

July 31, 2012

Dear President Zuma,

I am writing to you today to make an urgent plea to you to take action immediately to stop rhino poaching in South Africa. You have an amazing country full of fantastic wildlife and beauty that draws tourists from all over the world. However, this will all stop when you allow the senseless killing and extinction of this magnificent creature. If a large, symbolic icon like the rhino goes extinct in your country, it will put a dark shadow on South Africa.

I urge you to immediately put in place an all out war to stop poachers now. Once the poaching is under control, it will be up to all of us to convince the middle Eastern people to stop the practice of using rhino horn to make their medicines. I realize that many of these people are lied to by being told that rhinos are not harmed in order to get the powder so we must make sure they learn the truth- that their medicine is going to cause rhinos to go extinct. Best to find an alternative like cow hooves from already butchered animals or perhaps our own finger nails to make their medicine. It would certainly be cheaper. Once the demand goes down, rhinos will have a chance to thrive. Until then, we need to protect them from poachers.

Please do all you can to ensure rhinos and all your other wildlife are safe, protected and have adequate habitat to prosper. We want rhinos to be around for future generations to enjoy. I hope to one day see the marvelous wildlife of South Africa and you could be the President that allows it to happen. THAT would be a wonderful legacy!

Sincerely,

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