SA, 122 mil ha, is a country rich in biodiversity: In the top 5 mega-diverse in the world

81 mil ha agric land & human settlement (altered)









315 state PAs, 7 mil ha about 6% land area



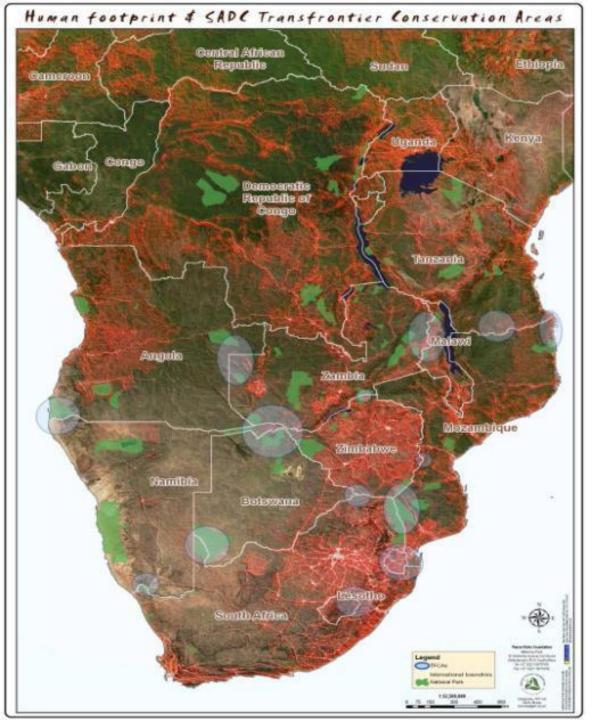






- Excludes +9,000 registered Private GRs; 17 mil ha
- •17 mil ha mixed use (unregistered)





# Human footprint

# Required immediate responses by Management Authorities





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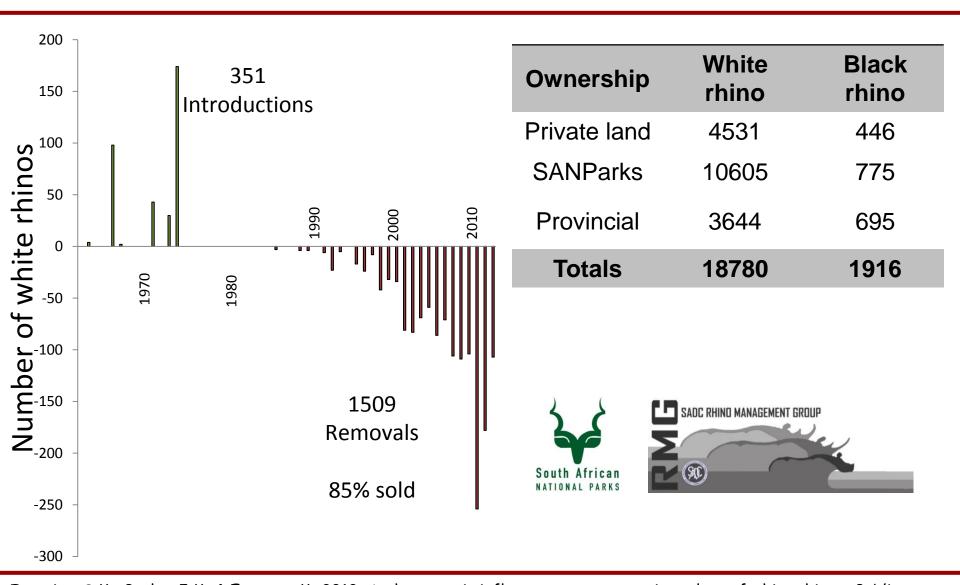


### Rhino values

- Purist conservation value
  - Persistence of species
- Ecological role
  - Ecological engineer
- · Economic value
  - Non-consumptive
    - Rhino trading
    - · Ecotourism
  - "Consumptive"
    - Hunting
    - Medicinal



