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**PROJECT:**  
**RHINO POACHING**  
**AND THE LAW**

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*There are 2 species of rhino  
found in South Africa:  
the White rhino and the Black rhino.*

*Almost 50% of the total black rhino  
population is located in South Africa,  
whereas South Africa boasts of having the  
largest population of white rhinos.*

*Black rhinos are a critically endangered  
species, and it is estimated that  
only about 2,000 black rhinos  
are left in South Africa while  
white rhinos are  
classified as near threatened.*

*Today, there are  
about 27,000 rhinos  
left in the world.*

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*Since 1977, there has been  
an international ban  
on rhino horn trading,  
but it continues to fetch  
huge profits on the black market,  
and therefore, poaching still exists.*

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### **REASONS FOR THE POACHING OF RHINOS:**

- Rhinos are killed for the demand of their horns.
- The consumer demand for Rhino horn is primarily from Asian countries like China and Vietnam.
- These Rhino horns are used for traditional Chinese medicine, although it is also increasingly used as a status symbol to display success and wealth.
- Rhino horn is an extremely valuable commodity on the black market, and in weight, it is more valuable than gold, platinum or diamonds.
- Owing to the demand for horns on the black market, rhinos are constantly at risk of poaching, and very few survive outside national parks and reserves.
- African parks are creating safe havens for rhinos by securing national parks and protected areas where they live.

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### **MEASURES IMPLEMENTED BY THE AUTHORITIES TO STOP THE POACHING OF RHINOS:**

Almost all rhinos in South Africa are in national parks and private reserves, and the following strategies were put in place to secure rhinos:

- South African National Parks and privately owned reserves in South Africa de-horn their rhinos to deter the poaching of these animals.
  - Anti-poaching units on the ground monitor these endangered animals.
  - Rhinos are fitted with tracking devices.
  - Educational drives to educate communities.
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## **THE CRIMINALS POACHING RHINOS:**

- Large criminal syndicates control the poaching of rhinos.
- These syndicates operate as well-organised groups and very often have an ex-military background.
- They also rely on the help of local poachers.

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## **SENTENCES FOR POACHING RHINOS IN SOUTH AFRICA:**

- For the past few years, hefty sentences were handed out to convicted poachers in South Africa.
- These sentences ranged between 16- and 53-years imprisonment for poaching, and it should send a stern warning to all criminals that our courts will not tolerate crimes of this nature.
- Unfortunately, many poachers get away and are never prosecuted.
- The number of rhinos that were killed for their horns in South Africa for the period 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 has decreased.
- This can be attributed to the fact that the authorities increased their efforts to tackle poaching.

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## **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION OF RHINOS:**

- Rhino plays a critical role in maintaining the structure of the ecological community.
- Rhinos are important grazers consuming large amounts of vegetation, which helps to shape landscapes and helps other species that share their habitat.

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## **WHERE TO REPORT RHINO POACHING:**

**Anyone can and should report  
suspicious activities to the  
Environmental Crime Hotline**

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**at 0800205005  
or SAPS at 10111.**

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RECOMMENDATIONS, PROTECTION,  
OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.**

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