



RHINO TRANSLOCATED BY RHINOS WITHOUT BORDERS GIVES BIRTH TO CALF
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Rhinos Without Borders is celebrating the arrival of a calf born to one of the rhinos that the project has translocated from South Africa to Botswana. With one rhino killed every seven hours in South Africa, the birth of the calf in an area where poaching is practically unheard of is a significant milestone for the initiative.

With more rhino now killed each year than there are being born, the species is facing a real threat of extinction. Rhinos Without Borders has turned towards translocation as one of the answers to ensuring the future survival of the rhino.

Earlier this year, the first batch of rhino was moved from a high-risk area in South Africa to a safer location in Botswana. One of the rhino earmarked for the move was a female, who was translocated along with a younger calf. While carrying out routine blood tests, the team was delighted to discover that she was also pregnant at the time of the move. Having successfully settled down in her new home in Botswana, the female has given birth just in time for World Rhino Day.

“One of the aims of the Rhinos Without Borders project is to create a new breeding population of rhino in Botswana as an evolutionary ‘insurance policy’ against the possible extinction of the species. This is a real possibility if the rate of poaching in South Africa remains at its current horrific levels,” explains Joss Kent, &Beyond CEO. “We view translocations as critical to the survival of the species and are proud to have been part of the team responsible for bringing this new life into a world where it can grow and thrive without fear of losing its life to poachers.”

A partnership between two leading conservation and tourism companies, &Beyond and Great Plains Conservation, the Rhinos Without Borders initiative aims to move 100 rhino from high density populations that are attracting more and more poaching. The animals are being translocated to Botswana, a country that boasts low numbers of rhino, combined with an excellent anti-poaching record.

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