

1. The rhino is a prehistoric animal. They have existed for 55 million years.
2. Dinosaurs were unable to survive arctic winter, but the rhino grew a thick coat and the "woolly rhino" survived an ice age.
3. Sadly they are now close to extinction because of increased poaching and loss of habitat.
4. 80% of the last Rhinos live in South Africa.
5. A CRASH is a group of Rhinos who live together. There used to be crashes all through Africa, Asia, Pakistan and Europe. But now there are very few rhinos left in the world.
6. The Northern White Rhino is the most critically endangered animal in the world. Only 3 remain! And the male has a permanent armed guard protecting him.
7. Only 100 years ago there were a million black rhino in Africa, now there are about 1000 left.
8. 3 rhinos are poached a day in South Africa.
9. Mostly poaching happens around full moon. This is why the full moon is called "A poacher's moon."
10. Rhinos are poached for their horn. There is belief in Asia that the horn can cure headaches, indigestion, and even cancer.
11. The medical truth is that horn, which is made out of keratin, like your hair and fingernails, cannot cure anything!
12. Because of the increase in poaching, Rhino could be extinct—gone forever—in 10 years or less.
13. Poachers lie in wait for rhinos at "middens." This is the place where rhinos go to urinate. Many rhinos will use one midden.
14. It is mostly the female rhinos that are poached. This is a terrible problem. When a female dies, she usually has a calf with her, and she is also usually pregnant. This means that 3 animals die.
15. The rhino is a "keystone species." This means that other animals and plants cannot exist if the rhino is not present.
16. When a mother dies, her calf is left all alone. Baby rhinos need their mothers for 3 years, and cannot survive without them. It is a race against time to find the baby that is orphaned and get them to a rhino sanctuary, where they will be taken care of.



**Rhino sanctuaries do miraculous work, the volunteers often stay up all night to care for orphaned baby rhinos.**

**All is not lost. If we all work together, we can save the rhino from extinction.  
But we cannot wait, we have to act now.**

**BABY RHINO THOR:** was only two weeks old when his mother was poached. He was very shocked, and died 7 times in the helicopter on the way to the rhino sanctuary. He recovered from his trauma at the sanctuary that cared for him.



**BABY RHINO MANJI** was only one day old when his mother was poached in front of him. The poachers injured Manji badly and no one knew if he would have brain damage. The good news is: Manji is a perfect little rhino. After lots of careful love he is happy and leading a lovely life at the sanctuary.

**BABY RHINO WYNTIR** was all alone for a week in the bush after her mother was poached. She was very brave and had to fight off a pride of lions that tore her ears off. Wyntir is a strong and feisty young rhino now, with two best friends, and a very happy life.

