

Project Update: December 2015

The hottest months of September, October and November have offered sound conditions with low occurrence of logistical challenges to tackle in rhino monitoring. The frequency of live visuals reached record levels due to easy vegetation penetrability and the using of camera traps. The now nine months old de-snared rhino calf (treated in August) has gone through a rapid recovery. Since her birth in March 2015, another baby rhino has been born. The 7 week old male was delivered by the oldest female in mid-October 2015 and is in sound condition. In September 2015, the new managing body, African Parks (AP) launched a helicopter-assisted rhino darting operation that led to two individuals having been fitted with transmitters. Several elephants and a buffalo calf were also treated of serious snare wounds involving our AP rhino team, Dr Amanda Salb (Wildlife Emergency Response Unit), Derek Macpherson (Cluny Wildlife Trust) and staff from Central African Wilderness Safaris.



Darted rhino bull shifted



Horn implant



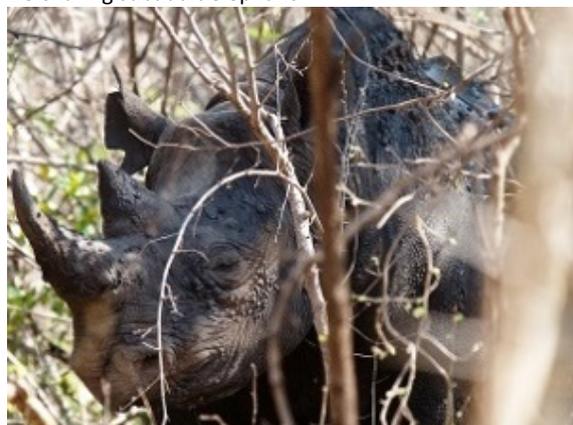
Dr Uys seeking a chance to dart



De-snaring subadult elephant



Mother & newborn



Young female