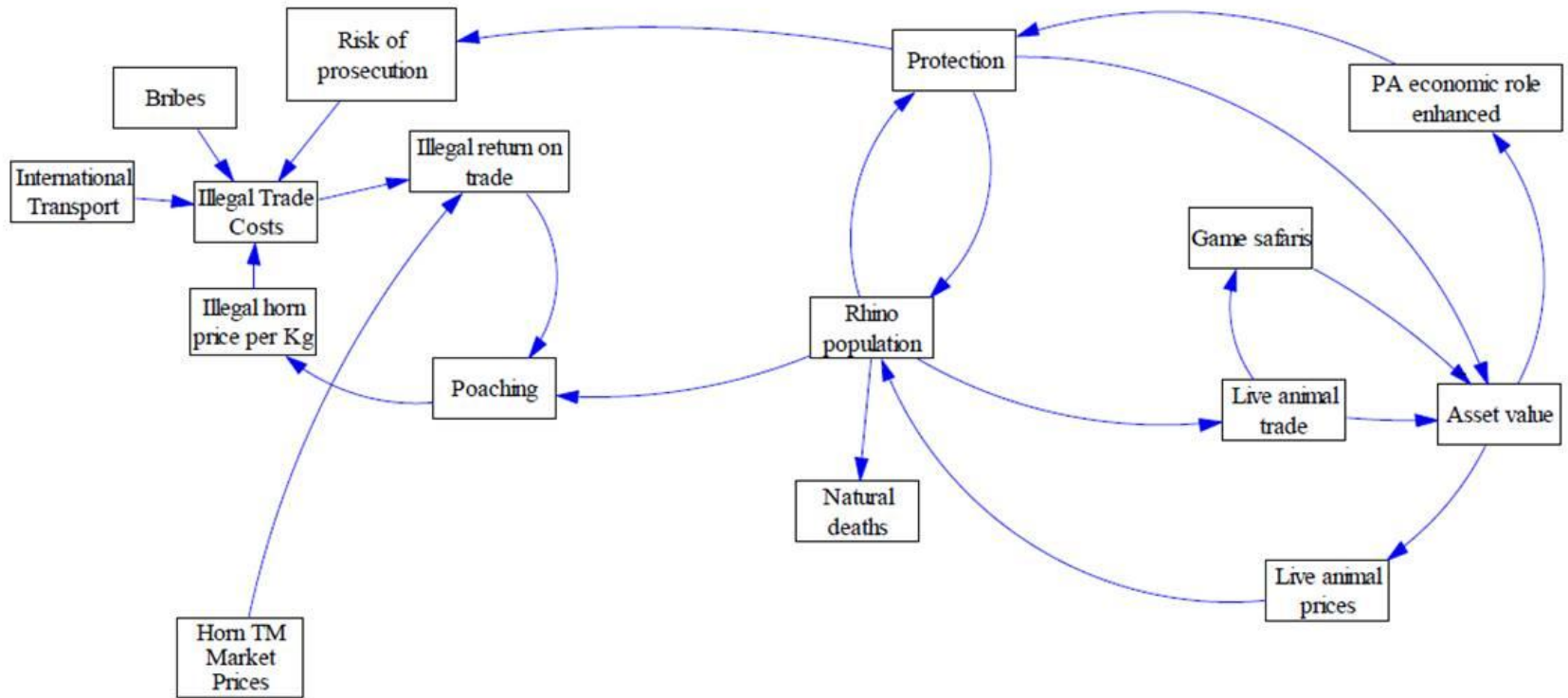


Solution to Rhino Poaching Crisis

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(with references from Roger Porter)

