

142 poachers arrested so far

The total number of rhino poached in South Africa since the beginning of 2013 has increased to 488 with 142 alleged poachers being arrested.

The Kruger National Park has borne the brunt of rhino poaching since the start of 2013. A total of 300 rhino have been poached in the Park since 1 January. A total of 53 rhino have been poached in North West, 52 in Limpopo, 43 in KwaZulu-Natal, 35 in Mpumalanga, three in Gauteng and two in the Eastern Cape.

Of the 142 alleged poachers arrested, 62 have been caught in the Kruger National Park and 30 in KwaZulu-Natal. A total of 27 suspected poachers have been arrested in Limpopo, 11 in North West province, nine in Mpumalanga and three in Gauteng. Five people have been charged with being couriers.

South Africans are urged to report incidents of poaching and tip-offs to the anonymous tip-off lines 0800 205 005, 08600 10111 or Crime-Line on 32211.

Rhino poaching statistics				
SA	2010	2011	2012	2013
KNP (SANParks)	146	252	425	300
MNP (SANParks)	0	6	3	0
GP	15	9	1	3
LIM	52	74	59	52
MP	17	31	28	35
NW	57	21	77	53
EC	4	11	7	2
FS	3	4	0	0
KZN	38	34	66	43
WC	0	6	2	0
NC	1	0	0	0
	333	448	668	488

Rhino poaching arrests statistics				
South Africa - Arrests	2013	2012	2011	2010
KNP	62	73	82	67
MNP	0	0	0	0
Gauteng (GP)	3	26	16	10
Mpumalanga (MP)	9	66	73	16
Eastern Cape (EC)	0	0	2	7
Limpopo (LP)	27	43	34	36
North West (NW)	11	32	21	2
Free State (FS)	0	6	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal (KZN)	30	20	4	25
Western Cape (WC)	0	0	0	2
Northern Cape (NC)	0	1	0	0
Total	142	267	232	165