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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 42nd issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center.
Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker.

The total number of references in the collection of the RRC now stands at **20,020**. This is an increase of 170 items in the last quarter. **Over 19,750 references are available as PDF on RRC website**

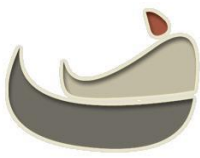


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References on the RRC have reached

20,000

and counting ...

Sunday 21 February 2016 was a special day for the Rhino Resource Center. It was the day that we added reference number 20,000 to the database.

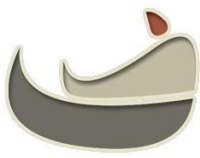
This is an astonishing number. Just imagine all those contributions about the biology and conservation of the rhinoceros. It takes years to read them all, and allows for rapid research and proper conservation action.

When I was 15 years old, some 48 years ago, I ventured into the great rooms of the Artis Library on the fringe the zoo in Amsterdam. A great library started in the first half of the 19th century, with books on all aspects of zoology from early pictorial works to recent academic studies. I treasured my hours among the books of this library and soon decided to focus on just one group of animals, to be able to harness the enormous amount of available information. It was a choice that I have never regretted. Rhinos are interesting animals, prominent in history, observed in remote corners of the African and Asian continents, loved by zoo visitors, and now of course highly endangered. It is a miracle that some are still alive in the wild, a tribute to the hundreds of people who have given their time and their thought to preserving these magnificent creatures.

I have roamed the world in search of rhinos, in many libraries and archives, trying to lift heavy volumes onto photocopying machines as long as librarians allowed. It was great fun, never knowing what would be on the next page, some long forgotten treasure maybe. Researching rhinos is still great fun. And with the resources of the RRC, it is now so much easier, and possible for people who formerly would have never had access to so many libraries and books. But what a joy to be able to read so much and learn.

How can I ever thank those who supported the RRC financially or materially, or those who provided encouragement through their enthusiasm?

Kees Rookmaaker, Chief Editor, 27 February 2016 at the Costa del Sol.



The RRC has up-to-date information

It is an important feature that we include everything published about rhinos – including grey literature, dissertations, reports, annual reports. And we do not restrict coverage to any one language, although of course english is predominant.

It is often said that there is so much coverage of older literature on the RRC. On the one hand, I am proud of that, because where else would you ever find so much information on rhinos in books published in the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries. On the other hand, it is actually not true that there is any bias, as this short table can show:

References in the RRC

16th century	1.3 %
17th century	1.8 %
18th century	3.7 %
19th century	12.9 %
20th century	48.0 %
21st century	32.3 %

And we are still looking for more

There is a great possibility to contribute. It doesn't take much time. Anybody who writes about the rhinoceros is invited to send a copy to me (rhinorr [at] gmail.com). Nothing is too insignificant, just check if we already include it. Notices in zoo journals, short notes in annual reports, paragraphs in a report of a conservation agency, a poster at a conference. As long as it is published, available, in any language.

Also photographs. I am sure that almost everybody reading this has taken a photograph of a rhinoceros somewhere, in a zoo, a safari park, or in the wild. These pictures are most useful if the subject is known (location, date, individual specimens). Send me a jpeg with text in an email, and I will be happy. A road to eternal fame for the photographers (as long as the RRC will exist).

Forthcoming meetings

Go and visit Singapore in November to attend:

15th Elephant & Rhino Conservation and Research Symposium

Singapore Zoo, 14-18 November 2016

Presented by International Elephant Foundation and International Rhino Foundation

For more information, call of papers:

<https://elephantconservation.org/programs/research/elephant-rhino-conservation-and-research-symposium/>

And if the diary is already filling up, add this event next year:

Rhino Keepers Workshop

Presented by the International Rhino Keepers Association

Chicago, Illinois in August of 2017



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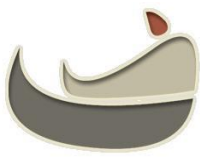
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CONTENTS OF THE RHINO RESOURCE CENTER

The development of the Rhino Resource Center is shown in the table here.

