

Project Rhino KZN 2013 Review

Newsletter to Donors and Supporters



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2013 has been a challenging year

As this 2013 annual roundup of Project Rhino KZN's efforts and activities reaches you, South Africa's national rhino death toll will have exceeded 919 - almost 300 rhinos more than last year.

KwaZulu-Natal has the distinction of being home to the largest population of Africa's rhino outside of the Kruger National Park and therefore carries a global weight of expectation.

This year, we have lost 80 rhinos, 14 more than last year's tally of 66 - a 20% increase. However, this is a huge reduction from the 100% increase between 2011 and 2012.

In comparing the rate of poaching in KZN with other similarly affected provinces between 2012 and 2013, we seem to be faring better than average. Arrests of rhino poachers and syndicate members has also increased and that is good news: in KZN, over 58 arrests this year—far more than last year's 20. Nationally, arrests stand at 316, compared to 2012's 267.

Statistics only give a glimpse and don't tell the full story—for example, they don't show the number of poaching attempts thwarted. But whilst KZN's tally is still too high for our liking, it is better than we feared at the beginning of this year when all signs pointed to a doubling of 2012's rhino deaths. That we haven't achieved such a result is good news.

Perhaps the strategies that we have collaboratively worked on since the formation of Project Rhino KZN two years ago and which have gained momentum over the past 12 months are starting to show results. Most definitely, the intensified focus on improving rhino security by all Project Rhino KZN members - both provincial and private game reserves and NGOs - has improved KZN's collective ability to be more prepared and to respond better. Only time will tell.

That said, we never forget that we share a border with Mozambique & Swaziland, that organized poaching syndicates are forever evolving, that consumer demand in Asia shows no sign of abating and that KZN remains vulnerable. We are by no means relaxing our guard: we know that 2014 will be another challenging year but we trust that the strong foundations laid and relationships forged through the existence of Project Rhino KZN, as well as the anti-poaching efforts that the association has both supported and pioneered will continue to support the men and women on the frontline of this wildlife war who are doing their utmost to save rhinos from a brutal and unnecessary death.

Thank you for all your support during 2013.

"Our inability to think beyond our own species, or to be able to co-habit with other life forms in what is patently a massive collaborative quest for survival, is surely a malady that pervades the human soul". Lawrence Anthony, Founder of the Earth Organisation

Project Rhino KZN Associate Member



The Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing (ZAP-Wing) is Project Rhino KZN's most visible exam-

ple of a region-wide anti-poaching intervention that benefits a large rhino population spread over 300,000ha of government, private and community-owned reserves. It is also the first public-private partnership around wildlife aerial anti-poaching in South Africa. **Please visit www.zapwing.org.**

2012 created the foundation to unite Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife's aerial surveillance efforts of its government reserves, with the work of private rhino owners and NGOs who had collectively fundraised for a light aircraft and pilot, which was flying surveillance for 11 private and community reserves. In March 2013, the efforts of all stakeholders came together into an amalgamated ZAP-Wing programme, under the leadership of ZAP-Wing Coordinator Lawrence Munro (Ezemvelo Rhino Operations Manager).

ZAP-Wing now consists of:

- Cheetah XLS light aircraft donated by WWF's Black Rhino Range Expansion project and WWF Netherlands. This aircraft patrols private & community game reserves and provides both daily surveillance and reaction support. Donor support keeps the Cheetah flying.
- Bathawk Microlight owned by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife. This aircraft patrols the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve.
- 2 Robinson 44 Helicopters on 1-year charters funded by KZN Provincial Treasury for Ezemvelo KZN Wild-

Project Rhino KZN Initiatives

life reserves and 7 private/community reserves that are Black Rhino Range Expansion sites.

Achievements in 2013

- ZAP-Wing's range has expanded to encompass 26 game reserves in Zululand (300,000ha of protected area).
- ZAP-Wing helicopters have responded to 67 emergency call outs and flown 170 patrols this year.
- The Cheetah has flown 99 patrols, covering 17 private and community reserves;
- ZAP-Wing is the hub for joint rhino security operations in Zululand and works in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies, combining general surveillance with intelligence, reaction and strategic rhino security actions.
- Contributes to the protection of more than 3,000 rhino every month.
- East Coast Radio's Rhino Watch and the Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation have kept public support high during 2013 through weekly updates on the work of ZAP-Wing.