### White rhino population manipulation in Kruger



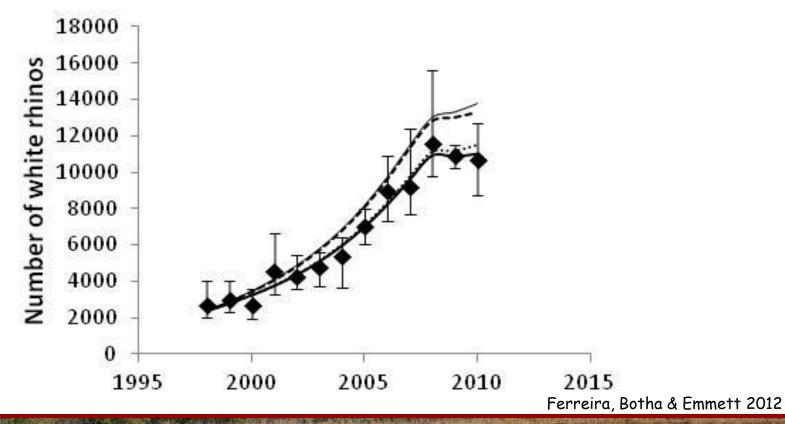
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## Ministers National Strategy 2010

- Immediate action plan
- Shared commitment
  - Financial
  - Manpower
  - Political will
- · Central Structure
  - Law enforcement
  - Investigation
  - Prosecution
- Information management
- Pro-active security

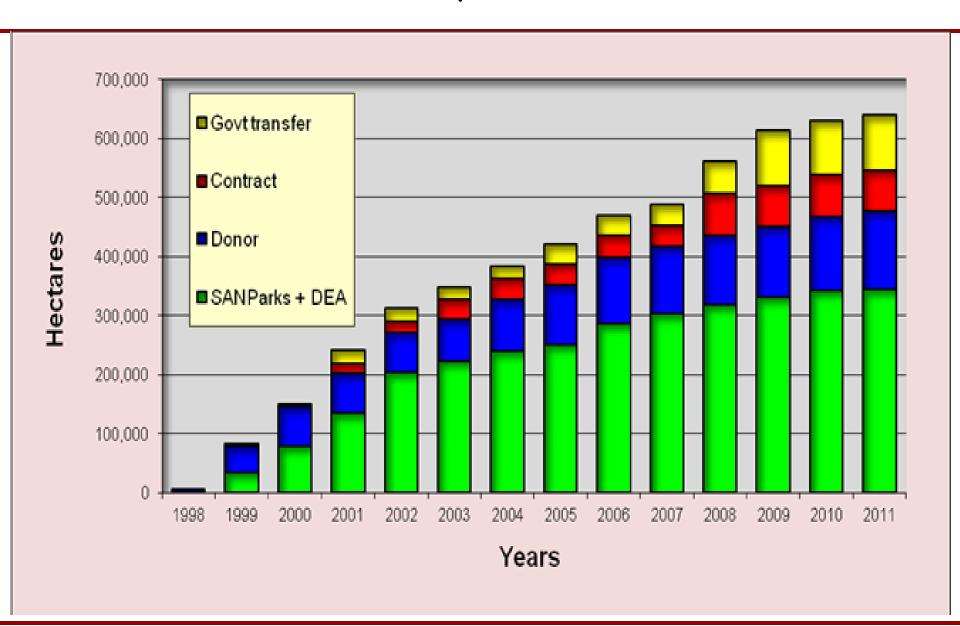


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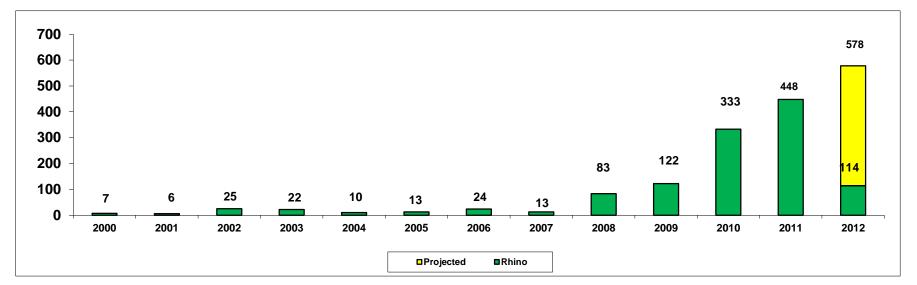




