



In January a Sub Adult Bull, aged 27 months, was attacked by fellow Bull Rhinos. Timing was crucial for the intervention and due to weather conditions a helicopter and a crane were needed to mobilise, treat and secure the rhino in a boma. Subsequent funding was necessary for ongoing veterinary care, security and supplementary feeding.



At the end of January our vet team assembled on site and assessed the rhino. Conditions were difficult and risky for darting and for this reason and other contributing factors, it was agreed that until a firm plan was in place to move him to a suitable location we would give him the chance to heal naturally.

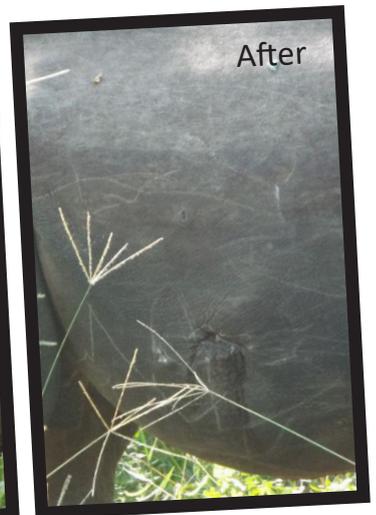
The subsequent inclement weather proved challenging for helicopter darting and poor road conditions made it dangerous to all concerned and was therefore beyond our control to carry out the intended immobilization.

He is being monitored closely by rangers and is on the mend daily, feeding well. However, should his physical condition worsen or if he falls under threat again from further rhino attacks, the team on standby will intervene.

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This Sub Adult Bull was registered as #1436 and didnt have a name. The biggest sponsor was given the opportunity to name the Rhino and on 12th March Bitumen World was given that privilege and Andre Ziestsman decided to name him Nkosi (meaning Boss).



Donations for the initiative included funding from various well-wishers of over US\$7,000, a stunning painting for auction by Jan Stander, lucerne grass from Jeremy Hubert of Balu Estate in Bulawayo, rhino cubes from NF Stockfeeds and transport of the grass by Swift Transport.

Our heartfelt thanks go to these generous donors, the vet team and all those on the ground and behind the scenes who are playing a part monitoring the rhino and keeping him safe.

Any funding left over from this appeal will be utilized for future rhino veterinary interventions which are sadly part of everyday life in the

Conservancy resulting from poaching incidents, snaring and natural causes.

DONATIONS TO DATE

Bitumen World	US\$2,000
Alexis Stein	US\$1,590
Redan Zimbabwe	US\$1,500
Gabor Peters	US\$700
Ana Solanki	US\$300
Toyota Zimbabwe	RTGS100,000
Machinery Exchange	RTGS 5,000