

Save the Rhino Party Kit



Simple
and FUN
Learning

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Hold on to your party hat!

Get ready for an adventure...

Besides a lot of fun the activities in this Kit are educational and inspiring, encouraging children to get involved and showing them that despite their age they can make a difference.

This Party Kit is packed with fun activities that can be used at home or at school.

Many thanks to Wendy B. for doing the research and putting this together... and now enjoy!

Smiles,

Margrit



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PLEASE NOTE

All materials referenced with a hyperlink are included in the Appendix section of this document.

Prefer to view the Party Kit in your browser?

<http://www.nikela.org/save-the-rhino-kids-party-kit>

<http://www.nikela.org/save-the-rhino-kids-party-activities/>



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Thanks for choosing a fun and learning party for your child/students.

This Rhino Party Kit for Kids has all the instructions (and most of the resources) you need for a party for your primary school age child(ren) (some advanced preschoolers enjoy it too.)

Why “Save the Rhino”?

Rhinos in Africa are in serious trouble. Each year hundreds are brutally killed by poachers for their horns. There are only around 15,000 rhino remaining so their survival is truly threatened.



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Three things everyone, including children, can do to help save the rhino are:



1. Find out what's happening to the rhino
2. Share what you learn
3. Make a donation to Nikela's rhino project or the rhino organization of your choice.

*For more information about the race to Save the Last Rhino
Click this link <http://www.nikela.org/projects/stop-rhino-poaching/>*

Let's have a wild time!

Included in your Save the Rhino Party kit are ideas, instructions and templates. Some are on this page and others you can easily link to or download...

- Invitations
- Games / Activities
- Prizes
- Cake
- Food
- Goodie Bags



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Party at a Glance

Length: Can be short or long (45 minutes to two hours)

Location: Your house, classroom, or community center

Arrival activity: “Frank and the Rhino Horn” Coloring Book

<http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Frank-and-the-Rhino-Horn-BW.pdf>

Read/View: Dr. Seuss-like Tale, "*Frank and the Rhino Horn*"

READ <http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Frank-and-the-Rhino-Horn-FINAL-small.pdf>

VIEW <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pnbjIgYx28>

Discussion: What's happening to the rhino?



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Activities: Choose from a number of activities based on some old favorites on our '*Save the Rhino*' Kids' Activities

<http://www.nikela.org/save-the-rhino-kids-party-activities>

Treats: Be creative, traditional or use our suggestions

Open Gifts: Be traditional or instead of gifts ask guests to donate to '**save the last rhino**'

<http://www.nikela.org/portfolio/stop-rhino-poaching>

Party Favors: Choose from our list of simple or more fancy ideas.



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Things to do before the party

PRINT COPIES

Of the “*Frank and the Rhino Horn*” Coloring Book for each child

<http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Frank-and-the-Rhino-Horn-BW.pdf>

COPY OF

“*Frank and the Rhino Horn*” ready to read/view

READ <http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Frank-and-the-Rhino-Horn-FINAL-small.pdf>

VIEW <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pnbjIgYx28>

CHOOSE GAMES

From the '*Save the Rhino*' Kids' Party Activities list.

<http://www.nikela.org/save-the-rhino-kids-party-activities>

DECIDE ON

Your food and drinks (some ideas are included below)

It's best to have everything ready before the guests arrive.



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The PARTY



As guests arrive:

Provide each child with a copy of *Frank and the Rhino Horn* to cut out and make their very own copy of the storybook. For those who finish with this part before all the guests have arrived pull out the crayons and let them color their book.

When all guests are there:

Gather the kids together and read “*Frank and the Rhino Horn*” or show them the *video*, which ever you prefer.

After the reading/viewing tell the children that this party is special because each child is going to learn how to help save the rhino, and get that good feeling in their heart just like Frank did.



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Suggested first game:

The '*How Does the Rhino...*' (see the 'Save the Rhino' Kids' Party Activities at the end) activity to learn some basic facts about how the rhino hears, sees and smells and what makes it vulnerable to poachers.



Discussion:

Show children the image of the rhino and the dinosaur, or get figurines at your local toy store.



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Ask the children

1. What's the same between the rhino and the dinosaur?
 - *Large, tails, herbivores, no fur, etc.*
2. What's different between them?
 - Amongst others be sure to end with... the dinosaur is extinct and the rhino will soon be if we don't stop the poachers.

