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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 43rd 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 **20,250**. This is an increase of 230 items in the last quarter. **Over 20,000 references are available as PDF on RRC website**

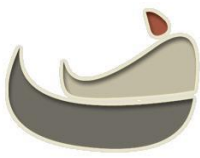


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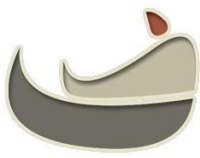
OUR NEW CHAIRPERSON

We are very pleased to announce that Tineke van Strien has accepted to be the chairlady of the RRC. She is the widow of our founding chairman Nico, who sadly passed away in 2008 (his biography is [here](#)). Tineke spent many years in Indonesia and is passionate about rhino conservation and research. We are happy that the RRC is a registered charity in Holland with a small but effective board with dedicated officers.

RATU'S NEW BABY: AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE

On Thursday, 12 May 2016, at 4:42 am a baby Sumatran Rhinoceros was born in Way Kambas National Park in South Sumatra, Indonesia. The parents were male Andalas and female Ratu, who mated in the sanctuary about 16 months ago. The baby has not yet been named. Sumatran rhinos are of course very close to the brink of extinction. They are hunted in the wild and reproduce very slowly in captivity. Many females unfortunately show abnormalities in their reproductive tracts, which often prevent mating or the ability to carry a pregnancy successfully.





The Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (SRS) is an area in Way Kambas National Park set aside for rhino conservation, aided by the International Rhino Foundation (IRF). The center is continuously manned by dedicated veterinary and conservation staff. The birth of the young female is a great achievement. The IRF needs to be supported for their great efforts which of course have to continue for many years.



The baby hopes for a bright future. Support IRF and Rhino Conservation.

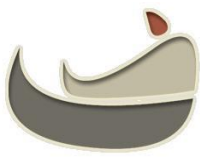


A RHINOCEROS IN THE VATICAN

For many years I have tried to get information about the existence of a mounted rhinoceros in the Vatican. The theory is that the animal imported in Lisbon in 1515 might be there. This rhinoceros was drawn and engraved by the famous artist Albrecht Dürer, whose depictions curiously included a small twisted horn on the shoulders. This hornlet has played a major role in the history of rhino studies until the end of the 18th century. The animal drowned off the coast of northern Italy in 1517, and it was rumoured that the dead animal washed ashore. As it was a gift to Pope Leo X, this might have meant that the hide was transferred there. Or otherwise it might have gone to Florence. But so far this skin remains lost.

When our editor Jim Monson visited the Vatican earlier this year, he went to see the Hall of Animals in the Pio Clementino Museum. The Museum is called after the two popes who oversaw its foundation, Clement XIV Ganganelli (1769-1774) and Pius VI Braschi (1775-1799). The animals are sculptures. A picture of the rhinoceros head is here – and lacks the Dürer hornlet on the shoulders. The history of this particular work of art may need some elucidation.





ARADER AUCTION – 11 JUNE 2016

Four original watercolours of different species of rhinoceros will be auctioned at the Arader Gallery. They are the work of Charles Hamilton Smith (1776-1859), who attempted to picture all known species of mammals in a virtual library. There was a paper on his work in the Archives of Natural History.

Be sure to mention the Rhino Resource Center if you happen to purchase at the auction. If you do, as a kind gesture, the Gallery will donate a percentage of the hammer price to rhino conservation.

The four examples can be accessed under these links:

- 1 https://www.liveauctioneers.com/item/45267116_charles-h-smith-rhinoceros-watercolor
- 2 https://www.liveauctioneers.com/item/45267113_charles-h-smith-african-rhinoceros-watercolor
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- 4 https://www.liveauctioneers.com/item/45267115_charles-h-smith-rhinoceros-watercolor

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:

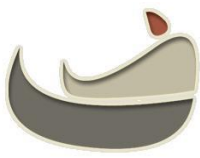
<https://elephantconservation.org/programs/research/elephant-rhino-conservation-and-research-symposium/>

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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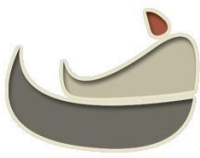
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RRC	2015 June	2015 September	2015 December	2016 March	2016 June	ANNUAL INCREASE
References	19,524	19,634	19,850	20,020	20,250	+ 726
PDF files	19,195	19,313	19,546	19,754	20,000	+ 805
Images	3,578	3,613	3,628	3,755	3,800	+ 177
Members	2,388	2,482	2,567	2,689	2,924	+ 536

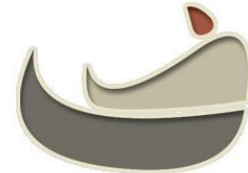
I thank everybody who has helped us by sending copies of books and papers.

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

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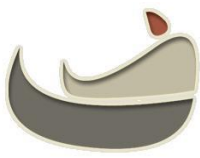


The Rhino Resource Center is an essential tool for

- 🐾 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 30 May 2016)

In this quarter (March to May 2016), we have added 230 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to **20,250**.

