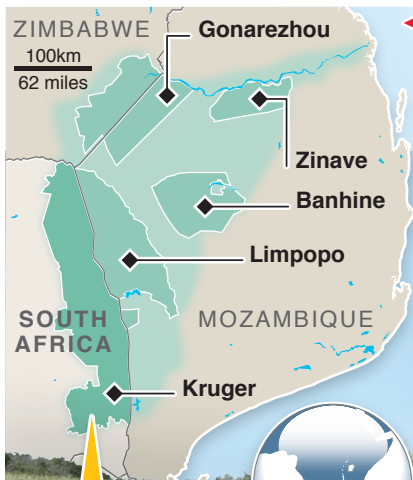
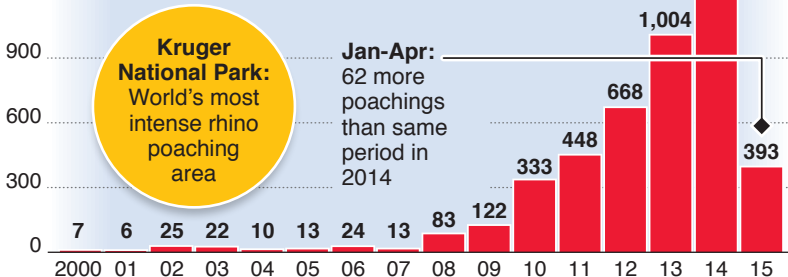


# Rhino poaching soaring in South Africa

South Africa says more rhinos were slaughtered in the first four months of 2015 than in the same period last year, as poaching hits record levels

## RHINO POACHING IN SOUTH AFRICA, 2000-2015

1,200 animals killed



**Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park:** Comprises Kruger, and other national parks in Mozambique and Zimbabwe  
*Rhinos killed for their horns, used in traditional Asian medicine*

**Jan-Apr 2015:** Rangers catch 132 suspected poachers, aided by helicopters and dogs

**Kruger National Park:** Home to South Africa's 20,700-strong rhino population – world's largest



**Feb 2015:** South African government begins study into whether trade in rhino horn should be legalised and regulated to try and halt poaching