Option:

Share the [10 Essential Facts About Rhino](#)

<http://www.savingrhinos.org/RhinoSpecies/Rhino-Facts-eBook.pdf>

(compliments of SavingRhinos.org) or refer to *Frank and the Rhino Horn* and...

FYI: There are several different ways people are trying to save the rhino

- Sanctuaries (big parks) that try to protect the rhino
- Laws that punish people who kill rhino for their horn
- Telling people in Asia that rhino horns are not medicine
- Drone aircraft to scare away or catch the poachers
- law enforcement training to help fight the poachers better



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Discuss ways even kids can help the rhino

- make a video (telling people why they shouldn't kill the rhino for its horn)
- create drawings (shared via social networks by adult)
- write letters (sent to One More Generation [OMG] letter writing project started by two children, Olivia and Carter)

<http://www.onemoregeneration.org/>

- lemonade stand for the rhino
- have a rhino party

Find out about Olivia and Carter

Take a couple of minutes to watch Olivia (10) and Carter (12) being interviewed on the **Steve Harvey Show**. (Begin *at minutes 4:46 until Steve awards them his Hero T-Shirts*)

<http://onemoregeneration.org/2013/03/21/omg-founders-on-the-steve-harvey-show/>



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List of Activities:

Choose any number of games from the 'Save the Rhino' Kids' Party Activities list to reinforce the need for protecting the rhino from poachers.

A Word of caution: Avoid piñatas with this theme as neither one representing a rhino or a poacher would seem appropriate.



Rhino Bucks

Print off enough **Rhino Bucks** so that the children can earn or win these for each game. Decide ahead of time how many you are going to handout because at the end of the activity you will be making a donation to NIKELA's **Save the Last Rhino** or **Stop the Rhino Poachers**. This gives the children a chance to actually help protect the rhino in a real way.

<http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Rhino-Party-Rhino-Bucks.pdf>

<http://www.nikela.org/portfolio/stop-rhino-poaching>

<http://www.nikela.org/portfolio/stop-rhino-poachers-with-thermal-camera-uav>



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Invitations

We've tried to make it as simple as possible. To create your 'Save the Rhino' Kids' Party invitations. You should be able to fill in the blanks, drag in your child's photo and print. Be sure to click the "Enable Editing" button.

<http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Save-the-Rhino-Party-for-Kids-INVITATION.docx>

Food, Cake, Gifts:

End with food, cake and presents. If you have an especially motivated child, you might want to suggest having him/her ask the party guests to bring a donation in lieu of presents.

Food

- PB&J's, as they can help the rhino through the PB&J club!
- No eating the Rhino, but make food look like what Rhinos would eat
- Veggie tray it's what rhino's eat!
- Only for the bold- Rhino Poop (brownie bites)
- Rhino raisins
- White rhino delights (powdered doughnuts)
- Kid friendly African cuisine



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OR

- Make a bunch of food, and have the kids guess which ones the rhinos would eat and which ones they wouldn't.

Cake ideas

- Make the cake look like the landscape where Rhino's live, then put a few, plastic, non-edible rhinos or other wildlife on top. you can even use broccoli for trees

Prizes

- Instead of giving prizes hand out '**Rhino Bucks**' that can be redeemed for actually donating to help **Save the Last Rhino**.



Party Favors/Goodie Bags:

Something to consider:

Instead of sending the kids home with a goodie bag with \$5–10 of little cheap things that will just get lost, why not spend \$5–10 on a present for each child that might last longer and make a bigger difference?

For example:

- A book on rhinos
- A little rhino figurine
- A rhino magnet for their fridge
- A small rhino stuffed animal to take care of themselves

These small gifts might make a bigger impact long term than the little prizes that would be lost or thrown away after a week or two. Look at the links below for such gifts.

1. Tons of Rhino and wildlife stuff can be found at the **Jungle Store**. <http://www.thejunglestore.com/Gift-Catalog?search=rhino>
2. Endangered Species Bath fun. <http://amzn.to/1E3rEyz>



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If you still want to go with goodie bags, here are some ideas:

- Rhino figurines
- Poster of the rhino
- Hand out with a map with stickers of the different kinds of rhinos, match where they live
- Little work book with crosswords, word finds, and other fun activities
- Animal stickers
- Rhino advocate badge
- Nikela car sticker for their bedroom window or parents car.

Links to donate

Both these links take you to a rhino project.

How and why we save the last rhino...

<http://www.nikela.org/portfolio/stop-rhino-poaching>

How and why we must stop the rhino poaching...