Status Quo



ILLEGAL TRADE – the market

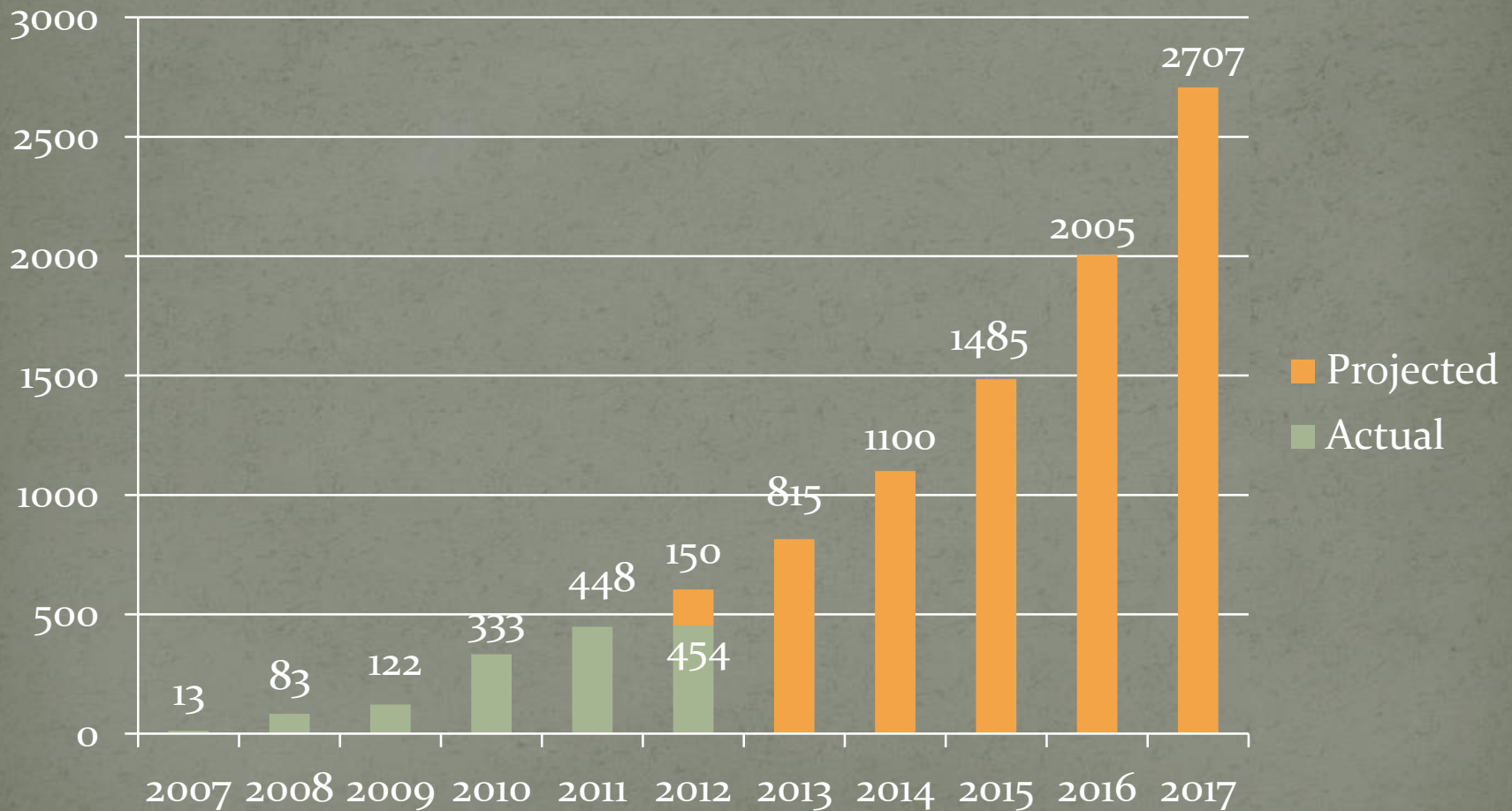
- Established in the Far East
- Used as a TCM
- Cultural and traditional beliefs
- Although illegal it is not immoral to trade and use.

**Therefore we must accept
reality and deal with it.**

ILLEGAL TRADE

- From criminal activities (poaching, pseudo-hunts, theft, fraud + corruption)
- Criminal wholesalers and retailers pay high prices
- Commodity is becoming more scarce
- Profitable and lucrative
- Risks are manageable (cautious, opportunistic, bribe)
- Can horde and speculate

Projected Rhino Poaching Statistics



What Can We Do

1: Offer a large reward that out bids the criminal syndicates

- Syndicates are currently offering R60 000 to the man on the ground. We need to offer R250 000 for information leading to arrest and conviction of people poaching or intending to poach rhino.
- We should have access to the money available from asset forfeiture of poachers currently some R55 000 000.
- Meet with minister of police to determine contact details for informants and procedure.
- We need specially trained investigators to be used in these cases as they are unique and we have to look at other crimes that go with poaching such as money laundering.

