

THE RHINO FOUNDATION

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THE FOUNDATION is a non-governmental Trust created to preserve the Great Indian One-horned Rhinoceros and other endangered wildlife species and their habitat in North East India.

As the value of rhino horn increases in the Far East the survival of these magnificent animals is now seriously threatened.

Appalled by the increase in poaching of rhino and other endangered species and the destruction of their habitat the Foundation was formed in 1994. The Forest Departments are carrying out dedicated work but the forces gathered against them are too great to oppose without support. Only 1164 Great Indian One-horned Rhinos survive in North East India. The only viable population lives in Kaziranga National Park. From 1993 to 1995, more than 70 rhinos were killed by poachers.

THE RHINO FOUNDATION, supported by Tea Companies, is a registered charitable trust with its office at Guwahati, Assam. The Board of Trustees under the Chairmanship of a Founder Trustee of WWF India and a member of the Indian Board for Wildlife, holds regular meetings in Calcutta and Guwahati. The Government of Assam has released Dr. Anwaruddin Choudhury from the Assam Civil Service on deputation, to direct the Foundation in the field. Dr Anwaruddin Choudhury is internationally known for his work in conservation.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES of The Rhino Foundation for Nature in North East India:

- ★ To promote and assist environment and wildlife conservation in North East India;
- ★ To assist the Forest Department by donating wireless systems, protective arms, welfare incentives and any other equipment needed by the Park's staff;
- ★ To carry out conservation schemes including education, and welfare for inhabitants of villages on the fringe of the National Parks;
- ★ To establish a network among villagers living around wildlife sanctuaries aimed at stopping poaching and reducing activities which harm the natural habitat and to fund reward schemes for informers on illegal poaching particularly of the rhino;
- ★ To support other non-governmental organisations with similar objectives;
- ★ To assist Forest Department, NGOs and individuals in research programmes and management techniques;
- ★ To assist with the publication of conservation literature, etc. for distribution amongst the local population.

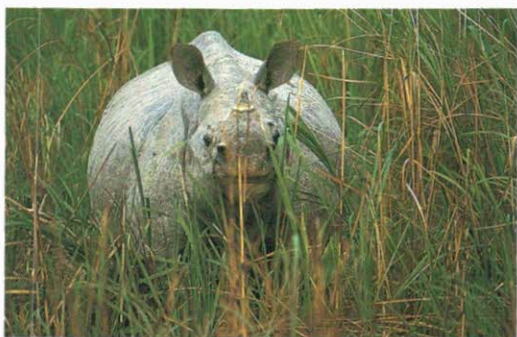
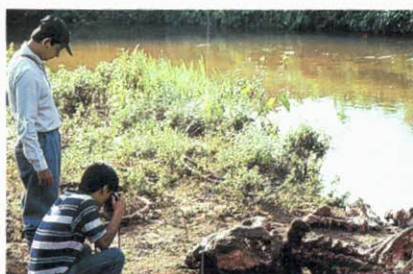


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The result of poaching: a carcass of a rhino



Presenting boots and jackets to the forest guard

THE PROJECTS identified on a priority basis in collaboration with the Forest Department to protect the rhino and its habitat, consist of:

- Field staff equipment.
- Reward Scheme for informers which will lead to the control of poaching of wildlife.
- Centre of co-ordination for N.G.O.s.
- Eco-development programmes for public awareness and rural development to encourage the inhabitants of fringe villages, to protect the Parks and Reserve Forests; to include medical and veterinary camps.
- Repair/replacement of the existing Wireless System in the Parks.
- Courses for maintenance of guns and purchase of new weapons for the forest guards and their training.

OTHER PROJECTS will be included at a later date.

In order to effectively carry out and complete the above projects, we appeal to you to donate generously towards the Foundation. Detailed reports are available.

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