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SOUTH AFRICA: RHINOS UNDER THREAT

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RHINO CLOSE-UPS

TIME LAPSE WIDE SHOTS OF
KRUGER PARK

EXT. POLICE STATION

KEN MAGGS ON CAMERA

RHINO SKELETON GVs

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Rhinos are facing their worst crisis in decades. Over the last few years the number of animals being poached has exploded. (9)

Kruger National Park in South Africa has paid a heavy price for having the largest rhino population in the world. (6.5)

Ken Maggs is Head of the South African Environmental Crime Investigation and Air Services. (5.5)

KEN MAGGS: (In English) M

"I believe it is a big threat, a huge problem for us at the moment. The worst-case scenario is that we lose every single rhino on the African continent." (8)

NARRATION:

Rhinos have been near extinction before. // There were about 100,000 black rhinos in the 1960s, // but they were hunted and poached

until just 2,400 remained. (14)

CITES LOGO

Commercial trade in rhino horn was banned by CITES, The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in 1977. Secretary General of CITES John Scanlon: (13)

JOHN SCANLON ON CAMERA

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“If not for CITES the rhino would be extinct in the wild today. It is because of CITES that the species has recovered to the point where we now have in the order of 25000 rhino on the planet.” (12)

GRAPHIC SEQUENCE

NARRATION:

But as black market demand for their horns continues to surge, so does the killing. Over the last few years poaching in South Africa has sky rocketed. (10.5)

SCANLON ON CAMERA

JOHN SCANLON: (In English) M

“This species will be driven to extinction in the wild if these trends continue.” (4)

WILDLIFE POLICE IN SOUTH AFRICA

NARRATION:

Wildlife crime is estimated to be worth billions of dollars a year. (4.5)

Attracted by spiraling profits—CITES believes organized crime syndicates are moving in. (5.5)

MAGGS ON CAMERA

KEN MAGGS: (In English) M

“We have the poaching groups, well armed,

from pistols to sophisticated military weapons: AK47s and adequate ammunition. We have had poachers armed with hand grenades.” (12.5)

NARRATION:

ASIA GVs

Rhino horn has been used in traditional medicine in China and Vietnam for centuries. But the demand for non-traditional uses is intensifying in the emerging economies in Asia. (10.5)

HORN USER:

HORN USER ON CAMERA

“I decided to buy this piece because I’m getting old and I need some medicine.” (11)

NARRATION:

INGESTING THE RHINO HORN

This Hanoi resident paid 2000 dollars for his piece of horn. After 20 minutes of rubbing the horn against a specifically designed bowl with a drawing of a rhino on the side, he poured the mixture into a glass and drank the milky liquid. (13.5)

HORN USER:

ON CAMERA

“I heard from friends that this piece of rhino horn can cure many diseases, like stroke or fever...I heard the rumor that it can also cure cancer.” (18)

NARRATION:

GVs HANOI WALKING INTO SELLERS HOUSE

In the markets of Hanoi it doesn’t take long to find rhino horn for sale. // But its authenticity is questionable. The CITES management authority in Vietnam believes a significant

percentage of rhino horn for sale in the markets is fake. (16)

VIETNAMESE SELLER:

ON CAMERA

“The price is 144 million Vietnamese dong for 100 grams, that’s seven thousand US dollars...” (8)

JOHN SCANLON: (In English) M

ON CAMERA

“The only way we’re going to tackle this problem is by stopping the poaching, stopping the smuggling and stopping the consuming.” (6)

NARRATION:

TROOPS WITH GUNS

The government of South Africa is fighting back. Soldiers from the South Africa National Defence Force have deployed in Kruger Park. (7)

THE TEAM AT WORK COLLECTING DNA

And CITES is supporting a new DNA database which is aiming to profile the DNA of all of Africa’s Rhinos. // The new technique will allow any rhino horn seized by police at border crossings to be identified, linking all perpetrators along the crime chain and helping bring about a prosecution. (20)

SCANLON ON CAMERA

JOHN SCANLON: (In English) M

“This is going to be a tough long fight, but if we all work together, range states, consumer states, at national level and international level, we will win this fight.” (10)

It’s hoped that this new international

ORPHANED RHINO BEING BOTTLE
FED

cooperation will be a turning point in the
protection of this incredible species. (6.5)

Otherwise Africa's rhinos could slide over the
brink into extinction.... (5)

UN LOGO

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