Publicising The Reward

- Every South African needs to be aware of the reward and what to do to get the reward.
- In this way we can turn 40 000 000 people into rhino guards.
- Thereby increasing the risk to the poachers of them being caught.
- We need to post the reward at every entry point into the country e.g. Border posts and airports.
- The effect of this will be that potential poachers will see that there is a campaign against them and make them more hesitant to proceed.

Publicising The Reward

- The reward posters need to be in every public building, school, clinic and post office.
- Involve the private sector so every milk carton, cake of soap and newspaper carries this information.
- The television and radio media should be used as currently with the electricity crisis there is a banner urging you to switch off appliances. We should have banners informing people of “the rhino countdown to extinction, you can make a difference. Phone this number with information and win R250 000”.
- We should engage a top marketing company to drive this campaign and we will win as we out bid the poachers.

What Can We Do

2: Change the sentences to reflect the seriousness of the crime

- Meet with ministers of Justice and Environment. It is again very important to have especially trained prosecutors. When poaching, poachers tend to break a number of laws at once E.G. illegal possession of unlicensed firearm. Trespassing under conservation act. Money laundering Etc. As well as the poaching itself.
- We should have no option of bail due to flight risk no option of a fine but jail sentence of 10 to 15 years for first offence or more if higher up the chain of crime syndicate E.G eliminate crime bosses from acting for a long time.
- Currently sentences vary from (R5 000 to R15 000 for poaching a black rhino)
- We need to send a clear message to the criminals involved in poaching that rhino poaching will NOT be tolerated.
- Rhinos form a major part of the Big 5 in South Africa's tourism industry and we cannot let South Africa become a Big 4 country because we are scared to deal with the criminal element.

Rhino History in Africa

1900: 1 000 000

1972: 70 000

1992: 20 000

2020: Extinct (if we fail in the rhino war)

- Today we are losing a rhino every 17 hours. They are being killed faster than they are re-producing. They are reaching a point where they could be extinct in the next 10 years.
- South Africa holds 93% of the world's rhino
- This is now a South African problem that can only be solved by the political leaders of our country.
- Please act now!

RHINO RELATED MATTERS FINALISED IN 2011

1. VENTER & NEI- CULLINAN - 6/12/2010

1. DEHORNING 5 RHINO
2. POSSESSION 8 HORNS
3. SALE OF 8 HORNS
4. SALE OF 3 HORNS

SENTENCE: 6 YEARS IMPRISONMENT SUSP. 5 YRS

AFU: R660 000,00

2. XUAN HOANG (VIETNAMESE) –

OR TAMBO - 30/6/2010

1. POSSESSION 7 HORNS = 16KG
(4XPOACHED RHINO)

2. FRAUD

SENTENCE: 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

3. MONYANI + 3 (ZIM & MOZ) - MODIMOLLE - 28/10/2010

1. ILLEGAL HUNTING 1X RHINO
2. FIREARMS

SENTENCE:

Accused 1- 6 years

Accused 2+3 - 3 years

AFU: MOTORVEHICLE

4. JOHNSON + 1- UITENHAGE - 31/3/2011

1. DEALING IN 1 HORN

SENTENCE: R12 000/12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

5. MASIKI + 2 - SKUKUZA-14/3/2011

1. HUNT IN NATIONAL PARK 1XRHINO
2. FIREARMS

SENTENCE:

Accused 1+3: 9 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

Accused 2: 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

6. MRS BUI THI VAN - OR TAMBO -10/3/2011

1. POSSESSION 1X HORN
(FOR HER CANCER) = 4KG

SENTENCE: R300 000 OR 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND
A FURTHER 5 YRS SUSPENSION FOR 5 YRS

PP: ADV M VAN HEERDEN

7. G BOSCH - MARCH 2011

1. DEALING AND TRANSPORTING 2 RHINO HORNS

SENTENCE: R130 000 OR 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

NOTE: LEGAL OWNER OF RHINO STRUCK BY LIGHTNING
SOLD THE HORNS TO MAKE UP WHAT INSURANCE

DID NOT PAY OUT

PP: L DEL FRATE

8. GUMEDE - KZN

1. ILLEGAL HUNTING OF 1X RHINO

SENTENCE: R50 000 / 2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OF
WHICH R30 000 OR 2 YEARS, SUSPENDED FOR
5 YRS

