## Conservation Partner INTERNATIONAL RHINO FOUNDATION





LOCATION

South Africa and Zimbabwe

**PARTNERS SINCE** 

2000

TULSA ZOO'S ANNUAL DONATION

\$5,000

LOGO



WEBSITE



RHINOS.ORG

The Tulsa Zoo is committed to rhino conservation and partners with the International Rhino Foundation. We are on the front line of support for rhino protection efforts, reintroduction projects and community programs. Through IRF, we help support a very crucial campaign to stop the poaching of rhinos in Africa. The Operation: Stop Poaching Now campaign is in direct response to the increasing demand for rhino horns in China, Vietnam and other Asian countries. Poaching rates in southern Africa have soared, and in 2013, it was reported that more than 1,000 rhinos had been killed in South Africa alone.

## TULSA ZOO'S FOCUS: ANTI-POACHING

The goals of this project are to create awareness about the poaching crisis and its recent alarming increase and to implement change by approaching the crisis from multiple angles, such as the source, end-user and government. The Tulsa Zoo supports IRF by working closely with other organizations such as the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. We directly support the development of wildlife rangers with advanced training in hand-to-hand combat, firearms safety, investigative techniques, intelligence gathering, evidence collection, communications, rhino identification and monitoring. We also support training programs for Belgian Malinois dogs that are trained to sniff out snares, track poachers and find orphaned rhinos.

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