



Rhino In Crisis -Pelham Jones

PROA
WRSA





Discussion Topics:

- Situation Analysis
- What is being done to win the war
- Solutions

Failure is **NOT** an option!!





Population & Distribution

- Black 4 800
(1 900 in S.A)

- White 21 000
(18780 in S.A)

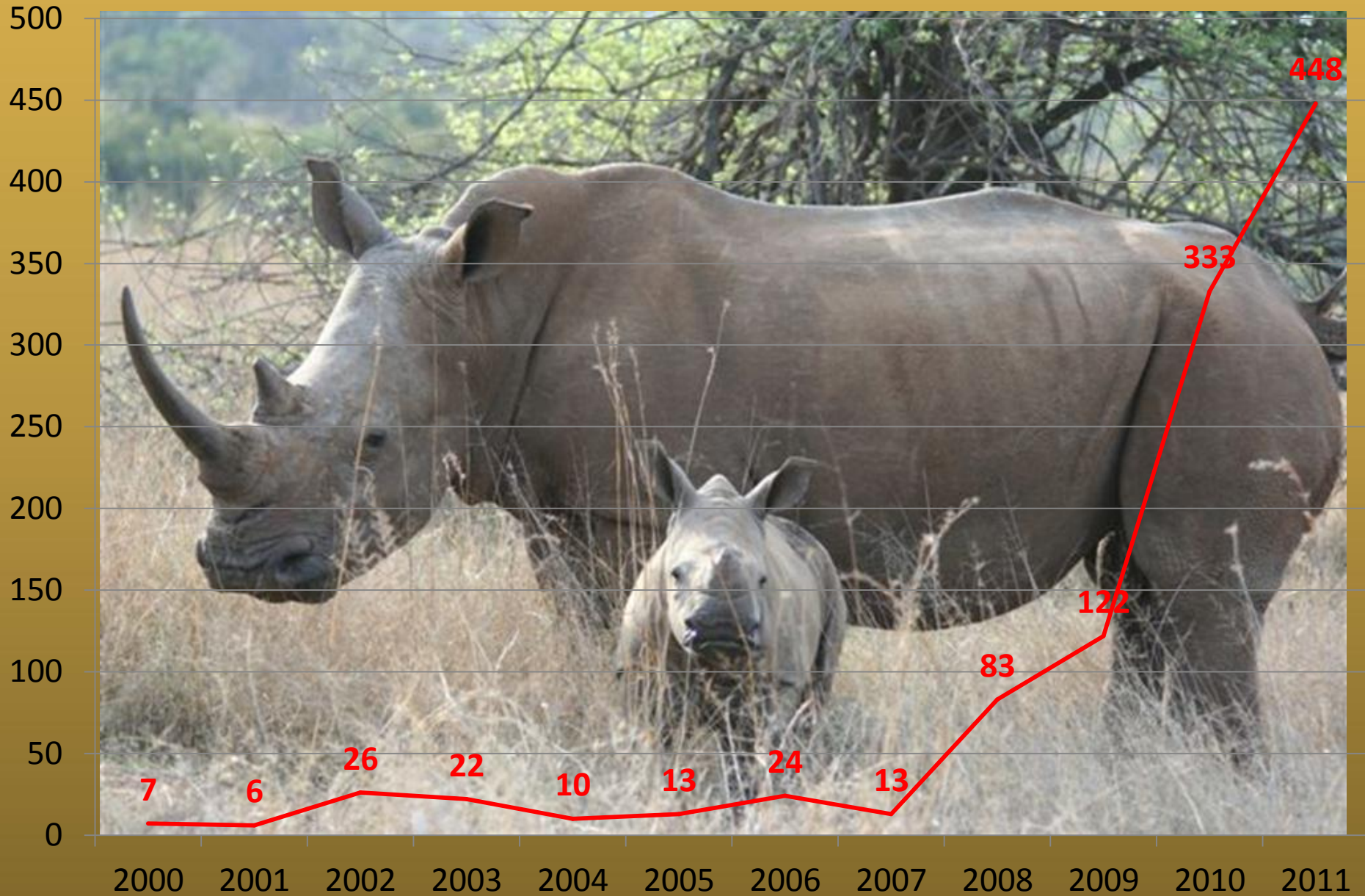
- *Db bicornis* Namibia and W. RSA
- *Db minor* KZN; Zimbabwe Etc
- *Db michaeli* Kenya & Tanzania