Above: ZuFuu and Chief Pilot Etienne Gerber have flown more than 99 patrols for 17 game reserves.



Right: combining ground operations with aerial support is one of ZAP-Wing's strengths. Here, rhino tracker dogs receive training.

"Every ZAP-Wing flight over my game reserve saves the life of at least one rhino - two if it happens to be a cow and calf." Game Reserve Manager, member of the Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing



Anti-Poaching Equipment

Equipment plays a crucial role in countering rhino poaching, assisting anti-poaching units (APUs) to respond more effectively. Monitoring and tracking rhino and other endangered species is aided by camera traps and GPS equipment; communication is made easier with radios; solar panels, water tanks, first-aid kits and guard camp equipment makes living in the bush for extended periods more comfortable; chest webbing that holds ammunition, handcuffs and pepper spray carries essential equipment and quad bikes provide easy transport for rhino monitors.

R552,700 has been donated and spent on equipment needs, benefitting 12 game reserves:

- Mobile Solar Panels x 5
- Camera Traps x 11
- Torches (rechargeable) x 12
- Portable water tanks x 32
- Guard camps x 2
- Backpacks with hydration systems x 20
- Thermal Imaging Cameras x 2
- Mobile Solar panels x 7
- Binoculars (high range) x 4
- Quad Bikes x 2
- Fireproof flight suits x 4
- Radios (base stations and handheld) x 4
- Ground-to-Air Radios x 10
- Personal Location Beacons x 2
- Rhino horn GPS transmitters x 10
- Tents, sleeping bags & bedrolls
- APU Control Room
- GPS aircraft tracking system
- Digital Cameras
- First aid kits and spotlights
- Chest webbing, handcuffs & pepper sprays.

Community awareness—reaching hearts and minds

Community support for countering rhino poaching is an essential need, particularly from communities living close to game reserves targeted by rhino poaching syndicates.



Project Rhino KZN and the [Kingsley Holgate Foundation](#) joined forces in April 2013 for the *Izintaba Zobombo Expedition*, which traversed the Lubombo mountain range. The expedition travelled through the Kruger National Park and neighbouring private reserves, across the fence line into the ‘Rhino War Zone’ of Mozambique and Parc Nacional de Limpopo and south through the nature reserves of Swaziland and northern KZN, ending at Ghost Mountain in Mkhuzi, the heart of KZN’s rhino country.

The purpose of this partnership was to speak directly to thousands of rural children living next to the largest concentration of wild rhino in the world about the rhino poaching crisis, discover how much they knew about it and what impact it is having on them.

Using art and soccer to reach hearts and minds, *Izintaba Zobombo* began the most comprehensive children-focused wildlife conservation awareness campaign ever

carried out in Southern Africa. More than **100,000** children have already taken part and over **15,000** art pieces have been collected from 50+ schools in KZN, Swaziland, Gauteng, Eastern Cape, Mpumalanga and Mozambique.

20,000 children in Zululand alone participated.



Kingsley Holgate - African icon, humanitarian, Project Rhino KZN Ambassador and fearless leader of what became the largest children-focused conservation campaign around rhino poaching ever undertaken in southern Africa.





An astonishing amount of information was gained, giving us the first real insight into what Africa's future leaders think about rhino poaching and conservation of Africa's biodiversity in general. Alarming, less than 2% of children who participated had seen a live rhino in the wild. Yet using the voices of children to sound a clarion call to current government, social and business leaders is proving to be effective.

The campaign's *Children's Voices* video was shown on Vietnamese national TV in September and the project was showcased at the launch of the President Joaquim Chissano Wildlife Crime Initiative in Mozambique in November, which was attended by government ministers, international ambassadors, business and conservation leaders.

The Project Rhino KZN / Kingsley Holgate Foundation partnership will continue in 2014 with the goal of reaching 200,000 children in all African rhino-range states and using their messages as a world-wide call to action against rhino poaching.



Using soccer to impart a message against rhino poaching and engage the attention of children in communities bordering game reserves.

