



Greater Makalali Nature Reserve Rhino Sponsorship

The threat of Rhino poaching is ever increasing therefore the costs of ensuring the Rhinos safety is also ever increasing. The GMNR contributes millions of rand annually towards the safety of the Rhino. We are currently investing in new technology to assist with the monitoring of the Rhino and require financial assistance.

GMNR makes use of GPS collars to monitor its rhino population. These collars download information to a series of antennas and the data is then viewed on computer or mobile device. Unfortunately, this technology comes at a high price. Each collar has a life span of approximately 2 years. This means that a rhino will have to be darted and a new collar fitted every 24 months.

For a collar to be fitted, a veterinarian needs to be brought in to sedate the rhino by darting it. This is done from a helicopter, which is also hired.

Other than collarings, the reserve is still building its network of antennas to download information from the collars.

The GMNR is offering you the opportunity to make a difference by sponsoring a rhino. A donation of R30,000 will put a collar on a rhino and allow us to monitor and protect that animal for a period of about 2 years. Once collared, the donor/s will receive regular updates and pictures of the rhino they have sponsored from the rhino monitoring team.

It may be possible to organise a viewing of a collaring operation for small groups of no more than 10 people. For any donor or sponsor wishing to come out to the reserve, GMNR and Tourvest have organised an excellent rate for accommodation at Makalali Game Lodge. It must be mentioned that these rhinos are very difficult to find without transmitters and therefore there is no guarantee that the collaring will take place during your stay. Aside from the collaring, it can also be arranged for donors to spend a morning with the rhino monitoring team as they go out looking for rhinos and collecting data.

Any contribution towards the safety of the Rhino will be well appreciated.

Donations to be made to: Rhino Revolution Hoedspruit Trust
FNB
Bank code - 261251
Account number - 62408963454
Swift code - FIRNZA AJXXX

All donors to please state that funds donated are to go towards the Greater Makalali Nature Reserve for Rhino protection. Donors are to request a 18A Tax Certificate if required.



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