- 5000 PVT ownership
- R1 Billion Investment
- Over 20% of Africa's population

+ 100 000 rhino poached throughout Africa in last 45 years



Rhino Poached in South Africa





Rhino Poached in South Africa

- + 1 300 rhinos poached from 2000
- The average number rhinoceros poached per year for the period (1980 – 2004) was 6 animals p/a
- Financial loss R 650 million.
- Loss in asset value due to poaching R 1.4 billion.
- 2012 has already lost XXX rhino

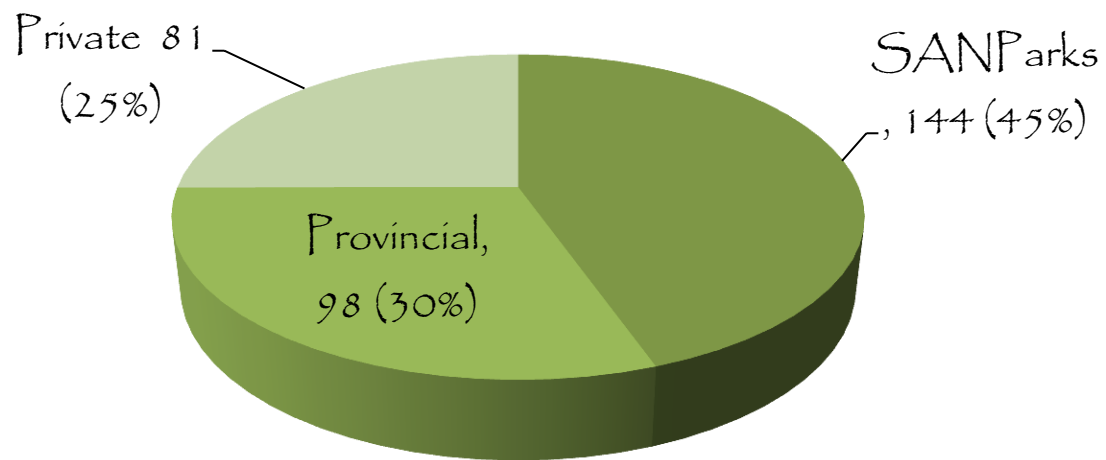




Incident profile

2000-2010

KNP	314	NW	76	EC	8
KZN	111	MP	30	FS	5
Limp	91	GP	22	WC	1





Why poach rhino ?

- What is the value loss to S.A
 $1300 \times 5\text{kg} = 6500 \text{ kg} @ \$ 60,000??$
 $= \$ 390 \text{ million}$
- Total For Africa $100\ 000 \times 5\text{kg} =$
 $500\ 000\text{Kg}$
 $@ \$ =????$
- Lost revenue to SA?
- Role of Organised crime