<http://www.nikela.org/portfolio/stop-rhino-poachers-with-thermal-camera-uav>



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ALTERNATIVE

Don't want to make the whole party about Rhinos, but still want to make an impact?

Here are a couple of suggestions:

- Have guests color and read "*Frank and the Rhino Horn*"
- Have the prizes be **Rhino Bucks**
- Take some time to write letters to save the Rhino.
- Serve PB&J's and explain the PB&J club (Donating the savings when you take a PB&J instead of buying lunch once a month)

Or a combination like this:

When guests are arriving, start them off coloring '*Frank and the Rhino Horn*' When everyone is there read the book (you can download and read via Kindle on your iPad), and explain tell the kids they are going to help Frank not stink by earning Rhino Bucks for every game played and donating it, or by writing a quick letter to save the Rhino.



Rhino Party Activities in Detail

Children want to have fun!

Parents/teachers want children to learn!



Rhino parents need humans to save them and their calves!

Get ready for some fun and learning with games and activities for children. Most can be made simpler or more complex as your children may need.

You'll find some are adaptations of very familiar games while others will be new and specific to help your child(ren) learn more about rhinos.



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Rhino Bucks



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Activities to Choose From

1. Write a Letter to President Zuma (or drawing)
2. How does the Rhino...
3. Rhino Rescue (like an Easter egg hunt)
4. Photo Safari (form of scavenger hunt)
5. Poacher in the Dark (like Murder in the Dark)
6. Freeze the Poacher (form of Freeze Tag)



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1. Write a letter to President Zuma

[Younger children can draw pictures]

Can a handful of letters make a difference? When you add them to the thousands that two youngsters in Georgia have collected, they really can! This brother and sister team, Carter and Olivia, started a letter writing campaign to the President of South Africa, petitioning him to do more to save the Rhino from the poachers that are killing almost three every day to steal their horn.

*A few years back Jim Ries helped his children, Olivia and Carter, start **One More Generation**, a nonprofit to help save endangered wildlife species.*

Your letters will be added to the thousands Carter and Olivia have collected so far. They have delivered over 10,000 letters to the South African Presidents office so far.



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Fun...

Although this is a very serious situation, make this activity fun for the children.

Provide your little letter writers with all kinds of art supplies to make these letters stand out and enjoyable to make. They can include drawings as well as a short letter explaining why President Zuma (South Africa) should do all he can to stop the poachers from killing the rhino.

Send...

Whichever is most convenient:

Either scan and email the letters to us (we'll forward them to Olivia and Carter)

Stuff them in a large envelope and mail them to us (we'll forward them on.)

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USA*

We look forward to receiving your letters and drawings, so do Olivia and Carter.



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2. How Does a Rhino...

Although rhinos see, smell, hear and taste like we do their ability to do so varies greatly. One sense in particular leaves them very vulnerable to poachers. By the end of the activity the children should be able to understand which one.

Before the party:

- Use tape and make a square for all the kids to stand in.
- Make a smaller square 3 meters (10 feet is good) away.
- Take a brightly colored poster board and post it visibly $\frac{1}{4}$ mile (across the yard will work) away.
- Take a ruler and mark off 50mm (3/8") on it.
- Collect a pile of twigs, leaves, and sticks.
- Cut out the bottom of 2 plastic cups.
- Read the **Fun Fact sheet about the rhino's 5 senses** and include a copy for each child in their goodie bag.

Fun Fact Sheet: <http://bit.ly/1Ck5OV2>



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At the party:

- SEE
 - Have each child stand in the big square
 - Go stand in the smaller square, and explain that Rhinos wouldn't be able to tell if you were a tree or a person.
- SMELL
 - Point at the poster board. Tell them, that Rhinos can smell things from that far away.
 - Open a bottle of pine sol, or something else with a strong odor, and see how far away they can smell it.
- FEEL
 - Show the kids the ruler, and explain that a rhino's skin is that thick in some places!
- TASTE
 - Ask the kids if they want to eat any of the leaves or twigs in your pile, explain this is what rhinos eat
- HEAR
 - Take the two cups and put them up to your ear. Explain that this is how rhinos ears work
 - let them all try it on for size.

At the end of the activities have the children vote which sense makes the rhino vulnerable to poachers.

The answer: Its limited eyesight. Poachers know this and shine bright lights in its face to confuse it.



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3. Rhino Rescue

Think Easter Egg Hunt.

