



Breytenbach encounters an elephant while walking.

# Ranger on mission to combat poachers

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ON 1 MAY, head ranger at Tazuwalo Game Lodge, Fritz Breytenbach, began to walk 1 000km to raise awareness about rhino poaching in South Africa as part of the Tazuwalo Rhino Extreme Campaign (TREC). Tazuwalo comprises a group of safari lodges in South Africa, of which Tazuwalo at Waterfall in Kyalami is one. The campaign has partnered with Game Reserves United (GRU) to help protect the rhinos. Studies have shown that work in the field remains the most effective way of fighting rhino poaching and Breytenbach is

committed to helping raise funds to support GRU's initiative, which places rangers in the field to combat poachers.

Breytenbach reached his target on 10 July but decided to continue walking.

During the initiative, Breytenbach visited local communities to talk to them about the plight of the rhinos in South Africa, as well as to educate them on rhino conservation. Breytenbach explained, "Along my journey I've learnt that awareness in rural communities, especially among the youth, is lacking. In response to this, I want to continue engaging with the locals to ensure that they

fully understand the importance of preserving South Africa's rhinos and the role that they can play in protecting these incredible creatures."

Breytenbach's walk has not only raised awareness about poaching and the state of the dwindling rhino population in rural communities, but has also served as a call to action for the general public. His bold effort to save the rhino has earned him supporters around the world.

Breytenbach added, "The plight of the rhino has been brought to our attention so that we can do something about it and that is why I decided to walk the 1 000km, so that others may be inspired to take action."



Fritz Breytenbach tells a group of children in a rural community about rhino poaching.