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Hercules Update



On 22 September, the world marked World Rhino Day, a time when the world's attention turns towards these ancient giants and the urgent crisis they face.

The International Rhino Foundation's latest report brings both warning and hope: the global white rhino population is estimated at 15,752, a decline of 11% in recent years. And yet, the critically endangered black rhino shows a fragile promise, with numbers rising to 6,800. These statistics remind us that this battle is far from won and that the work here at Care for Wild is more important than ever in safeguarding rhino populations.

Over the past 11 years, Care for Wild has stood as a sanctuary of resilience and hope. This World Rhino Day, we humbly acknowledge 130 rescues, 53 releases back into the wild and 27 births.

But this is not just our story, it is your story too. Behind every achievement, behind every measurable impact, are those who chose to stand with us. Your support, your donations, and your commitment transform lives here in South Africa.

When you chose to support **Hercules**, you made a declaration: that extinction is not an option. You chose to carry his care, his protection, and his future on your shoulders.

On behalf of the Care for Wild team, on this Rhino Month, we thank you for loving rhinos.

Because of you, there is hope.
Because of you, the next generation may still hear the thunder of rhino feet across African soil.

Together, we are writing a different ending to the story of the rhinos.