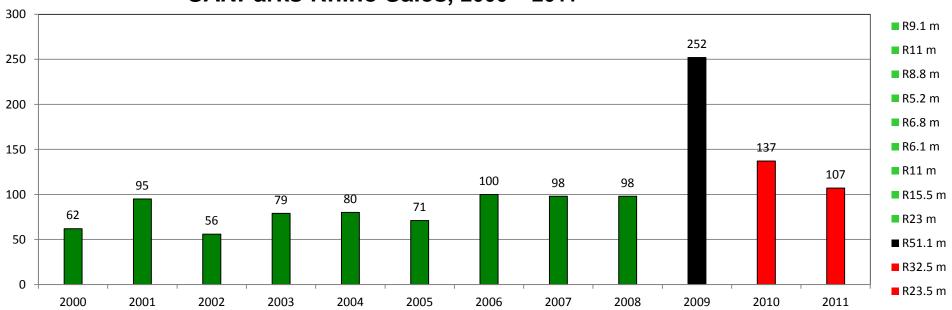
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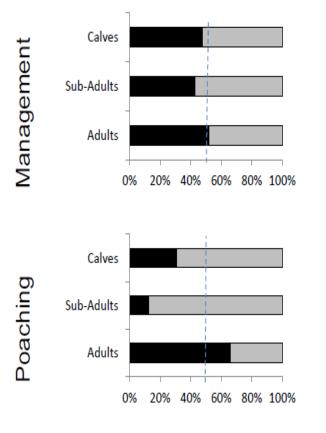
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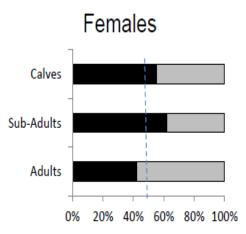
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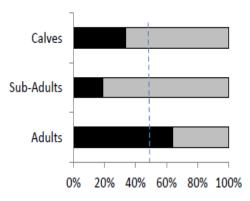


## Where are we going?

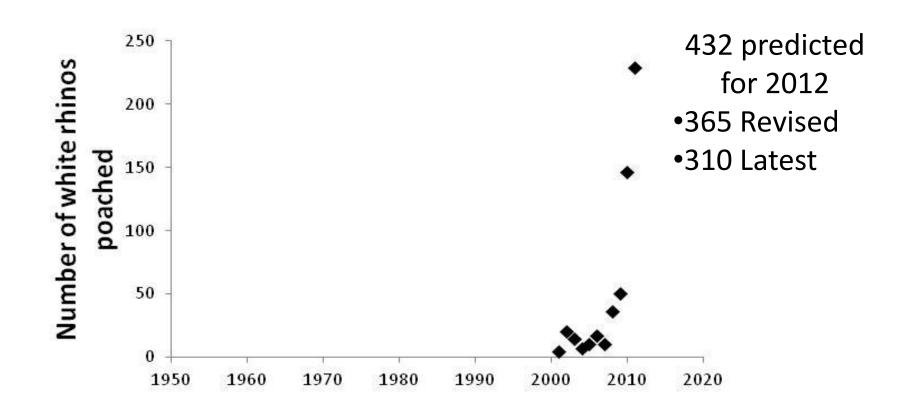


Males





- Poachers may remove as many rhinos in 2012 as what the managers wanted to remove
- Range expansion value may be reduced
- Revenue generation lost
- At this rate, by 2016 a
  detectable decline in
  rhinos may be observed





#### Generalized approach

