



Rhino trio benefit from solid partnership

When TRAC reached out to assist an orphaned rhino calf that was barely holding onto life, we didn't realise the significant impact we would make on ensuring her bright future or how other rhino calves at the Care For Wild (CFW) Rehabilitation Centre would benefit from our support.

TRAC's solid relationship with the centre, situated in Mbombela (Nelspruit), started in 2014 when we assisted financially with the rescue of a rhino calf from the Kruger National Park. The calf, later to be named Wyntir, was left an orphan after poachers butchered her mother and she found herself under siege by a cackle of hyena. The savage attack by the hyenas left Wyntir badly injured and when she arrived at CFW she was barely clutching to life.

The dedication, knowledge and perseverance of CFW's staff and volunteers together with TRAC's annual sponsorship ensured that Wyntir not only made a miraculous recovery, but also settled into her new home with ease. During her recovery Wyntir also befriended two other orphaned rhinos at the centre, Tana and Mabush, which were in a similar state of despair when admitted to CFW. But just like Wyntir, they too overcame their injuries and heartbreak and today the trio are inseparable.

TRAC was so impressed with Wyntir's remarkable recovery, and the commendable work at the rehab facility, that at the end of the first term's contract we not only renewed the initial sponsorship, but also committed to sponsoring Tana and Mabush. The three are today the picture of perfect rhino health and tranquillity, as shown at their last weigh-in when Mabush tipped the scales at 815kg, Tana at 776kg and Wyntir at 770kg.

Besides the annual sponsorship, TRAC continues to raise funds for CFW at various PR and CSI events attended or presented by TRAC. All our employees love the trio and one staff member, Gert Jordaan, even went as far as making two collection boxes in their honour. The boxes are displayed at various events with members of the public being encouraged to drop a donation in them. Over the past three years we have raised thousands of Rands in this manner.

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