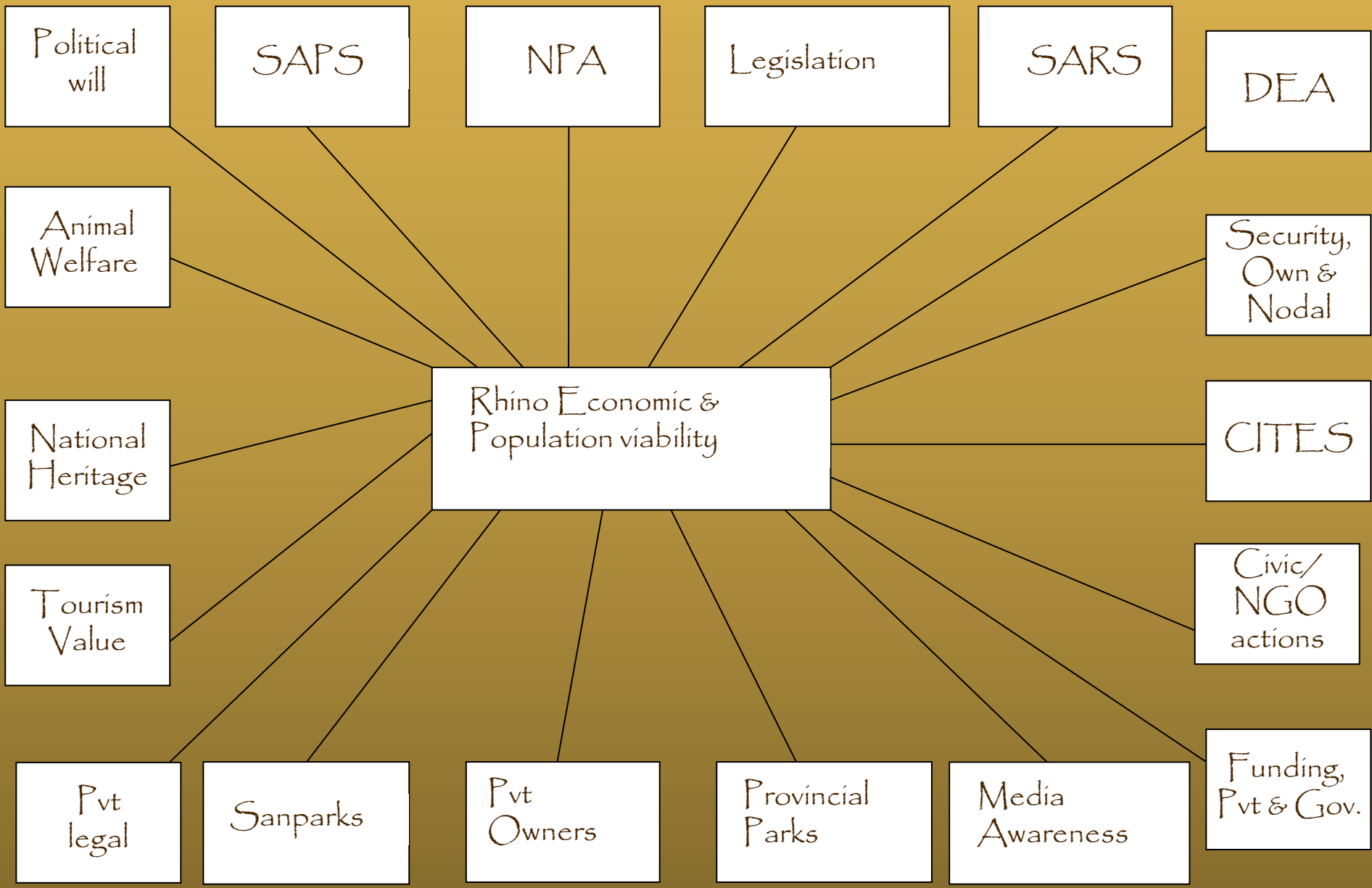


How to win the war?



Same approach as applied against drug cartels







PROA Focus Areas

- Lobby/ support Government in all areas of need.
- Co-ordinate Pvt owners needs.
- Establish better population data base.
- Ensure correct use of donor funding.
- Legalise trade in rhino horn via cities.
- Support LeadSA and other media groups.
- Better co-operation with other NGOs.





State:

- Current policy and strategy is failing
- CITES trade ban has created illegal market (1992 proposal to lift moratorium)
- Cannot wait to 2016
- National and provincial parks- financial difficulties
-increased security cost and loss of revenue





Domestic Solution

- HAWKS are under-resourced
- Government aid and support to private owners (currently 100% to state reserves)
- Firearms
- Review TOPS legislation, electronic permitting
- Lift current domestic moratorium on trade (basis of template for international trade)
- Must be DNA/Rhodis certified





Domestic Solution

- Horn must be TOPS registered
- Owner must hold TOPS permit
- Micro chipped
- May only be traded in SA

Above remove “blood horns” from the market





International Solution

- Recognize sustainable utilization
- Strong political, international condemnation
- Collapse illegal trade by allowing legal trade
- Application to CoP 16, 2013, to legalize trade (talked for 20 years)
- Use domestic template as basis for int. trade
- Commodity price, willing buyer, willing seller
- Pvt sector willing to assist
- Economic benefits of revenue back to rhino conservation





No more Big 5?? An African Crisis:

- 1895 white rhino at point of extinction, now again under threat.
- Part of our national heritage to protect!
- A member of the BIG FIVE
- A tourist asset.
- Urgent need for political intervention!

We do not poach panda bears!
Do not poach our rhino!





Discussion

Rhino preservation will only be assured when its value as a living animal is greater than when it is dead!

Currently, a rhino is worth more dead than alive!!!





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