Collaboration & Cooperation

Supporting game reserves and those on the front line, sustaining a culture of collaboration between government, private and civil society, disseminating information to a wide network, assisting ground operations where needed, lobbying and advocacy, raising funds, managing projects, increasing community awareness and cooperation, liaison with media, public, schools, leaders in government, business and society, engaging with neighbouring provinces and with national and international stakeholders, identifying critical issues that need intervention and maintaining a critical perspective on the constantly evolving rhino poaching situation - these are the driving forces of Project Rhino KZN.

This poaching war is different from anything in the past and 2013 was marked by a growing understanding that rhino poaching is no longer the fight of the conservation community alone.

An expanding community of support

3 organisations joined Project Rhino KZN as Associate Members:

1. [The Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation](#)
2. [eThekweni Community Foundation](#)
3. Directorate for Priority Crime Investigations KZN (The HAWKS)

These new members extend Project Rhino KZN's expertise and influence in wildlife conservation practice, local municipal support and provincial law enforcement.



[View the 'Children's Voices' 3 minute video-clips \(English & Vietnamese\) here](#)

Strategic Relationships

Project Rhino KZN's network has been boosted by several new partnerships including:

- Inter-provincial relationships took a step forward this year: connections have been forged with **Game Reserves United** (a WESSA-initiated project involving private game reserves on the western boundaries of the Kruger National Park), with **conservation leaders in the Eastern Cape** and with the office of General Johan Jooste in the **Kruger National Park**.
- The **U.S. Consulate Durban** has become a strong supporter of KZN's anti-poaching efforts and through them, opportunities for USA/KZN engagement around international wildlife trafficking, law enforcement, support and knowledge-sharing;
- **East Coast Radio's Rhino Watch**: The biggest provincial radio station in KZN has been a superb supporter this year: every week they have broadcast updates on ZAP-Wing's aerial surveillance work and the anti-poaching efforts of the province's conservation community.
- **Asia**: through our media partner Earth Touch, we are working on an exciting partnership with **Freeland** to forge anti-wildlife trafficking linkages and also connect the youth of KZN and Vietnam through a global extension of the 'Rhino Art' project with the Kingsley Holgate Foundation;
- Forging cross-border relationships with stakeholders in Swaziland and Mozambique: most notably with the **President Joaquim Chissano Foundation**, which will be leading Mozambique's plans to reduce involvement in rhino poaching and global wildlife crime networks.
- A mutually supportive media partnership with the award-winning **Earth Touch** team who produce eye-opening eco-documentaries for global TV networks, has opened doors, created two-way knowledge sharing and powerful video clips on our work and significantly improved awareness of Project Rhino KZN's work at both local and international levels.



WESSA's Chris Galliers (head of GRU) with Project Rhino KZN's Sheelagh Antrobus & General Johan Jooste (KNP).



East Coast Radio's Rhino Watch —strong supporter of the Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing (ZAP-Wing), Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and Project Rhino KZN.



Former Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano with Project Rhino KZN Ambassador Kingsley Holgate and founding member Chris Galliers.

The Earth Touch TV team participated in a rhino micro-chip/dart operation on the Zululand Rhino Reserve to gain a better understanding of the work that goes into countering rhino poaching in KZN



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Major General Johan Jooste, head of the Kruger National Park anti-poaching task team

News from Members

Black Rhino Range Expansion Project

WWF's Black Rhino Range Expansion Project created its 9th founder population of black rhino this year. Since 2003 the project has translocated more than 140 black rhino to create new populations and more than 50 calves have been born on project sites.

The project is a partnership between WWF and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and aims to increase numbers of the critically endangered black rhino by increasing the land available on which they can breed. It does this by facilitating partnerships between neighbouring landowners, enabling them to create large blocks of land which can sustain significant black rhino populations. Looking back over a successful decade, project leader Dr Jacques Flamand says the country now has significantly more black rhino than there would have been without the project's intervention.

"Founder populations released on to large areas of land have the potential to increase quickly in number. And translocating rhinos from our major parks relieves pressure on those parks and allows more rapid growth of those populations as well," says Dr Flamand.

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW)

The provincial government conservation authority has embraced the ethos of collaboration with private and NGO stakeholders this year, with the deployment of experienced staff member **Lawrence Munro** to head up the public-private partnership of the Zululand Anti-Poaching Wing and as EKZNW's representative on Project Rhino KZN.

