



KZN RHINO SECURITY INTERVENTION PLAN 16 July 2012

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KZN Rhino Security Programme Components

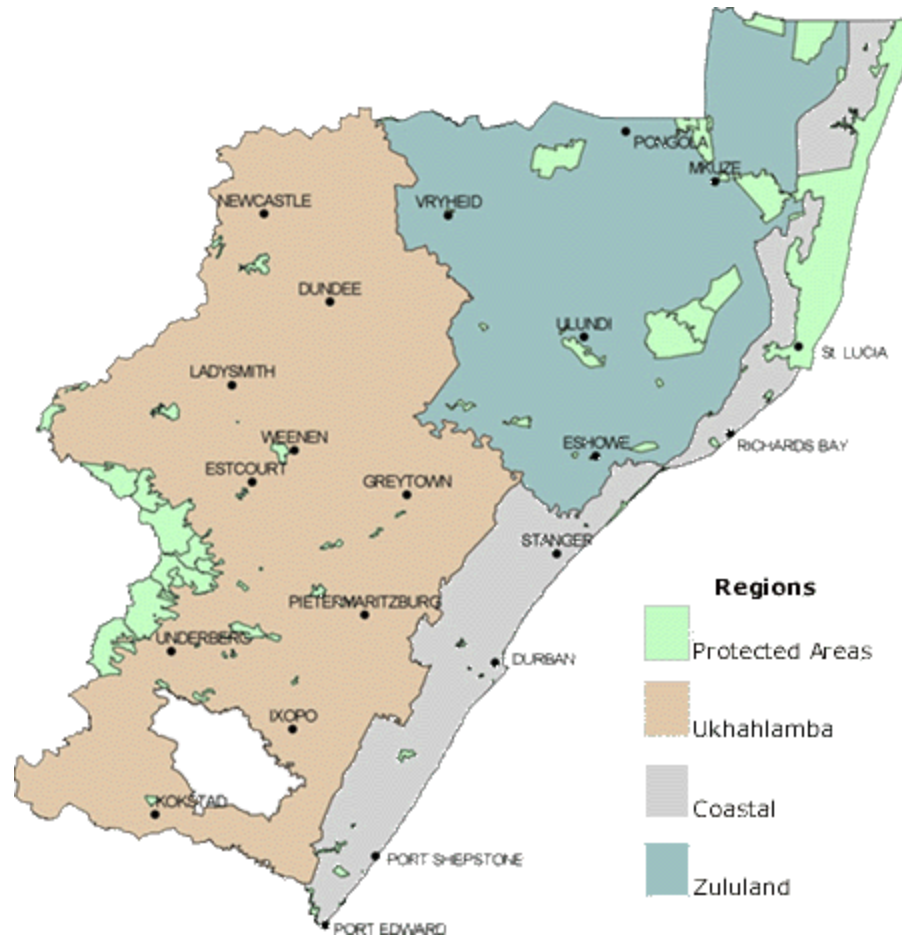




Objectives

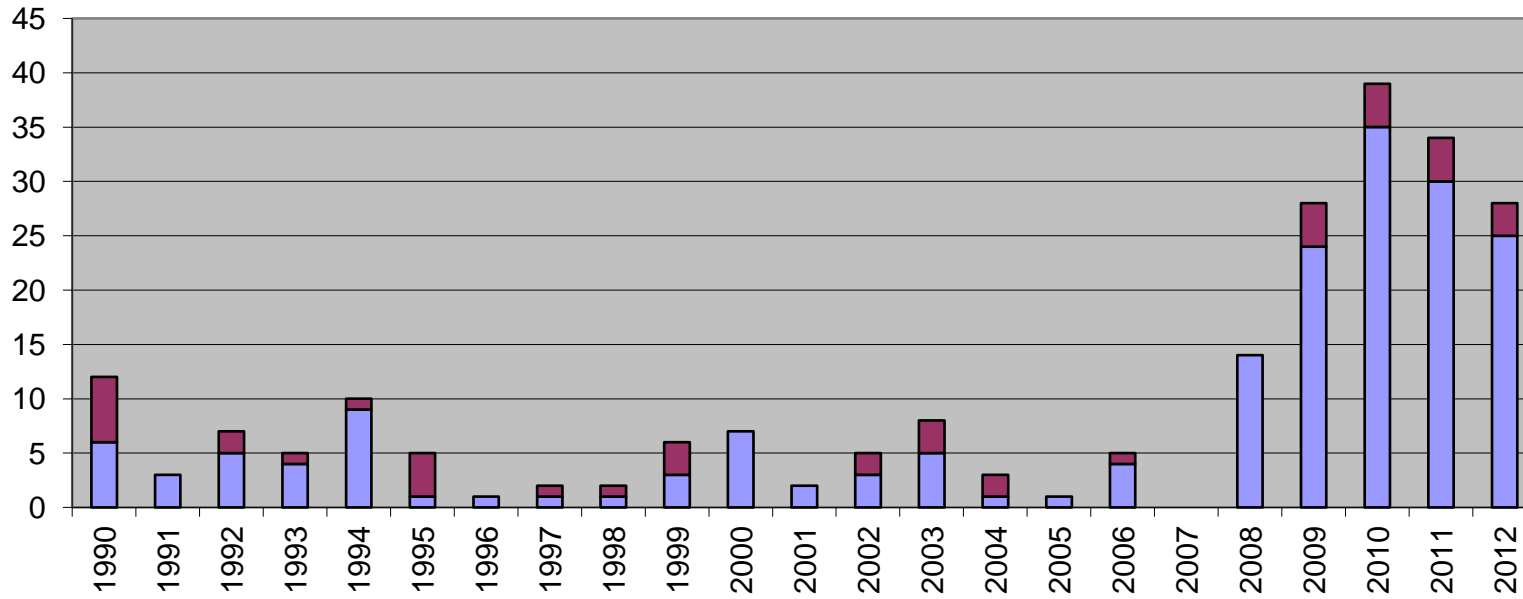
- **To assess the risk and threat in all 13 rhino reserve's and 5 Black Rhino Range Expansion Projects sites**
- **To ensure all Standard Operating Procedures are in place and being implemented**
- **To secure adequate funding, manpower and re-focus resources**
- **To develop a proactive strategy to curb rhino poaching through good intelligence, rather than reactive.**
- **To ensure that staff are adequately trained and empowered to combat the rhino poaching threat.**
- **To rapidly reduce the number of rhino being illegally hunted in KZN.**
- **To ensure there is cooperation for all rhino cases from the SAPS and the NPA**

OVERVIEW OF KZN



	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL
White	6	3	5	4	9	1	1	1	1	3	7	2	3	5	1	1	4	0	14	24	35	30	25	185
Black	6	0	2	1	1	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	3	2	0	1	0	0	4	4	4	3	42
Total	12	3	7	5	10	5	1	2	2	6	7	2	5	8	3	1	5	0	14	28	39	34	28	227

KZN Rhino Poaching figures





PROGRESS

Action	Progress	Recommendation for intervention
Standard Operating Procedure	Standard Operating Procedure to all 13 rhino reserves Rapid Risk Assessment done to all 13 rhino reserves	Completed
