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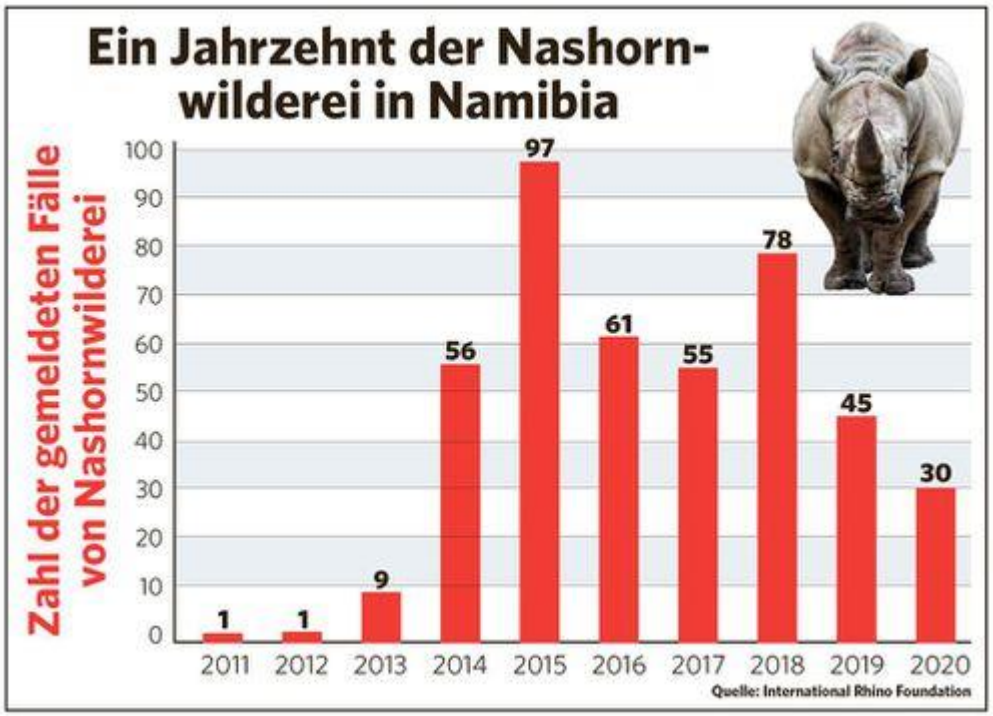
Namibia protects rhinos well

Report: Rhino populations threatened by poaching

The International Rhino Foundation has given Namibia a good certificate in the protection of rhinos. Still, the population decline and poaching in Africa are of concern.



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The International Rhino Foundation (IRF) has published its annual report on the state of rhino populations worldwide and has identified Namibia as the country with the largest population of white rhinos. However, the situation of rhinos both in Africa and around the world is worrying. The numbers of white rhinos on the African continent have dwindled over the past year due to poaching. With around 18,000 individuals, the population has declined by 12 percent over the past decade. In the Kruger National Park, once home to the largest white rhinoceros population, there are now, with a good 3,500 animals, 67 percent fewer white rhinos than in 2011 with 10,621. This means that there are possibly even fewer of them in Africa than just assumed. In 2020 poaching had decreased,After that, more cases were counted again due to the corona measures. In Botswana in particular, many white and black rhinos are poached, the price is controlled by an organized criminal network that extends across the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Namibia and Botswana and exports to the black markets in Vietnam, according to the report . The IRF therefore calls for increased communication between the governments and institutions concerned in order to save Botswana's rhinos. so the report. The IRF therefore calls for increased communication between the governments and institutions concerned in order to save Botswana's rhinos. so the report.The IRF therefore calls for increased communication between the governments and institutions concerned in order to save Botswana's rhinos.

There are only about 5,500 animals of the endangered black rhinoceros, but the population is growing. Over the past decade, the number has grown from 16 to 17 percent. Namibia is the home of most animals and with 90 percent the "stronghold of the south-western subspecies". According to the report, the Etosha Park is home to the largest black rhinoceros population in the world. “The numbers are growing steadily under a well-established and innovative nature conservation program by the Namibian government. The future of the south-western subspecies therefore depends

above all on Namibia maintaining these protection standards. “However, poaching and droughts are also a problem for animals in Namibia.

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