

Chiredzi River Conservancy Black Rhino Foundation

Mission Statement

The Black Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*), commonly known as the Black Rhino, is described as a magnificent creature with a prehistoric appearance.

The number of existing Black Rhino in Sub-Saharan Africa has declined dramatically during the past century. The main reason for the decline in the Black Rhino population has been poaching by man.

In many parts of Asia and the Middle East, the rhino horn has been thought to have medicinal properties and carries a cultural value. Although modern medicine has not validated the medicinal properties of the horn, the cultural value still exists. Unfortunately, poachers kill Black Rhino for their horn only, leaving the carcass to rot.

The Chiredzi River Conservancy (CRC) Black Rhino Foundation has been created to aid the CRC in its efforts to protect the remaining population of Black Rhino on the CRC and its neighboring conservancies and properties in Zimbabwe.

Therefore, the main purpose of the CRC Black Rhino Foundation is to aid in the preservation and conservation of the Black Rhino and other threatened species on these properties.

The form of aid shall be:

Financial. To help defray the cost of game scouts, telecommunication devices, tracking devices, veterinarians, veterinary supplies and medicines, feed, and other supplies and equipment necessary to protect the species and deter poaching.

Educational. To aid in the efforts to create an outreach program to encourage the local communities to become pro-active in eliminating poaching.

Cooperative. To cooperate with other government and private conservation organizations proven to have a primary focus on Black Rhino preservation and population growth.

The CRC Black Rhino Foundation shall conduct fund raising efforts that are approved by the Board of Directors to generate the funds necessary to maintain the required aid offered to CRC by the Foundation. All net profits from fundraisers shall be devoted to the Mission of the CRC Black Rhino Foundation.

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