This was followed in September by the appointment of **Cedric Coetzee** as Provincial Rhino Security Coordinator. With 30 years conservation experience, Cedric's assignment has been a game changer for the entire province and heralded the development of the first inclusive, strategic **Provincial Rhino Security Plan** that encourages the participation of private & community-owned reserves, government law enforcement/security agencies, private security specialists, NGOs, external stakeholders and partners

"There are two parts to rhino conservation: one is trying to keep rhinos safe – very difficult under current circumstances – and the other is managing for maximum population growth.



Through our project we try to help with both aspects."

Seven of the project's sites are in KZN and 2 in Limpopo. Most of the sites involved neighbouring landowners entering into agreements to remove their internal fences to create single larger reserves. Up to 20 different landowners have been involved in the creation of a single site.

"It was a real success to get multiple landowners to remove internal fences to create these huge blocks of land, thereby reversing the history of chopping up land with fences. It is not without its

challenges, particularly now as costs of securing rhino have escalated, but it has been done for the good of conservation by passionate and committed landowners.

"We have learned a lot over the last ten years - the most important thing being that partnerships allow us to do things we can't do on our own."



Wildlife vet Dr Jacques Flamand of WWF's Black Rhino Range Expansion Project steadies a tranquillized black rhino prior to its release on to a new home. The tips of the horns have been cut off to reduce damage in the event of a fight between rhinos after release.

that can play a role in proactively responding to rhino poaching throughout KZN.



"The poaching of our rhino is an organised, syndicated crime, which is supplying a very lucrative illegal trade in rhino, it is for this reason that the word 'WAR' is often used," says Cedric. "The time for the conservation community, the crime fighting state agencies and the people of South Africa to ensure the efforts to combat this wildlife crime are united, and co-ordinated is now. Ezemvelo is committed to working with stakeholders to achieve the sole aim of stopping rhino being unlawfully killed for their horn. It is therefore very critical that Project Rhino KZN continues its important role of providing a platform for all role players to facilitate our efforts, and Ezemvelo is committed to participate in this partnership."

"If we kill off the wild, then we are killing a part of our souls."

Jane Goodall

News from Members



Wildlands Conservation Trust

Wildlands Conservation Trust has continued its support for rhino conservation as part of the Project Rhino KZN team, having focused on the following elements in 2013:

- **Somkhanda Game Reserve** – Wildlands has significantly stepped-up its presence on this community-owned reserve, by securing a R14 million investment from the DBSA Green Fund, in support of community development and biodiversity management.
- Continued its **Project Rhino Tracker** programme, assisting in fitting GPS tracking systems to a further 11 rhino on Somkhanda Game Reserve, supported by loyal Rhino Ambassadors such as Filippo Faralla and Shaun Pollock (see pic) . This has allowed Somkhanda's rhino population to be better monitored on a daily basis, ably supported by our **Adopt-a-Rhino** programme, and with support from Richard Boxford, Peter Eastwood's IMake a Difference (New Zealand), Highbury Preparatory School, Embury College, and Sean Williams.
- Provided support for the monitoring of the rhino population on Thanda Private Game Reserve and Mduna Royal Reserve, supported by Rand Merchant Bank.
- Continues to be a key contributor to **ZAP-Wing**, contributing to the overall funding of the project, and providing specific support for aerial surveillance over Somkhanda Game Reserve, thanks to funding support from Rhino Army.



In raising awareness of the rhino poaching crisis, Wildlands' **Rhino Parade** continues to engage public attention with two new rhino sculptures unveiled at King Shaka International Airport and one in Cape Town. These include 'Nkanyezi' (Shining Star), decorated by the eThekweni Community Foundation and sponsored by the U.S. Consulate Durban, and 'Isibindi' (Courage) decorated by girls from Russell High School in Pietermaritzburg in honour of field rangers (see pic).

The first Rhino Parade sculpture in Cape Town is the 'Life Residential' rhino of Richard Boxford, unveiled at the Mandela Rhodes Place.



