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Rhinos poached, calf search

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Frank Steffen - A rhino calf is still wanted after her mother, who was raised by hand, and another white rhino were poached on a guest farm this past weekend.

A sad Mr. Joachim Rust of Ghaub Nature Reserve & Farm told yesterday how they rescued the two-year-old Zanna in 2014 as a calf and had to raise it with a milk bottle. Zanna's mother got stuck in deep mud on a farm near Waterberg after heavy rain and died of exhaustion.

Zanna's carcass was found in the field on Sunday. She was shot and dehorned. Her 18-month-old calf could not be located.

While searching for the calf, they found the carcass of another rhino cow named Grosse Kuh. She too was shot in the stomach.

Painful DEATH

"According to the tracks, the badly injured Grosse Kuh tried to flee from the poachers and hid in the forest, where she died a painful death," Rust said.

Grosse Kuh also had a calf. She has since been found and is now walking with her older brothers.

Both Grosse Kuh and Zanna's calves had not yet been weaned.

"No one can really comprehend how much effort, time and money we spend on conserving rhinos - and that during the Covid pandemic that caused us so much damage," Rust said.

He issued a reward of N \$ 50,000 for any clues that led to the arrest and successful conviction of the poachers.

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The carcass of Zanna, the two-year-old hand-raised rhino cow. Photos Provided

Zanna and her calf who are still wanted after poachers shot and dehorned her mother.