Criminal Information ,Investigation & Intelligence Management	Liaise with all law enforcement agencies R1,275 000 put aside for intelligence and informer networks 5 Successful Convictions Success 40 years sentence R15 000 or two years in prison 12 firearms recovered	Successful convictions NPA target level 3
Staffing levels and Recruitment	Law enforcement posts prioritized IUCN Standards Followed Recruited and trained 39 field rangers	Staffing assessment done 1 field ranger per 10 sq km as a benchmark



PROGRESS

<p>Overtime and Subsistence & Travelling Allowance</p>	<p>Number of staff and the size of the reserve calculated to all 13 rhino reserves.</p> <p>Budget Allocations done</p>	<p>Source more funds</p>
<p>Patrol Monitoring Systems</p>	<p>Cyber trackers purchased</p> <p>Training done</p> <p>Procured more cyber trackers</p> <p>Bantam purchased</p> <p>4 x 4 Amarok secured</p>	<p>Purchase more Cyber trackers and required equipment</p>
<p>Minimizing internal involvement in poaching</p>	<p>Disciplinary enquiry conducted</p> <p>4 staff members dismissed</p> <p>4 staff transferred to forest reserves</p> <p>One resignation received</p> <p>Consulted with HR for polygraph test policy</p> <p>Engaged with organized labour</p> <p>Excellency Awards 27th May</p>	<p>Continue to be vigilant and monitor internal affairs closely</p> <p>Continuous introspection</p>



