

Tintswalo Rhino Extreme Campaign makes every day Rhino Day

Latest statistics released by the Department of Environmental Affairs reveal that 688 rhinos have been poached since the beginning of 2013 in South Africa. Further, the Kruger National Park still holds the highest amount of killings with 418 recorded rhino deaths. While government works with its partners in combating the severity of poaching, other private entities and anti-poaching initiatives are also working hard to meet the continuous challenges being presented in dealing with the crisis. Thanks to the joint efforts of government and these initiatives, 219 alleged rhino poachers have been arrested in South Africa since the start of 2013.

It was in this spirit of

assistance that Tintswalo Safari Lodge has come to form the Tintswalo Rhino Extreme Campaign (TREC) to increase awareness of the massacre of the rhino population in Southern Africa. TREC simultaneously offers support to those field rangers on the ground protecting rhino from poachers in the nearby Manyeleti Game Reserve.

Tintswalo Lodges has further voiced their support for the deplored rhino population by wearing black on Rhino Day. Tintswalo's portfolio of lodges took pictures of their staff's participation at its various lodges in the Manyeleti Game Reserve, Cape Town and Johannesburg, and uploaded it to Tintswalo's social media platforms to share their good spirit with South Africans.

Further, as part of the TREC campaign, Fritz Breytenbach, head ranger of Tintswalo Safari Lodge, completed a strenuous 1 000km walk to raise further awareness of the rhino massacre.

"The walk has been an interesting journey filled with magnificent animal encounters, including rhino. I consider myself fortunate to have encountered these majestic beasts in the midst of the struggle they are facing. We have already had more rhino killings this year than previously and the most concerning part is reports are stating that there is the expectation that rhino deaths could increase by a further 50% before the end of the year," said Breytenbach.

Breytenbach continued his walk well beyond the initial 1 000km he committed to, travelling to

locations far and wide throughout the country. He will be continuing his walk until the end of October.

Mr. Peter Mokgatla, the CEO of TREC, said, "We are very grateful to our supporters who have made this walk possible. We are looking forward to the completion of the walk and the impact it will have on the public's perception of rhino."

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