

NOTES FROM THE AFRICAN RHINO SPECIALIST GROUP

Workshop proceedings on biological management of the black rhino now available online

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In *Pachyderm* 31, I reported on the results and recommendations from the SADC Rhino Management Group Workshop on the biological management of black rhino to meet continental and national black rhino conservation goals. Since the workshop was held, the proceedings have been widely circulated and the main findings and recommendations presented to staff of Ezemvelo-KZN-Wildlife, South African National Parks, the Kenya Wildlife Service and the Namibian Ministry of Environment and Tourism as well as to the African

Rhino Specialist Group meeting in 2002. Ezemvelo-KZN-Wildlife has since developed a strategy for biological management of their black rhinos, which includes set percentage harvesting as recommended by the workshop. Proceedings of this important workshop can now be downloaded from the SADC Regional Programme for Rhino Conservation (SADC RPRC) Web site at <http://www.rhino.sadc.org>. Select *Resources* and then *Documents*. After registering, you will be able to download a copy of the strategy in pdf format. It is 1.44 Mb.

Black rhinos reintroduced to North Luangwa National Park, Zambia

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Luangwa Valley was once a stronghold of one of the biggest populations of black rhino (*Diceros bicornis minor*) in the region; but sadly it was poached to extinction in the 1970s because of its horn. However, decades later the Zambian government has rediscovered its place in rhino conservation and has expressed a strong desire to re-establish the species. A principal objective is the desire and recognition of the need to develop Zambia as a country in which a

well-protected and viable black rhino population will contribute to and enhance the establishment of a viable metapopulation in the subregion.

The SADC Regional Programme for Rhino Conservation (SADC RPRC) supported a scientific study for putative rhino range suitability to determine the basis for reintroducing black rhinos to North Luangwa National Park. A team of experts from the IUCN SSC African Rhino Specialist Group (AfRSG)