PP: ADV Y GANGAI

9. XABA-KZN

1. ILLEGAL HUNTING 1X RHINO

2. FIREARM

SENTENCE: 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OF WHICH 3
YEARS SUSPENDED

FOR 5 YEARS

PP: ADV Y GANGAIN

10. KHOZA + 1 - KZN

1. ILLEGAL HUNTING OF 1X RHINO

2. POSSESSION OF 2X HORNS

3. FIREARMS

SENTENCE: 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

ACCUSED ARRESTED AFTER A SHOOT OUT
IN NATIONAL PARK

DNA LINKED HORNS TO CARCASS

PP: ADV Y GANGAI

11. MAKHABO (MOZAMBICAN) - KNP -1/6/2011

1. TRESSPASS

2. ATTEMPTED HUNTING (NEM:PAA)

SENTENCE: 1. 1 YEAR / R1000

2. 4 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

PP: ADV I ERWEE

12. MAKAMU (MOZAMBICAN) - KNP

1. TRESSPASS R1000/ 1 YEARS

2. ILLEGAL HUNTING OF 1XRHINO 5 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT

3. FIREARM

4. AMMUNITION 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

SENTENCE: EFFECTIVE 11 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

ADV I ERWEE

13. HUNG TAI TRAN (VIETNAMESE) - OR TAMBO - JUNE

2011

1. POSSESSION 2X HORNS & 184 IVORY BANGLES
2. CONVEYANCE OF HORNS

SENTENCE: R1 MILLION OR 4 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

AFU: US\$ 129 000 TO KLASERIE GAME RESERVE
(LINK BY MICRO-CHIP)

PP: ADV M VAN HEERDEN

14. - NCUBE + 2

(EX EZEMVELO STAFF) - KZN

1. ILLEGAL COLLECTING & ATTEMPT TO SELL 1X
BLACK RHINO HORN

SENTENCE:

Accused 1+2: R15 000 / 24 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

Accused 3: R5000 / 12 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

PP: ADV Y GANGAI

15. NDOU (ZIMBABWIAN) - MAKHADO

1. S. 35(3) LEMA 8 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
2. AMMUNITION 2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

PP: H JANSE VAN RENSBURG

16. MLAMBO + 2 - KNP –

7 YRS AFTER EVENT -19/7/2011

1. ILLEGAL HUNTING 1X RHINO 10 YEARS / R100 000
2. FIREARM
3. AMMUNITION 4 YEARS / R10 000

PP: ADV K VAN DER WALT

17. TIONO LIM KUOK (MALAYSIAN) - OR TAMBO -

11/7/2011

1. POSSESSION 2X HORNS R100 000 / 5 YEARS

PP: ADV N PETERS

18. DUC MANH CHU (VIETNAMESE) - OR TAMBO -

5/8/2011

1. POSSESSION 12X RHINO HORNS 10 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT

2. FRAUD 2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

19. PHI HUNG NGUYENG (VIETNAMESE) - ORT -

5/8/2011

1. POSSESSION 6X HORNS
6 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
 2. FRAUD 2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
- PP: ADV MCOSINI
MAGISTRATE PRINCE MANYATHI
WARNED THERE IS
NO DIFFERENCE IF CAUGHT IN
KILLING A RHINO AND CARRYING ITS HORNS

20. MASHABA (MOZAMBICAN) - PHALABORWA -

19/8/2011

1. ILLEGAL HUNTING IN GAME RESERVE
5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
 2. POSSESSION OF A RIFLE
5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT
 3. POSSESSION AMMUNITION
10 YEARS (R1 BULLET)
- SENTENCE:** EFFECTIVE 20 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT

