



International Rhino Foundation Fact Sheet

The International Rhino Foundation (IRF) has been dedicated to the survival of the world's rhino species through conservation and research since its inception in 1993.

In the late 1980's the International Rhino Foundation was known as the Black Rhino Foundation (IBRF). BRF was begun to quell the organized and intense poaching attacks of the black rhinos in Zimbabwe. After experiencing immense success and stabilizing the population, BRF turned its sights to the plight of all species of rhinos.

Today, the International Rhino Foundation is involved in programs both in nature and in captivity, both of which IRF believes to be essential for the survival of rhinos. IRF focuses on the species most in need of, and most appropriate for, intensive protection and management. They also focus their projects where conservation will have its most significant impact, and when possible, is a catalyst and facilitator rather than a primary implementer. Additionally, the IRF provides linkages between captive and wild populations of rhinos, with the ultimate objective of helping captive populations become truly viable and hence an integral part of conservation strategies for rhinos.

The International Rhino Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors who generously contribute time and financial resources to its efforts. IRF maintains a very small staff – its lean structure allows more than 90 percent of its funds to go directly to its field programs in Africa and Asia. The IRF Program Office is based at the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, Florida, a conservation and research center for endangered wildlife.

To learn more about the International Rhino Foundation please visit www.rhinos-irf.org.

About White Oak Conservation Center

White Oak Conservation Center is one of the world's premiere wildlife breeding, research, and training facilities. The Center, located along the St. Mary's River in North Florida, spans 600 acres and is surrounded by 6,800 acres of pine and hardwood forest and wetlands.

The White Oak mission is to conserve threatened and endangered species of wildlife by maintaining scientifically managed captive populations that provide opportunities for research, training, reintroduction and involvement in field conservation programs.

Established in 1982 by philanthropist Howard Gilman, White Oak Conservation Center provides conservation options for the future by maintaining genetically diverse populations

of threatened species in spacious, natural facilities. With a complex of research, husbandry, education and conference facilities, the Center leads professional efforts to improve veterinary care, develop holistic animal management techniques, and better understand the biology of critically endangered species.

To learn more about White Oak Conservation Center please visit www.wocenter.org.