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Volunteers Needed In the Fight Against Rhino Poaching Nationally - 2010

Conserv has been collating a Rhino Support Group Volunteers Data Base since the beginning of the year. Our office renders an ongoing service to all Private Rhino Owners and National/ Provincial parks registered on our network. This amongst other includes, administrating and structuring the Rhino Owners fraternity into workable and practical nodes, communication networks, training of members, putting in proactive and reaction area action plans and the mobilising of members and surrounding communities/ support groups in the event of a poaching incident going down. **The natural extension to this is to integrate Volunteers.**

We have a solid working relationship with members of SANPARKS, NWCRU, DEA, CAA, Security Companies, APU's and NGO's (EWT/ WRSA/ PROA) amongst other, involved with the protection of our wildlife.

I would like to call on you to assist in the fight against poaching by actually been able to put in time and energy for the cause, irrespective of where you are resident. A critical success factor regarding this Initiative is coordination. Our 'one stop' 24hr Control Room and supporting systems carries out this function daily. We are often called to duty as an 'Operational Centre' to coordinate and mobilise support groups regarding rhino poaching, (in fact all environmental crimes) which will be extended to approved volunteers.

In essence, notwithstanding that clear guidelines, terms of reference, protocols, SOP's and good security practices be followed, we encourage any person who can assist on a voluntary bases both proactively and reactively, to contact our office. We invite trackers, dog handlers, pilots, rangers, lawyers, vehicular patrollers, field guides, 4x4 and Rescue clubs etc to SMS their details to (modem) **083 272 9718** preceded by the word 'Rhino', to include name, province, closest town and your area of expertise. Alternatively visit www.stoprhinopoaching.com . In return we will contact all Volunteers and advise on the way forward.

Please feel free to email the writer at info@conservsecurity.com for more info and/or suggestions. Your help and support in this regard will be appreciated,

Regards

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