Some of the Field Rangers who inspired the creation of 'Isibindi' (Courage) the Rhino decorated by the pupils of Russell Girls High in Pietermaritzburg. From L to R: Sihle Mathe, Mariana Venter and Letishia Kleinschmidt (Thanda Private Game Reserve), Amos Nkosi, Bhekani Mavimbela, Moses Gumbi and Zama Ncube, with Mark Gerrard of Wildlands at the back.



Wildlands' Rhino Ambassadors, Filippo Faralla and Shaun Pollock, supported our Project Rhino Tracker programme at Somkhanda, fitting GPS technologies to improve monitoring of the rhino population on this community-owned game reserve.

Wildlands thanks their **Rhino Ambassadors** whose support allows for important rhino conservation work to continue: Pat and Karin Goss, Grindrod Asset Management, ACSA, Thompsons Africa, Belgotex, PWC, Stan Kozlowski and Waltons.

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Major General Johan Jooste, head of the Kruger National Park anti-poaching task team



WESSA

Game Reserves United

Following the Project Rhino KZN model, founding member WESSA has established a similar project in Limpopo – **Game Reserves United**. “The seriousness of poaching in South Africa has continued to escalate, and must be addressed through a more collaborative, informative and well-networked alliance of agencies and organizations across South Africa in order to combat poaching from the outside-in,” says [WESSA’s](#) Chris Galliers.

The reserves to the west of the Kruger National Park form a strategically important buffer zone and also protect a high proportion of the country’s rhino population.

Over the past 12 months, many of these western reserves have been working collaboratively to establish a coordinated effort to proactively combat rhino poaching. GRU has contributed to the participating reserves’ integrity through a number of interventions, including the inception of GRUWing, an aerial surveillance programme that follows a similar model to Project Rhino KZN’s ZAP-Wing. The project has received excellent support from RAGe, StopRhinoPoaching.com, Give it Horns and numerous other generous organisations and individuals. In 2014, Project Rhino KZN and GRU will formalize and improve communications and information-sharing between these two important regions.

The Project Rhino KZN Community

Founding Members

1. African Conservation Trust
2. Black Rhino Range Expansion Project (WWF)
3. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
4. Game Rangers Association of Africa
5. Magqubu Ntombela Foundation
6. & Beyond (Phinda Private Game Reserve)
7. Space for Elephants
8. Thanda Foundation
9. Thanda Private Game Reserve
10. WESSA
11. Wildlife ACT Fund
12. Wildlands Conservation Trust
13. Wilderness Action Group
14. Wilderness Foundation
15. Zululand Rhino Reserve
16. Zululand Wildlife Security Initiative (ZWSI)



Associate Members

1. eThekweni Community Foundation
2. The Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation
3. Directorate for Priority Prosecutions KZN (HAWKS)

Please [click here](#) to see the specific efforts and initiatives of Project Rhino KZN members.

Private & Community Game Reserves

1. Eskhoteni Private Reserve
2. Falaza Game Park
3. H&H Ranch
4. Hluhluwe Farms Conservancy
5. Kube Yini
6. KwaZulu Private Game Reserve
7. Mahlalela Game Reserve
8. Mawela Private Game Reserve
9. Mduna Royal Community Reserve
10. Msinsi/Albert Falls
11. Nambiti Private Game Reserve
12. Phinda Private Reserve
13. Pongola Game Reserve - East
14. Pongola Game Reserve - North
15. Somkhanda Community Game Reserve
16. Tala Private Game Reserve
17. Thanda Private Game Reserve
18. Thula Thula
19. Ubizane Game Reserve
20. Zimanga Game Reserve
21. Zulu Nyala Private Game Reserve
22. Zululand Rhino Reserve

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Game Reserves

1. Hluhluwe-Mfobozi Park
2. iSimangaliso Wetland Park
3. Ithala Game Reserve
4. Mkhuze Game Reserve
5. Ndumo Game Reserve
6. Pongola Game Reserve
7. Spionkop Game Reserve
8. Tembe Elephant Park
9. Weenen Game Reserve

