

RHINO POACHING

SIR,—In a new illustrated French newspaper *Au delà des Mers*, which has just come to my notice, I find on page 24 of the June 1933 issue the report given by a well-known French sportsman of his recent shooting trip to Uganda, Kenya and Tanganyika. He states how plentiful game is, thanks to the English game laws, and hopes the French authorities will recognise how urgent it is to adopt similar measures for game protection in the French colonies.

He goes on to say that, although English shooting restrictions are rigidly enforced, nevertheless poaching takes place on a big scale. He mentions, for instance, that in the Karangwe district, a band of European poachers have been able to kill 600 rhino, and on being found out this slaughter party were fined a mere £50, after which they were able to procure new shooting licences.

Can such a thing be possible? This seems so extraordinary to me that I write to ask your opinion and that of other readers.

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