terrain and poor visibility, poachers seem have succeeded in killing the animals. Dense mountainous rainforest and thorny scrub jungle have also made it virtually impossible to determine rhino numbers.

In central Sumatra at least a dozen rhinos are killed in snares ever year. One population alone has been reduced from about 100 in 1 to around 15 today. There are no more than 600 Sumatran rhinos in the wild. Even with trade bans on imports of rhino products, rhino products are still in demand and hardly any known Sumatr population is safe from poachers according to internationally renowned conservationist, Dr. Esmond Bradley-Martin.

The illegal trade in rhino products still exists. Though the medicir properties of rhino products has proven to be ineffective, the Chin still persist in manufacturing medicines containing rhino products and exporting them all over the world. Many Chinese manufacturers are experimenting with water buffalo horn as a substitute for rhino horn but this is not very widespread.

Consider writing to the embassies of China, Singapore and Thailar as well as to your congressperson, and ask that they abide by the recommendations of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

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