



### 25 Years of Save the Rhino

In the 1980s and early 1990s, rhino poaching was rampant across Africa. It was then that our founders, Dave Stirling and Johnny Roberts, decided more could be done to protect rhinos. In 1994, Save the Rhino was established as a UK charity.

Cathy Dean | CEO

years later and we're continuing to champion rhino conservation. While the situation is different today, we face some familiar challenges. After years of low poaching in the late 1990s and early 2000s, today an average of two rhinos are poached each day. Thanks to the significant efforts from anti-poaching units and many initiatives, the total number of rhinos poached is now decreasing year-on-year since the crisis began (see pages 4–5 for the latest figures), but reducing poaching remains as one of our top priorities, as well as securing sufficient space to boost population numbers in the future.

Four of the species (white, black and Greater one-horned) are more numerous than they were 25 years ago. Better estimates of Javan rhino numbers now give us a figure of 65–68; when I joined Save the Rhino in 2001, numbers were reckoned to be around 45 animals. Slow, steady progress, but they're not out of the woods yet. The real concern is the

Sumatran rhino. In 2001, conservationists and governments were quoting figures of 300 animals surviving in Malaysia and Indonesia. Revised estimates now reckon there are fewer than 80 remaining.

Sumatran rhinos are considered to be even more at risk of extinction than Javan rhinos, as the populations are fragmented and breeding is depressed as a result. But we're determined to support efforts to save this charismatic - and yery charming - species, which is why we're giving a grant of \$100,000 from our core funds to the Sumatran Rhino Rescue project, which you'll read about on pages 36–37.

Throughout this edition of *The Horn*, you'll hear from many of our partners across Africa and Asia how each programme is making a difference for rhinos and rangers, whether focusing on breeding efforts, providing more equipment and resources, or creating connected habitats for rhinos to roam. Every project and partnership brings me more hope for a future where rhinos are no longer threatened.

Of course, the reason we can help fund these programmes is that you have supported Save the Rhino. If you're reading this magazine, then you are part of our rhino family. You may have taken on a tough sponsored challenge, generously given a donation, become part of the herd as a member, or been a valued partner for our team. In doing so, you have helped save rhinos. While we don't know the exact amount granted out since 1994 (our filing systems in the early years were not as good as they are now!), we do know that none of this would have been possible without you and all of the amazing people who have been a part of our 25-year journey.

Thank you so much for helping to save the rhino.



You can read more about Isla and other ways to fundraise on page 11.



#### 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.

	Big Half, London	Sunday 1 March 2020
	London Marathon	Sunday 26 April 2020
	World Ranger Day	Friday 31 July 2020
	RideLondon100	Sunday 16 August 2020
	ForRangers Ultra	Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 September 2020
	World Rhino Day	Tuesday 22 September 2020
	Royal Parks Half	Sunday 11 Ocotber 2020

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



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# Once Upon a



## Let's not consign these iconic giants to storybooks.

Once abundant across Africa and Asia, today there are fewer than 28,000 rhinos remaining.

We can't imagine a world without rhinos. The good news is that we shouldn't have to. If we can provide enough space and security, rhino numbers will increase.

You can help us change the story for rhinos. Your donation can help protect rhinos from poaching and habitat loss, making sure that they have a happily ever after.

The world is better with rhinos in it. Help us keep it that way.

Donate or join online at www.savetherhino.org/rhino-real-talk

## Time...

...there lived a wondrous, mighty beast called the Rhinoceros.

