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Dear President Zuma,

I've been writing about rhinos for years as a journalist and wanted to add my voice to the chorus that is asking you to do all in your power to save South Africa's rhinos.

Having spent time in your beautiful country, I realize that you must balance many issues and problems. That said, increased protection for rhinos in parks (especially Kruger), tougher laws for poachers and traffickers, and more investigations into the underground trade would come at a small price and with a major benefit. South Africa remains one of the bright spots for conservation and wildlife not only in Africa, but in the world. You are blessed with some of the world's most stunning animals and environments. Surely protecting them, not only for tourists and locals, but for future generations is a hugely important issue for any leader.

In addition, there are many groups worldwide that are concerned about this issue and would very likely provide assistance in helping you tackle it. Please, consider stepping up your efforts to protect rhinos and other wildlife.

Cheers,

(via email 8/9/12)

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