

South African Hunters and  
Game Conservation  
Association



**RHINOS ALIVE !**  
**PROPOSED**  
**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**



Rhino Conservation is a South African success story with 93% of the world's White Rhino in this country !

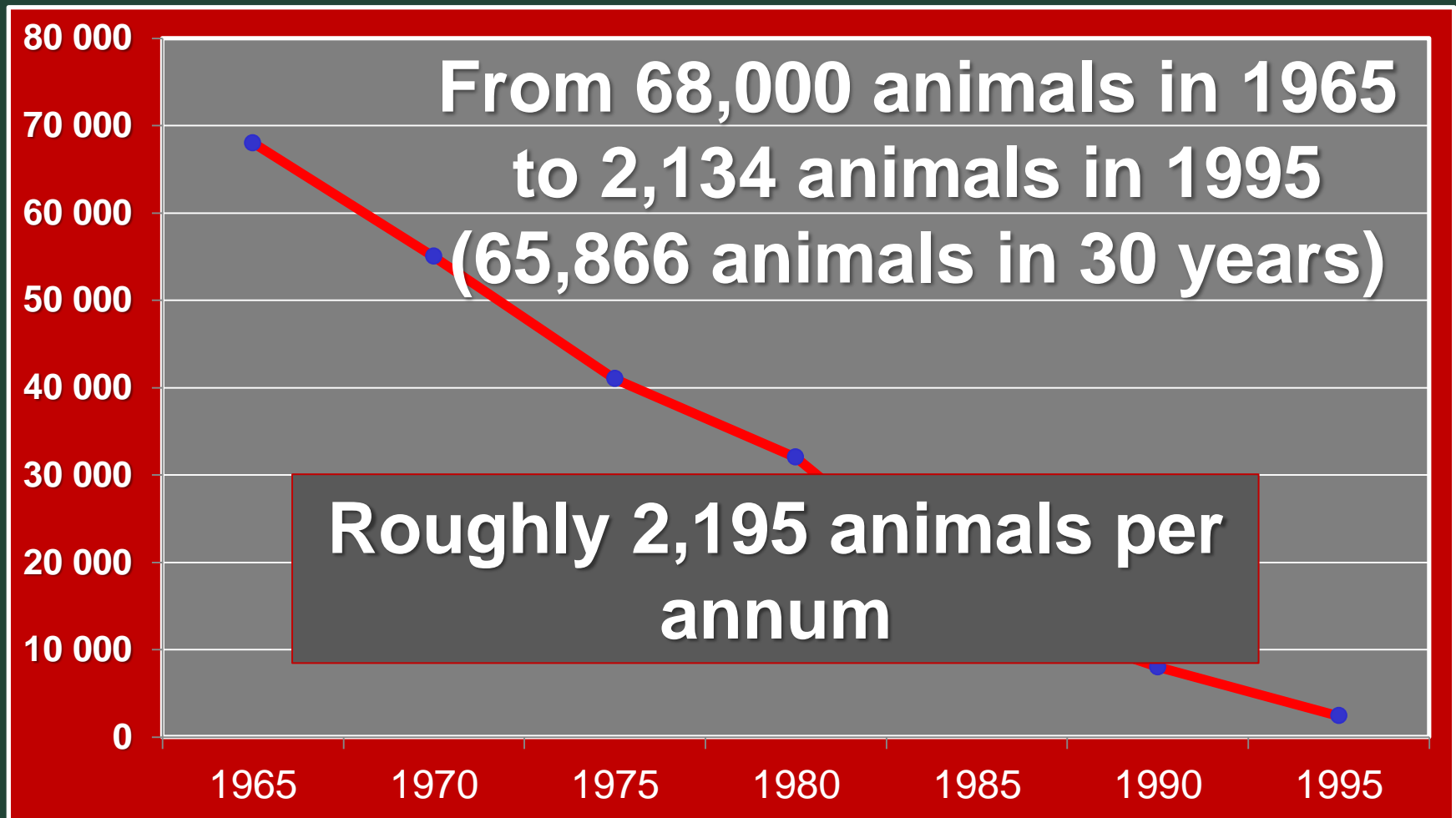
Black market price for Rhino horn:  
US\$ 65,000 / kg = R520,000-00 /kg  
@ ± 5kg horn/rhino



