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## San Diego Zoo Safari Park, U.S.A.

The body and horns of Nola, the northern white rhino that died at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park Sunday November 22nd, will be donated to the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Nola's remains will be included in the museum's research collections, maintained in an off-exhibit area with materials from other northern white rhinos. They will be preserved so that scientists now and in the future can continue to study the species.

The 41-year-old rhino had been in a deteriorating medical condition and took a significant turn for the worse Sunday morning. The park's animal care team made the difficult decision to euthanize her, leaving just three non-reproductive northern white rhinos left in the world.

Tissue samples were collected after Nola's death for banking and establishment of additional cell cultures for the Frozen Zoo, which stores animal material.

The Frozen Zoo also has genetic material from 11 other northern white rhinos, including cell cultures and semen from two male northern white rhinos.

