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## SRT generously supported

### BIOPAMA: 200,000 euros for the protection of the black rhinoceros

The conservation fund Save the Rhino Trust is to receive almost N \$ 3.8 million over the next two years for the purpose of improving areas where the last wild black rhinos in Namibia and even the world can be found.

From Frank Steffen

Windhoek

The Save-The-Rhino-Trust-Fonds (SRT) announced at the end of last week together with the International Union for Conservation of Nature amounting to 200,000 euros (just under 3 , 8 million Namibian dollars) had been awarded

SRT managing director Simson Uri-Khob was pleased about the donation from the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (ACP Group) and the European Union (EU), which has been going on for two years. It is important to continue to train and equip the SRT game observers.

The aim is to support the local population in their plans to preserve the last remaining free-range black rhinos or black rhinos (*Diceros bicornis*) and to develop initiatives that guarantee the local population a sustainable income. The IUCN regularly updates and publishes the "Red List of Endangered Species", which lists all animal and plant species that are threatened with extinction worldwide - the black rhinoceros is one of them.

The successes of the Namibian SRT are recognized worldwide, and the press release further states: "This ACP-funded and EU-funded project will help strengthen the resilience of rhino herding communities and protect them from outside pressure. The use of new technologies on site and the installation of critical infrastructures should improve the recording of rhino monitoring data and the communication options for the benefit and well-being of the rhino conservationists during their patrols. "

Dadurch werde sichergestellt, dass der Nashorn-Tourismus und das bestehende Rhino-Ranger-Programm nachhaltig erhalten bleiben, welches der biologischen Vielfalt sowie der lokalen Gemeinschaften zugutekommen würde. 50 Tierschützer beziehungsweise Tracker würden momentan ein Schutzgebiet von etwa 25000 km<sup>2</sup> pa-trouillieren – ihr Erfahrungsstand auf diesem Gebiet sei einzigartig.

Das Ganze geschieht in Zusammenarbeit mit dem Biodiversität- und Schutzgebiet-Managementprogramm (BIOPAMA), das der ACP-Gruppe eigen ist und von der EU unterstützt wird. Die lokale EU-Botschaft gab zu dieser Gelegenheit bekannt, dass „EU-Umweltschützer und Oscar-Preisträger Leonardo DiCaprio und die Organisation Welt-Wildtierschutz (Global Wildlife Conservation, GWC) für 2021 zwei Initiativen zum verbesserten Schutz des Planeten, im Wert von 34 Mio. Euro gestartet haben“.



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