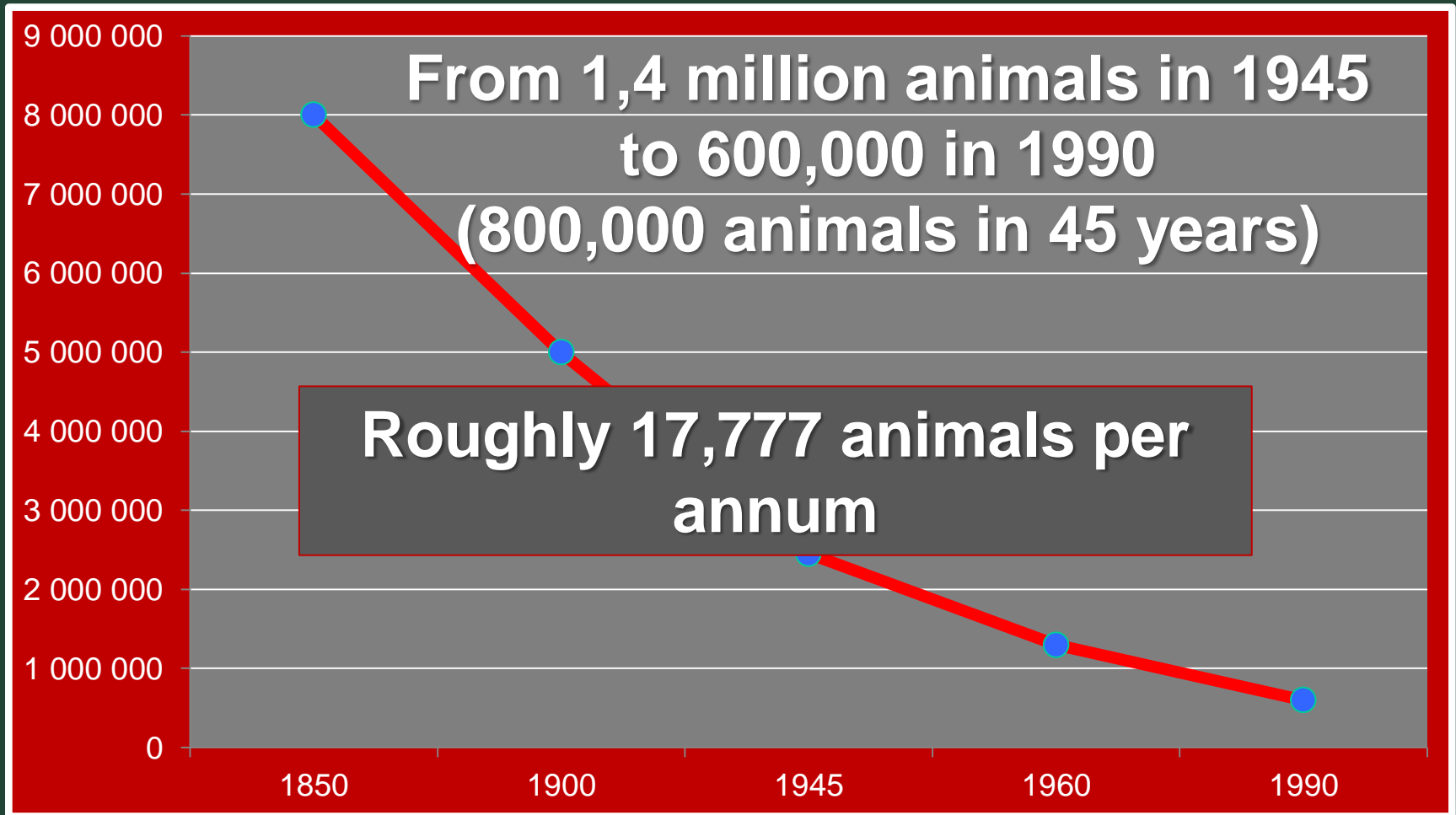
The 200+ Rhinos poached between  
1 Jan and end May 2012  
netted *US\$ 65,000,000* for criminal syndicates  
and *US\$ 0-00* for Rhino conservation.

