

Rhino subspecies vanishing from the wild

The Western Black Rhino of Africa has been declared officially extinct, and two other subspecies of rhinoceros are close to meeting the same fate, according to the latest global assessment of threatened species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

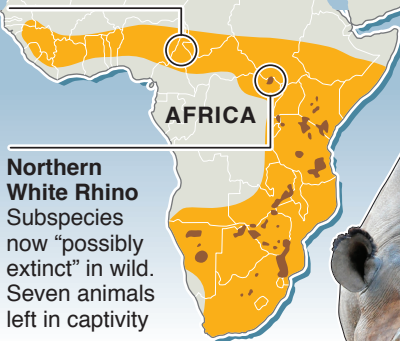
Historic distribution of rhinos

Current range of rhinos

White / Black

Indian, Javan and Sumatran

Western Black Rhino: Estimated population of 10 animals in 2002. Last known habitat northern Cameroon

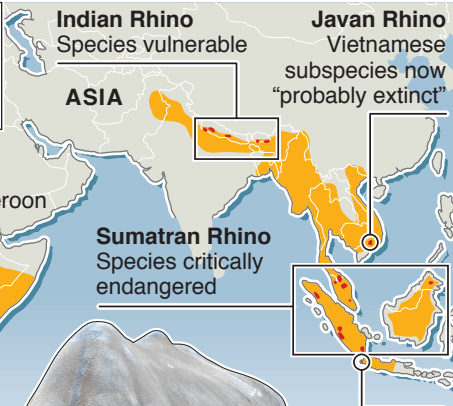


Northern White Rhino

Subspecies now “possibly extinct” in wild. Seven animals left in captivity

RHINO POPULATIONS

White (Southern)	20,000
Black (Eastern, South-western and South-central)	4,000
Indian	3,000
Sumatran	200-300
Javan	50-60



Indian Rhino
Species vulnerable

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Sumatran Rhino
Species critically endangered

Javan Rhino
Vietnamese subspecies now “probably extinct”

Javan Rhino
Last refuge of critically endangered species in western Java



Overall numbers of black and white rhinos are rising, but some subspecies have been vulnerable to poachers who trade the animals' valuable horns