21. TIBANE (MOZAMBICAN) - ROOIBERG

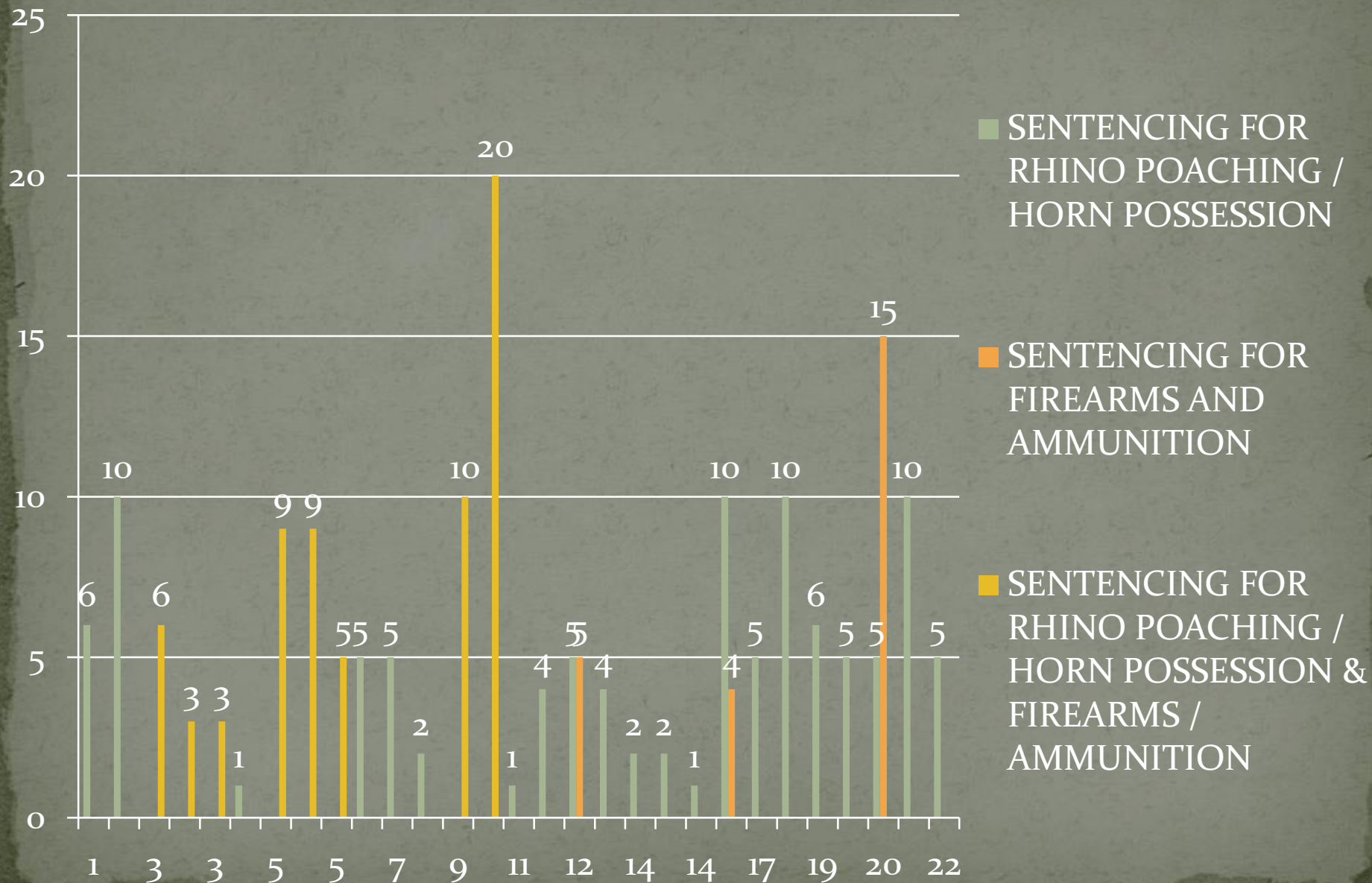
LIMPOPO -15/9/11

1. THEFT OF GAME (ACT 105/91)
 2. HUNTING OF SPECIALLY
PROTECTED SPECIES (LEMA) 1X RHINO
- SENTENCE:** 10 YEARS
IMPRISONMENT