Of these, 20,000 or 98.8 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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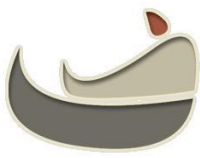
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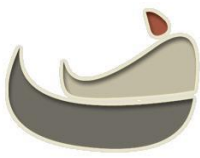
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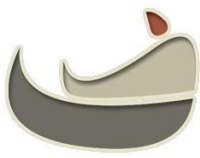
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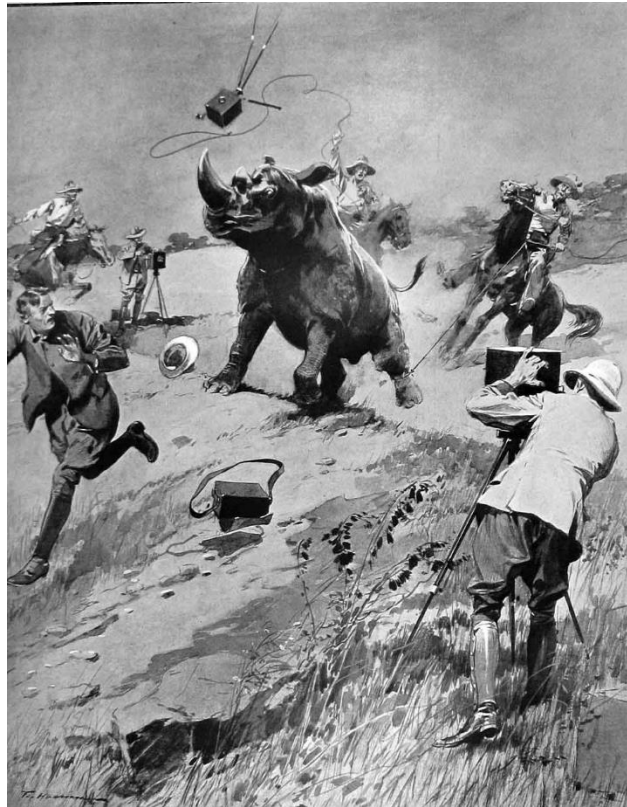
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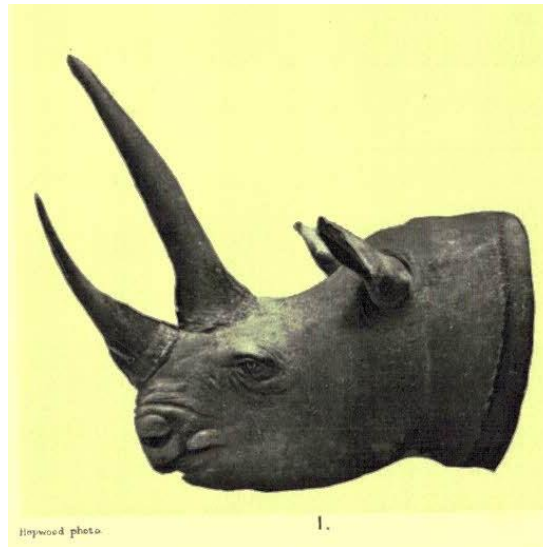
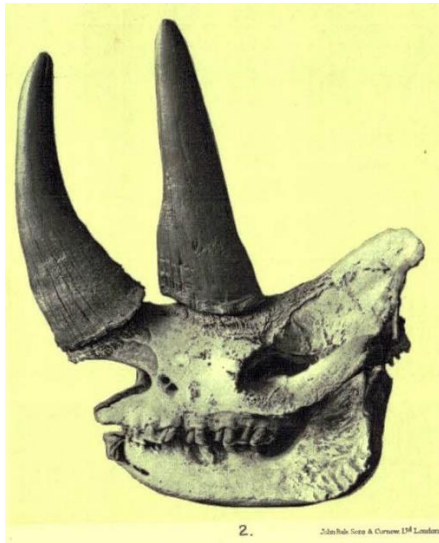
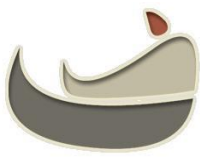


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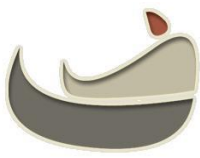
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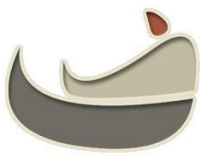
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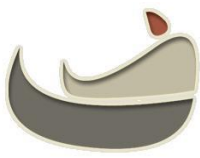
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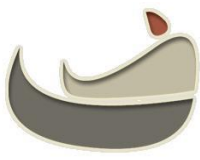


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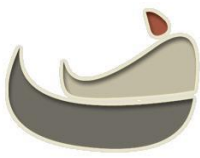


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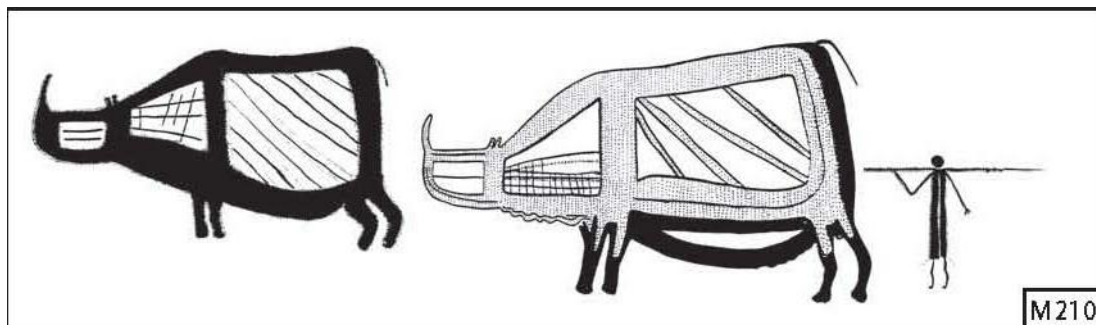
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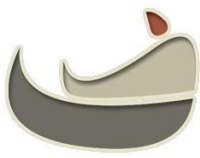
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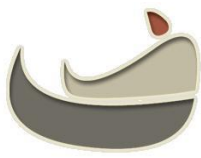


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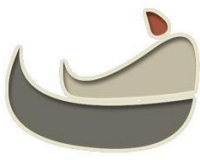
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