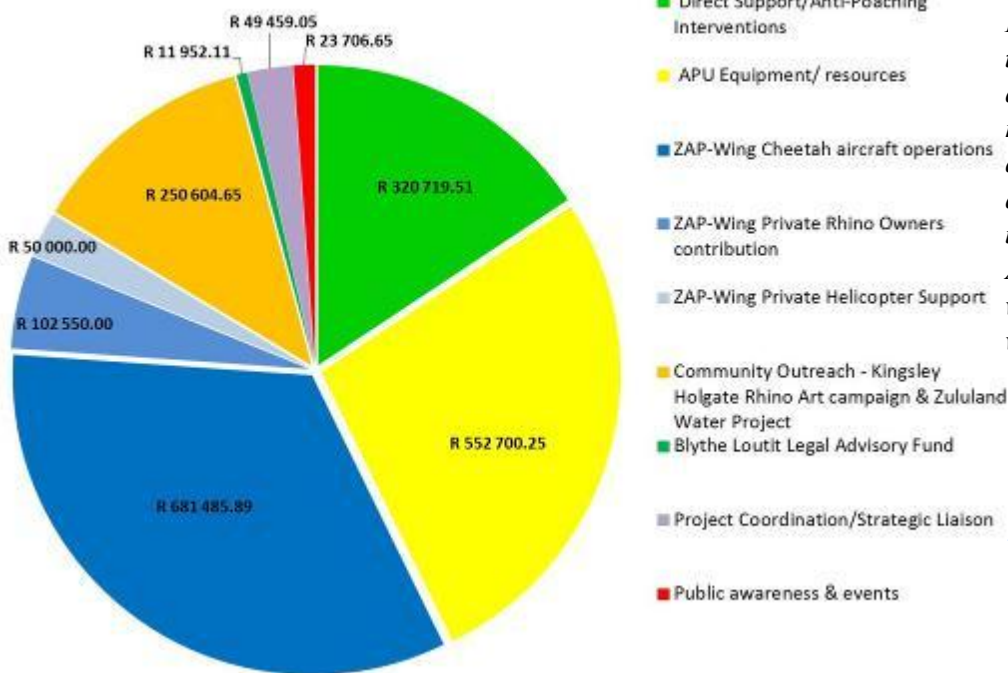
Other Affiliates

1. Nyathi Anti-Poaching
2. Alpha Security
3. SAPS Empangeni Dog Unit
4. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Kids Club

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Fundraising & Partnerships

Donations to Project Rhino KZN through the ACT Rhino Fund
Total received and fully allocated: R2,044,178.11



Project Rhino KZN thanks all our individual donors, schools, businesses, trusts and foundations, the KZN public as well as concerned individuals in South Africa and across the world who support our work.

A full list of Donors & Partners can be found on our website:

http://www.projectrhinokzn.org/?page_id=746

Special Supporters

IMake a Difference (Peter Eastwood)

Support for our anti-poaching efforts does not only come from South Africans: there is a group of passionate people in New Zealand mobilized by Pete Eastwood's *IMake a Difference* campaign. They have raised funds for numerous anti-poaching projects in Zululand - a detailed list can be found on their website: <http://imakeadifference.co.nz/pages/projects>

Steve Newman

'[Just Steve Newman](#)' is a self-proclaimed adrenaline junkie with a deep-seated desire to do good. He is passionate about South Africa and is a nature lover, socialiser and radical in that he doesn't do things in half measures. For over 18 months he has put himself 'out-there' to raise funds for Project Rhino KZN.

It all started with his enthusiastic (and naked) participation in the African Conservation Trust's Skydive for

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Rhinos 2012 campaign and from there his cause really gained traction, leading to his participation in the Red Bull Lion Heart event, Red Bull Flugtag, Pick 'n Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour, 2 Oceans Marathon, the Impi Challenge and other sporting activities.

Steve has generated enormous support from the Cape Town community for Project Rhino KZN, including the **Rocking the Daisies** festival and **Famous Grouse** whiskey. To date, Steve's fundraising efforts have raised over R100,000 for KZN's rhinos.



"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed."

Mahatma Gandhi

Special Supporters

Ken Collins Charity Trust

This private Trust is committed to supporting the work of Project Rhino KZN and are strong supporters of ZAP-Wing. They also play a significant role in growing Project Rhino KZN's network of influence, assisting us build supportive relationships with government and business leaders in South Africa.