1. Either buy or make at least 5 rhinos per child. This doesn't have to be difficult or too detailed. You could take tin foil and roll it up into "rhino balls" to keep it simple! Another idea would be Easter eggs with little printed out rhinos taped on.
2. Hide the "rhinos" just as you would Easter eggs at an Easter egg hunt. Do this ahead of time in an area that the kids won't see until this activity, or distracting them with one activity while another adult sets this up right before they get to hunt.
3. Explain that in real life, there are many poachers that try to hurt the rhino for its horn, and their job is to find and save the rhinos before the poachers get to them!
4. Let them loose! An added variation to this game would be to make some poachers for them to capture as well, or have them only capturing the poachers.



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4. Photo Safari

This is like a scavenger hunt. You'll need either inexpensive digital cameras or SMART phones.

Here are some suggestions of what you could have on the photo scavenger hunt list (allow a lot of creativity in their answers:)

1. Something rhinos eat
2. Somewhere a rhino could hide
3. Something rhinos drink
4. Something as hard as a rhino's horn
5. Something as big as a rhino
6. Someone who cares about rhinos
7. Something the color of a rhino
8. Something endangered in your “habitat”
9. Three things that start with the letter “R”
10. Something that rhymes with “Rhino”



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5. Poacher in the dark

Have all the kids sit in a circle.

Hand each of them a folded piece of paper. Each paper should have a P, R, or D on it. If their piece of paper says P on it, they are a Poacher. If it has an R on it, they are a Rhino. If it has a D on it, they are the Drone Airplane Operator.

The kids should look at their papers, but not tell anyone else what they are. Once everyone knows who they are this round.

Have all the kids close their eyes.

Then tell only the Poachers to open their eyes. They can quietly point to choose any of the children with their eyes closed to “kill.” Once they have chosen their victim, you instruct the Poachers to close their eyes.

Then you ask the Drone Operators to open their eyes. They can quietly choose one person in the circle for you to identify as Poacher or Rhino.



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Then you instruct them to close their eyes. You then tell everyone which child has been killed, and they tell the group if they were a Drone Operator or a Rhino.

At this time, all of the kids with their eyes open debate who the Poachers might be. Remember, even the secret Poachers are in on the debate!!

Together, the kids vote one child to be removed from the game, and this child will identify themselves as Poacher, Rhino, or Drone Operator. You keep playing these rounds until either all the Poachers have been removed, or all the Drone Operators have been killed.

Whoever is left is the winner.



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6. Freeze the Poachers

Select a few kids to be Drone Operators. All the rest of the kids are Poachers. The Drone Operators chase the Poachers. If they tag them, they freeze them until another Poacher tags them and unfreeze them. The game ends when all of the Poachers are successfully frozen.

Alternative Version—When the Poachers get frozen, they turn into Drone Operators, and help tag the remaining Poachers.



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Appendix

Here is most of the information that is referred to via links.