= R520 million

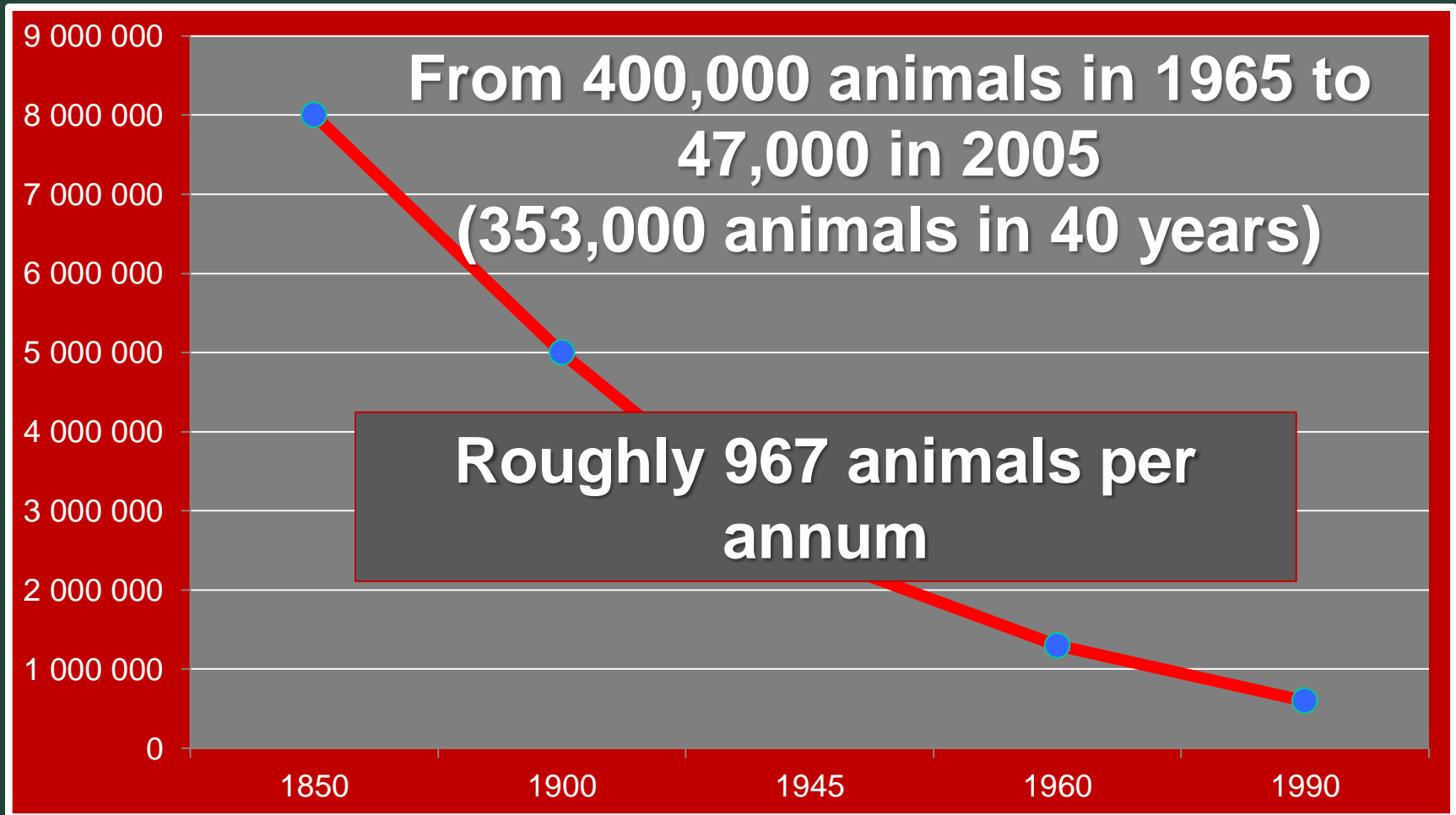
# OUR TRACK RECORD: AFRICA'S BLACK RHINO POPULATION



# OUR TRACK RECORD: AFRICA'S ELEPHANT POPULATION



# OUR TRACK RECORD: AFRICA'S LION POPULATION



Its clear we are loosing our wild populations of Rhino, Elephant and Lion in Africa, which leads to the value of the products of these animals constantly increasing

We can thus not afford to see valuable assets go up in smoke while conservation can barely pay for itself – let alone pay for anti-poaching actions.



R 144 million up in smoke

## HARD FACT:

where wildlife is utilised in a sustainable manner,  
all over the world, there it flourishes, because it  
has a value as an important resource





# HARD FACT:

Scarcity of resource results in increase in price and feeds the illegal trade resulting in increased poaching



## HARD FACT:

We have to force the black market price of Rhino horn, Elephant ivory and Lion body parts down through responsible and controlled legal trade.



# THE SAHGCA PROPOSAL:

Demand the immediate down-listing of South Africa's white rhino from Appendix II to Appendix III of CITES;

Review South Africa's membership of CITES and allow our own conservation authorities to strictly manage the trade in the products of high profile animals effectively and responsibly, according to properly negotiated legal trade agreements with other countries;



Establish one single co-ordinating body with executive powers from skilled and qualified experts from government and private entities who already manage anti-rhino-poaching initiatives under the supervision of  
DEA,

This body to also manage anti-poaching measures, and administer the national and international trade in rhino horn using the traceability created through compulsory DNA profiling of all Rhino in this country (also Elephant ivory and Lion body parts);

Implement appropriate electronic databases that will provide immediate statistical data on the permitting system, the content of the national stockpile of rhino horn, the sale of rhino horn from these stockpiles, the sale of relevant veterinarian medicine, the incidence of diseases, and any other such database that will assist the co-ordinating body to manage their task realistically;

Appoint the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at Onderstepoort as principal DNA collecting and storing facility for a centralised system of traceability of all rhino horn in this country; and

Strictly implement the stipulations of the new Norms & Standards for Rhino management as quick as possible and transfer the administration thereof to the suggested co-ordinating body.