Project Rhino Charleston USA

Sarah & Graham MacDonald and Clint and Whitney Weimann, SAFFAs living in Charleston USA mobilised their American community and raised R89,000 through a traditional South African day of potjie and braaivleis.

Zululand Business Community

Canon Business Centre in Richard's Bay has been a loyal supporter in both 2012 and 2013, donating directly to Project Rhino KZN and also rallying their clients and suppliers through their 2013 Golf Day. Total: R67,000.

Richards Bay Crane Hire: the fastest donor on the block! 3 hours after an enquiry phone-call, owners Vasi & Ronnie Dhaver deposited R60,500 for the set up of an APU Control Room & 10 GPS rhino-horn transmitters!

Bell Equipment: gave us a very pleasant surprise by donating R20,000 for anti-poaching unit equipment.

Youngest Supporters

Children have played a significant role not only in raising awareness for rhino conservation this year but also in initiating their own fundraising drives amongst their families and friends. An enormous number of schools throughout the province continue to support the efforts of Project Rhino KZN. We also congratulate special 'Rhino Kidz' for their individual commitment to wildlife and rhino conservation: **Kathleen Young, Tal Lipshitz, Matthew Day, Herlize Nel & Savannah Farris.**



Charles Mansfield - cycled the gruelling Freedom Challenge and raised R70,500 which was spent on APU equipment and other priority needs.

La Lucia Mall - dedicated their 2013 Fine Wine Privé to Project Rhino KZN raising R57,450 through a charity auction of excellent South African wines and sponsored art.



Charity Potjie Cook-Off

For 2 years in a row, this fun event in Johannesburg has raised funds for Project Rhino KZN; they donated R51,750 in 2013.

Crown National

Project Rhino KZN's partnership with Crown National started in 2012 when the company launched a Centenary range of products, from which proceeds were donated to Project Rhino KZN. They raised R85,857 last year from sales of their boerewors and braai spice ranges and have donated a further R88 000 in 2013.



Kathleen Young with Project Rhino KZN founding member Chris van Heerden (Magqubu Ntombela Foundation).

Matthew Day (Grade 7 Merchiston Primary School) raised R1,778



"Feeling sorry for the Rhinos is just not good enough!"

Kathleen Young (11 years) from Kloof who raised R2,008.

2013 in Pictures



Project Rhino KZN won the Mail & Guardian National Rhino Award 2013 for our efforts to unite a province.

From Left to Right: Warren Beets (Thanda Game Reserve), Kathryn Kure (eThekweni Community Foundation), Dr Jacques Flammand (Black Rhino Range Expansion Project), Megan Petersdorf (Space for Elephants), Yvette Taylor (Lawrence Anthony Earth Organisation), Pam Sherriffs (Black Rhino Range Expansion Project), Carl Grossmann (African Conservation Trust), Sheelagh Antrobus (PRKZN Secretariat), Mark Gerrard (Wildlands Conservation Trust), Sgt Gert Malan (SAPS K9 Unit) and Digs Pascoe (Space for Elephants)



Truman Ndlovu, head of Thanda & Mduna Royal game reserves' Anti-Poaching shows off the quad bike purchased for his APU team from donations to Project Rhino KZN.

Increased amounts of information and intelligence have lead to significant arrests of poachers, recovery of weapons used in rhino poaching incidents and confiscation of getaway vehicles.



Lawrence Munro, ZAP-Wing Coordinator



Good neighbours: Mark de Wet of Zulu Nyala Game Reserve with Musa Mbatha of Phinda Game Reserve and 'Mashozi' the Landy that carries hundreds of messages of support.



Food for Thought....



World Rhino Day: The 2013 Miss Zululand Beauty Queens will be Project Rhino KZN Ambassadors. With Angelique Wright, Boardwalk Shopping Centre Manager



World Rhino Day: Atholton Primary School pupils at the Crescent's Rhino Meets Reality campaign, Umhlanga





Project Rhino KZN Vision

What motivates us daily is the dream of both White and Black rhino species thriving in KwaZulu-Natal and far beyond - forever free, forever secure from poaching, well managed and protected.

Today we strive to protect the world's last remaining African rhino species, so that tomorrow they will still continue to play their vital role in our continent's irreplaceable and beautiful ecosystems, contributing to an ever-growing realization of our fundamental reliance on the natural environment and all its elements, for our very basic needs.