RRC	2015 March	2015 June	2015 September	2015 December	2016 March	ANNUAL INCREASE
References	19,134	19,524	19,634	19,850	20,020	+ 886
PDF files	18,759	19,195	19,313	19,546	19,754	+ 995
Images	3,516	3,578	3,613	3,628	3,755	+ 239
Members	2,193	2,388	2,482	2,567	2,689	+ 496

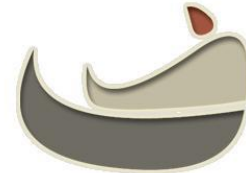
I thank everybody who has helped us by sending copies of books and papers.

All contributions are [acknowledged on the website](#).

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It is really very easy. No problem to the audience of the RRC. To show appreciation of our work and to make future contents even better, a small donation goes a long way. Visits to libraries are no longer necessary, just think of the expensive time gained and research results improved. The button leads to a page with instructions.

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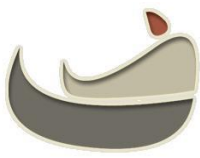


The Rhino Resource Center is an essential tool for

- 🐾 Information and image supply to media
- 🐾 Academic research in biology, conservation studies, art history
- 🐾 Education in primary, secondary and tertiary levels
- 🐾 Conservation of rhinos both *in-situ* and *ex-situ*
- 🐾 Latest information supply of all rhino-related projects
- 🐾 Information on all the latest conservation efforts
- 🐾 All the historical and most current literature.

YES, YOU CAN HELP:

- 🐾 Authors of books, papers and reports can send us a copy after publication.
- 🐾 We are always looking for images of all rhinos in books and in the wild
- 🐾 We aim to include a picture of every rhino ever kept in captivity
- 🐾 Contribute a message to our blog and get into contact with others
- 🐾 Place a link on your website to the RRC which will be reciprocated
- 🐾 Give us a DONATION when you feel the RRC has helped your work.



NEW LITERATURE (finalized 28 February 2016)

In this quarter (December 2015 to February 2016), we have added 170 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to **20,020**.

Of these, 19,754 or 98 percent are available as PDF and searchable.

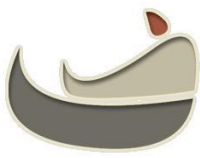
Below I have listed new entries published in the 21st century in four categories: General (all species), African rhinos, Asian rhinos and Fossil rhinos.

**This quarter saw the publication of some pivotal papers and reports,
all well worth the attention for anybody interested in rhinos.
Search for them on the RRC, it's easy.**

Always check the [RRC website](#) first, many papers are available there.

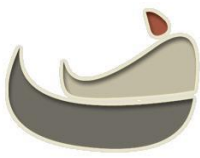
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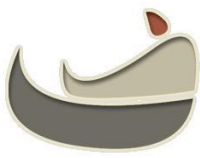
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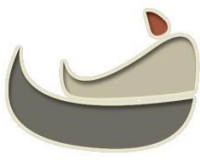
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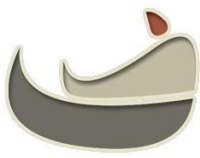
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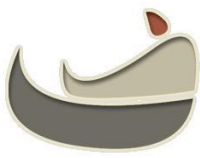
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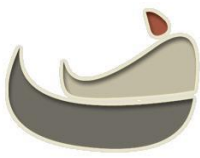
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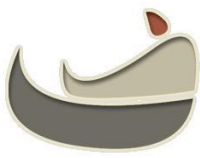
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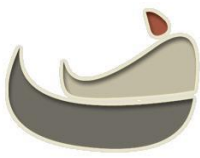
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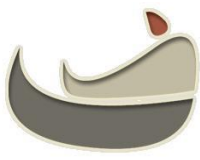
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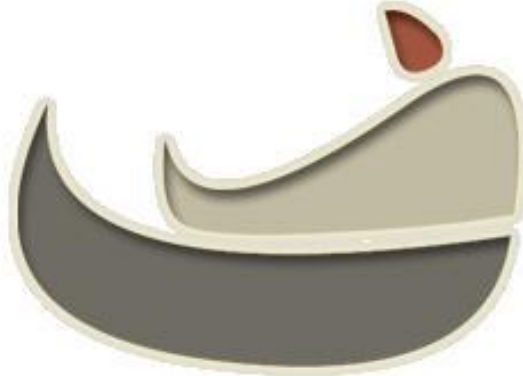
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