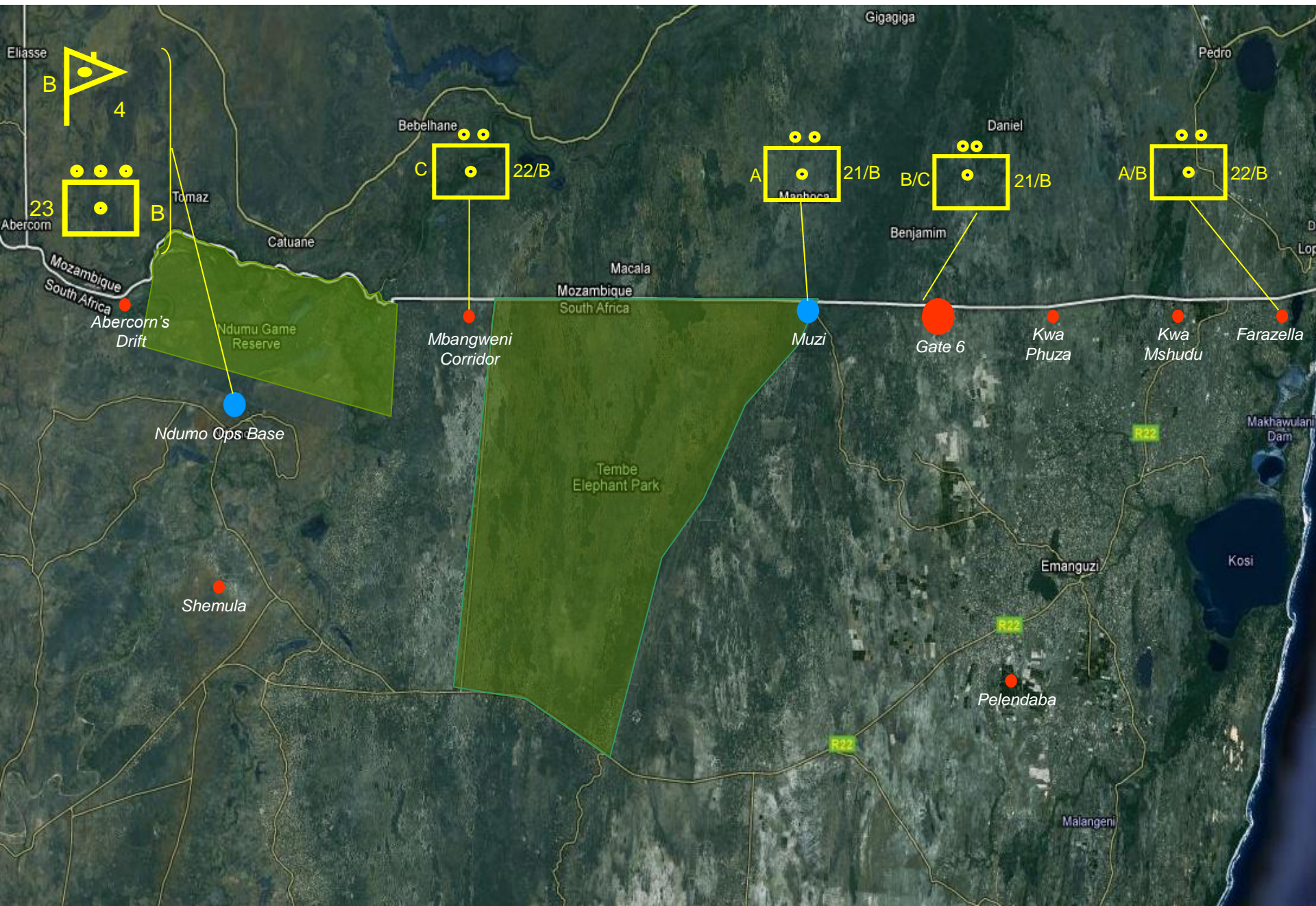
Innovation

- Aerial Patrol
- National Publicity
- Global Strategy
- Save the rhino corporate branding
- United front in combating poaching
- Community Involvement and Veterans

