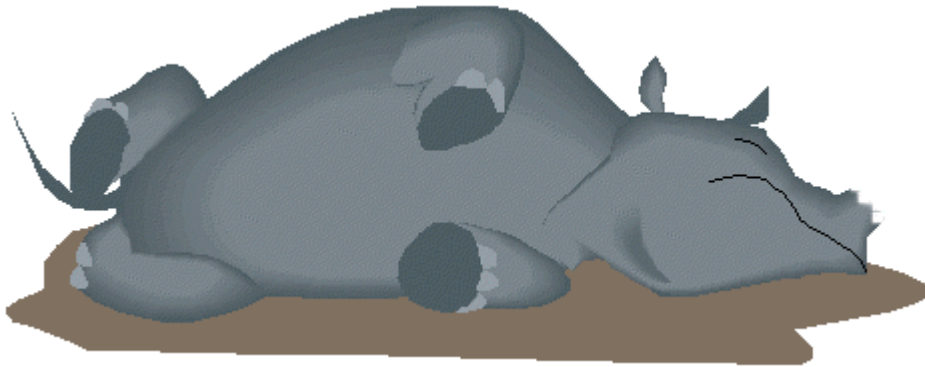


Lowveld Aero Club



ANTI POACHING CAMPAIGN

Who slew the last standing rhino in Krugersdorp?

Who is responsible for the 194 rhinoceros poached so far this year alone?

The whole topic of rhino poaching poses more questions than answers.

We know that there are highly sophisticated syndicates involved. It is a fact that these syndicates make use of helicopters to track the animals, drop the snipers and pick up the loot leaving an endangered carcass behind often with an orphaned calf.

We, as a nation and as an aviation community, have had enough. If we don't stand together we stand a chance to lose the privilege of saving these magnificent creatures.

And it is more disturbing that the good name of those of us in aviation is being drawn into this sick criminality.

What can we and the normal citizen do to stop this?

Radio Jacaranda has launched a massive campaign to raise awareness and raise funds against this practice.

On Friday 10 September a 12 hour telethon will be hosted by Radio Jacaranda to achieve these goals.

So what can we as aviators do?

At Lowveld Aero Club, we have decided that we want to become actively involved in combating these atrocities and as such we urge all our members and any other interested people to join the campaign by registering at www.stoprhinopoaching.com.

On Wednesday night 1 September the campaign was launched at the LAC clubhouse.

SO WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. REPORT (to any committee member) any low level aircraft activity, or anyone you suspect may be involved in a rhino poaching syndicate.

Remember that the aircraft ID is under the wing!

2. SIGN UP – add your name to our list of supporters.

3. SUPPORT by creating awareness wherever you see an opportunity or contact us if you have any ideas for a strategic partnership within the objectives of this site.

4. DONATE towards rhino protection projects in South Africa.

It is our sincerest hope that the site has a ripple effect and inspires everyone concerned to recognise their own potential, branch out with their own ideas and filter back as much support as possible.

On Friday the 10 September, at 18H30, we will be addressed by Jan Muller of Mpumalanga Parks Board when he will update us on the situation in our region and give us some ideas as to how to eradicate the problem.

We invite everyone including members and others to take advantage of this opportunity.

Let us clear the respectable name of all of us in responsible aviation.

Let us smoke out those amongst the community who abuse their skills and put us to shame!