





Meet the Instagram **Rhinosavers** 



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## **A record 2018!**

What a year. 2018 has certainly been a big year for all of us at Save the Rhino.

## Cathy Dean | Chief Executive Officer

hanks to you – our supporters – I'm pleased to say that we raised an incredible £2.7m in the financial year 2017–18, an amount that enables us to award even more to the programmes we support that look after rhinos in Africa and Asia.

We also had the hottest London Marathon on record – though if we had taken the temperature inside a rhino costume I am sure it would have been even hotter – and had a record amount fundraised by all the marathoners too (read more about the London Marathon on pages 15–17). Keeping to the endurance theme, we also kicked off our new annual event, the ForRangers Ultra, which saw 46 runners, including me, making our way across 213 km of Kenyan wilderness during the course of five days (see more on the Ultra on pages 10–11).

But we do all this for one reason: to save rhinos. During the last 12 months, we have celebrated zero rhino poaching in our priority field programmes in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia, though poaching continues to be a major worry in other areas. With the generous donations from supporters, we've been able to help pay for the expansion of the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, a special place that really is giving hope for this species (read about the efforts involved on pages 37–39). And importantly, overall poaching numbers for all rhinos are down in 2017 compared to 2016 (pages 4–5).

There certainly have been some lows, too. Of the rangers that work to protect and monitor rhinos and all wildlife in Africa and Asia 107 have died in the line of duty according to a report published by the WWF and The Thin Green Line this autumn. This is a horrid reminder of just how tough and dangerous the job is and it is a figure we want to reduce, hence our assistance for rangers and their

work, not least through the ForRangers initiative by Sam Taylor and Pete Newland, who we are proud to support. There have also been a number of rhino tragedies, with 11 rhinos dying after a botched translocation in Kenya, and the death of the last male Northern white rhino, Sudan, in March.

But these situations motivate us all to do more for rhinos and rangers. Our aim is to see all five rhino species thriving in the wild for future generations.

Rhinos are iconic. It is our job to ensure we do everything possible to save them. They might be On the Edge, but we hope to tip them closer to survival each day.

After 17 years in this role, I am still amazed and grateful for all the support we receive from our members, partners and the whole Save the Rhino family. As always, we have a jam-packed calendar of events in 2019, so if you're up for a challenge, love baking or simply want to come and volunteer, do get in touch. We always love hearing from you.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to rhinos. They don't know the difficult, and often ridiculous, lengths we go to in their honour, but I'm sure they'd say thank you if they did!





## Upcoming events for your diary

## Save the Rhino International

is a UK-registered charity
which raises funds and
awareness for the world's
five rhino species.
We work with global project
partners to support
17 long-term rhino
conservation programmes
in Africa and Asia

London Big Half Sunday 10 March 2019 **London Marathon** Sunday 28 April 2019 CITES Conference of the Parties 18 Thursday 23 May - Monday 3 June 2019 Saturday 6 July 2019 Crash: The Party World Ranger Day Wednesday 31 July 2019 RideLondon Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 August 2019 ForRangers Ultra Wednesday 18 - Sunday 22 September 2019 World Rhino Day Sunday 22 September 2019

For more information about any of these events, please visit www.savetherhino.org/events or email events@savetherhino.org or call +44 (0)20 7357 7474