

CONSERVATION



SUMATRAN RHINO BORN AT MELAKA ZOO IN MALAYSIA

A female Sumatran rhino was born on 23 May 1987 at the Melaka Zoo in Peninsular Malaysia. This calf represents the first captive birth of this species in over a century. Although conceived in the wild, most of the gestation occurred in captivity, where the mother had been for about 14 months without exposure to an adult male. Thus, the gestation period seems established as similar to other species of rhino. This event reflects the success with which the captive propagation program is progressing as part of the overall conservation strategy for Sumatran rhino and is a credit to the husbandry of Mohd. Khan and his staff in the Department of Wildlife and National Parks of Malaysia which operates the Melaka Zoo.

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BLACK RHINO BORN AT THE SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK

A male black rhinoceros was born at the San Diego Wild Animal Park on 12 July. This is only the second birth of the species to occur at the park, the first being his mother who was born on 15 October 1976. The seven-year-old father is on breeding loan from the Cincinnati Zoo.

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