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DEPLOYMENT IN KZN

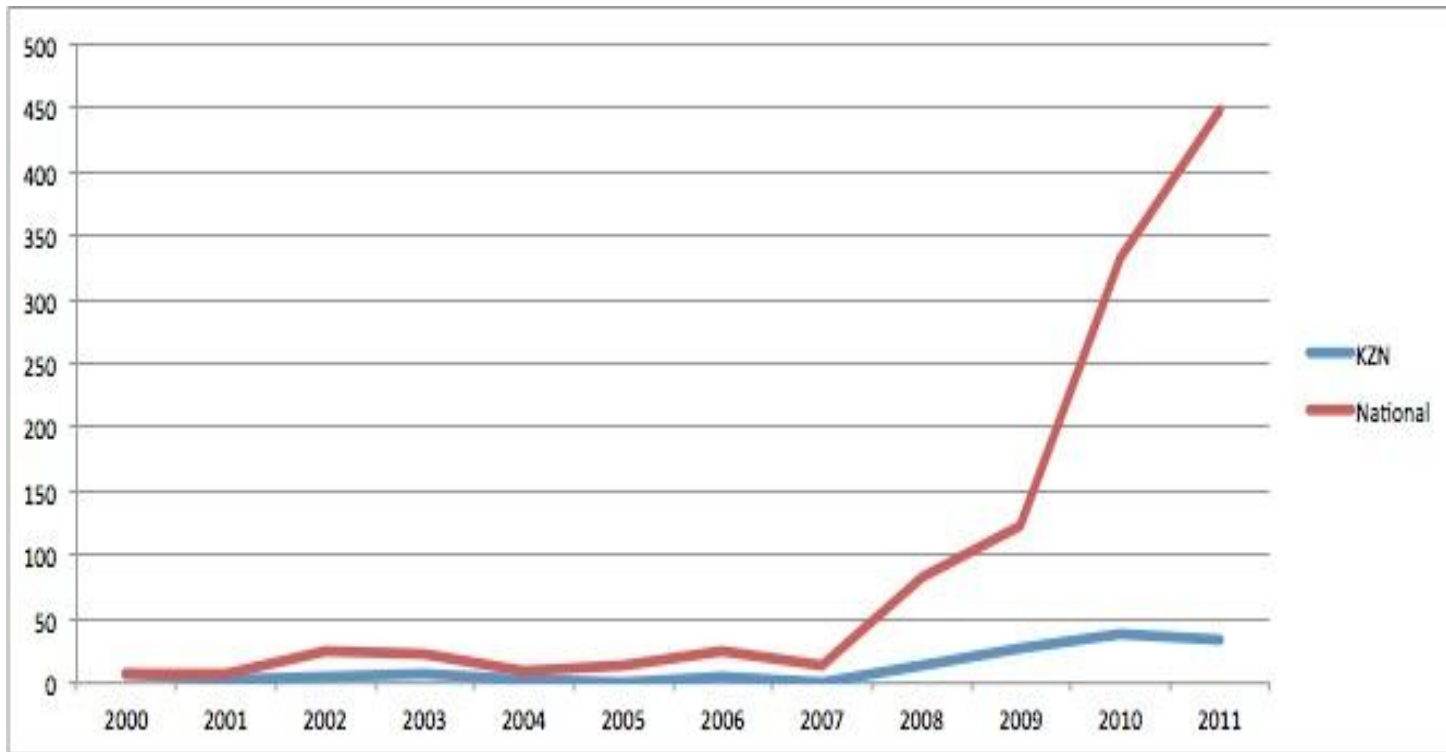




Results

- 13 % Reduction in rhino poaching

Table 1: Poaching curve since 2000 to end 2011 (RSA vs. KZN)





Challenges



- High profile syndicates
- Staff involvement
- High financial incentives for poachers
- Constantly changing strategies
- Lack of syndicate from security Agencies
- Low conviction
- Inadequate funding for required equipment



conclusion

It is a known fact that in conservation you never win an outright war – conservationists will always be involved in ongoing bush warfare spanning the entire lifetime of that which you wish to conserve. It's through that courage, sacrifice and lifelong commitment that rhino poaching will be defeated at the end.