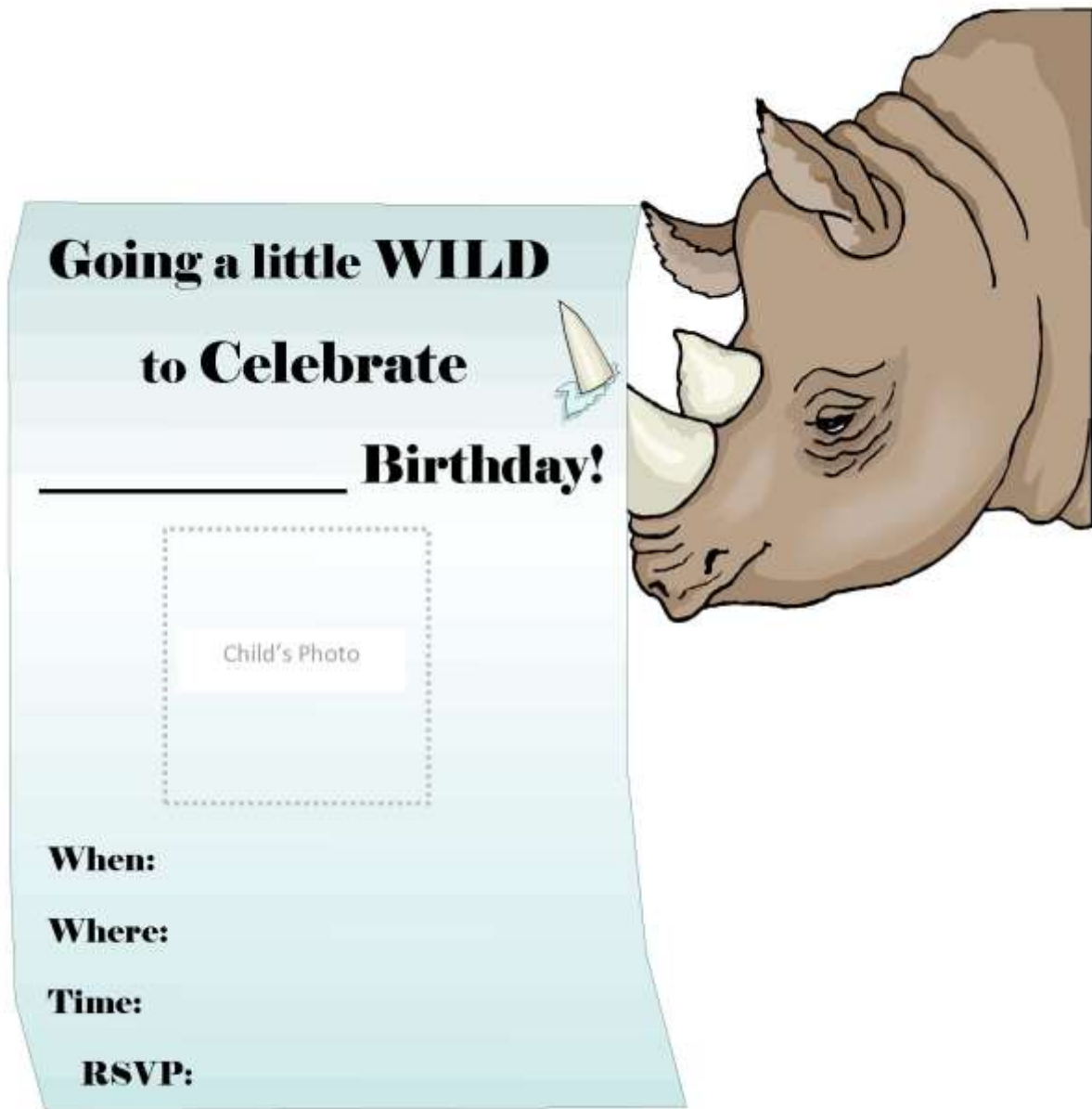
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Invitation





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Rhino Senses

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RHINO HEROES

RhinoFive Senses

1 RhinoSight

Rhinos are renowned for having poor eyesight and have small eyes positioned on either side of their head giving them binocular-like vision.

They are so near-sighted, that at about three metres, a human with a rifle looks pretty much like a human with a camera, or a tree, for that matter.



Spot the sharp thorns on that 'tasty' bush!

RhinoFive Senses

Rhinos have terrible eyesight, but they make up for it with a great sense of smell and sense of hearing. While their skin is 50mm thick in places, it is very sensitive.



3 RhinoTaste

Rhinos are herbivores and feed on grasses, twigs, branches, shoots and leaves of bushes and trees.

The black rhino and Indian rhino have a prominent pointed lip for grasping and pulling up browse such as shrubs, twigs and leaves. The white rhino has a square lip for eating grass and can even eat plants that are toxic to other animals!



2 RhinoHear

Rhinos have a finely-tuned sense of hearing. The ears can be rotated independently and can swivel their ears to focus on any strange sound quickly. The cup-shaped are able to collect lots of sounds and funnel those sounds to the inner ear.

Rhinos are extremely vocal so it's important those vital communications are picked up. Even while sleeping their ears are constantly scanning for sounds.

Keep on listening lads



4 Myrrum! Glorious!

Rhinos can smell you a mile off! Well sort of. Sense of smell is a rhino's best sense and depending on the season a rhino can pick up the scent of another creature up to a quarter of a mile away! That's about the length of three football pitches!

For safety reasons, if a mother and calf are together, rangers will not approach beyond 30 metres, a sub-adult up to about 15 metres. The key is to always try to stay upwind of the rhinos so there is less chance of detection.



5 RhinoTouch

A rhino's skin looks rough and incredibly tough but it's also very sensitive. Touching or rubbing against each other is a friendly behaviour.

The rhino has a symbiotic relationship with oxpecker birds, also called tick birds. The bird eats ticks it finds on the rhino's skin and noisily warns of approaching danger.





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Don't forget to grab the Frank and the Rhino Horn coloring book at

<http://www.nikela.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Frank-and-the-Rhino-Horn-BW.pdf>

ENJOY! Thanks for joining us in helping save the rhino from extinction.

Have questions or suggestions?

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