



Each year the American Association of Zoo keepers (AAZK) sponsors a fund raising bowl-a-thon called “Bowling For Rhinos” (BFR). Over 80 AAZK chapters participate throughout the US and Canada raising over \$500,000 annually. BFR funds support LWC- Lewa Wildlife Conservancy (formerly called Ngare Sergoi rhino sanctuary) in Kenya, Ujung Kulon National Park in Java, Indonesia and Bukit Barisan Selatan National Park (BBSNP) and Way Kambas in Sumatra, as well as Action for Cheetahs in Kenya, which shares a portion of the land mass with LWC. These sanctuaries not only save rhinos (and cheetahs) but also entire ecosystems – orchids to elephants!

100% of all funds raised goes directly to in situ conservation projects, conserving four species of rhino, their habitats, and hundreds of other endangered plants and animals. BFR helps preserve the black and white rhino in Africa and the Javan and Sumatran rhino in Indonesia.

In 1994, “BFR” expanded their funding efforts to include Ujung Kulon. This is a 300 square mile National Park on the island of Java (Indonesia) which is home to some of the rarest animals on earth! Ujung Kulon supports the last 47 Javan rhinos in the world (with a few discovered in Viet Nam), 40 species of mammals, 250 species of birds, many rare amphibians and reptiles including the green sea turtle. In fact, Java is home to one eighth of the world’s mammals, birds, reptile, amphibian and plant species although it only occupies one percent of the globe’s land surface!

Our two primary rhino conservation partners (LWC and IRF) split funds raised from BFR equally, with each receiving a 45% share. Action for Cheetahs in Kenya receives an 8% share. The final 2% of monies raised are then set aside for fund the BFR Conservation Resource Fund Grant administered by the AAZK.