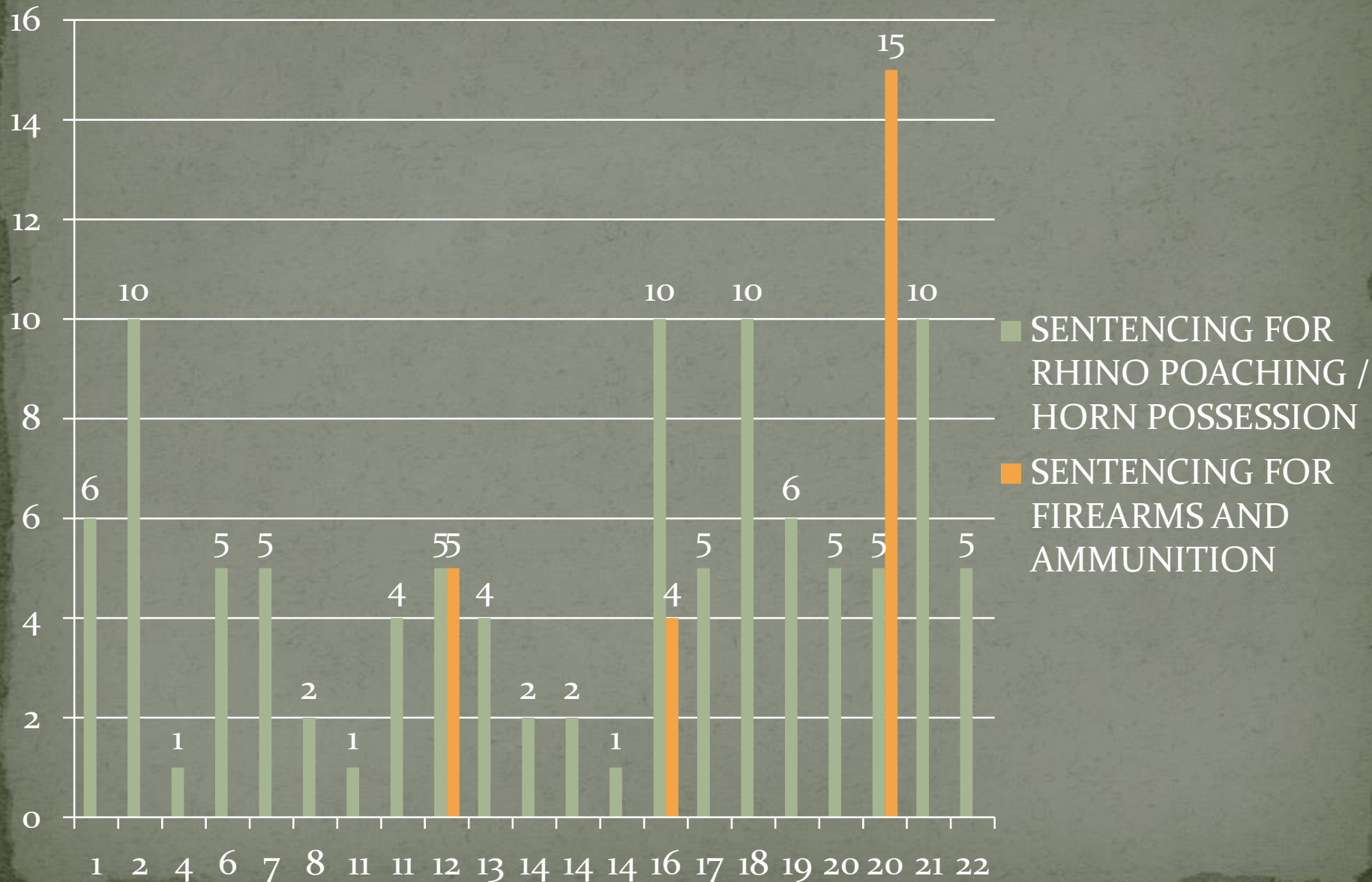
22. TIANG LIM KUDO

1. POSSESSION OF 2X HORNS
- SENTENCE:** R100 000 / 5 YEARS IMPR.

DIFFERENCE IN NUMBER OF YEARS SENTENCED



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