We honour their uniqueness as one of the primary icons of Africa's great wilderness areas.



Looking Ahead

2014 will be another challenging year but we will build on the achievements of 2013 and the ground-work laid by the committed efforts of every conservation organisation in KZN.

Key focus areas will include:

- Continue the work of ZAP-Wing and improving rhino security in northern KZN
- Building a strong Midlands PRKZN cluster
- Extending our community awareness and outreach work in partnership with the Kingsley Holgate Foundation
- Increasing our lobbying and advocacy efforts,
- Solidifying relationships with other important rhino regions in South Africa and
- Building connections with important conservation and wildlife stakeholders in other parts of the world.

Fundraising remains a major priority: the 2014 Needs List is +R3million if we are to achieve all we want to.

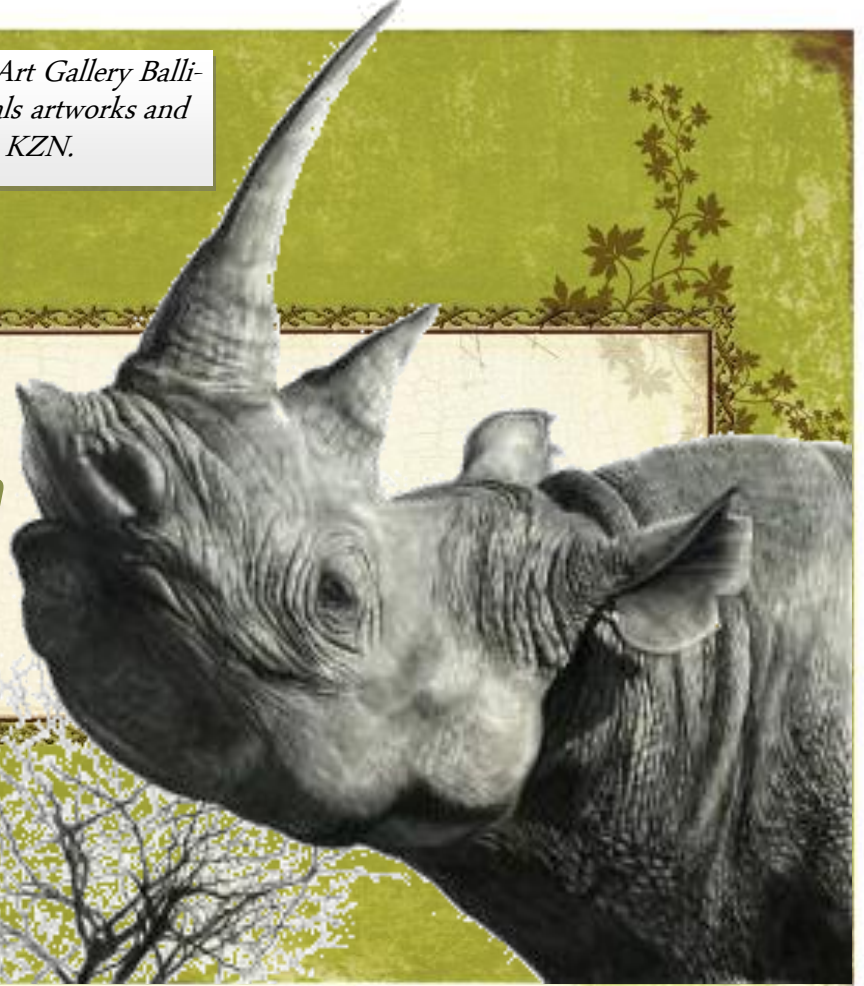
We acknowledge with gratitude, the enormous support of the Project Rhino KZN community and look forward sharing 2014 with you.

Please join us online! We share the latest news, events and updates on rhino conservation in KZN as well as give regular progress updates on our work and focus areas.



Black Rhino by Vince Reid, on display at the Imbizo Art Gallery Ballito until January 2014. Proceeds from sales of originals artworks and limited edition prints benefit Project Rhino KZN.

**Seasons
Greetings from
all at Project
Rhino KZN!**



Please remember the Rhinos this Festive Season

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