

Update on rhino poaching statistics

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The latest rhino poaching statistics indicate that a total of 455 rhinos have been lost to illegal killings since the beginning of this year, with the total number of arrests at 207.

The Kruger National Park has lost 272 rhinos to poaching. KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and the North West provinces continue to be the hardest hit by poachers, collectively accounting for the loss of 150 rhinos.

Rhino poaching statistics:

SA	2010	2011	2012
KNP (SANParks)	146	252	272
MNP (SANParks)	0	6	3
GP	15	9	1
LIM	52	74	49
MP	17	31	20
NW	57	21	46
EC	4	11	7
FS	3	4	0
KZN	38	34	55
WC	0	6	2
NC	1	0	0
TOTAL	333	448	455

179 of the arrested individuals are at the level of poacher, 10 are receivers and 18 are couriers.

Rhino poaching arrests statistics:

South Africa - Arrests	2012	2011	2010
KNP (KNP)	51	82	67
MNP	0	0	0
Gauteng (GP)	26	16	10
Mpumalanga (MP)	57	73	16
Eastern Cape (EC)	0	2	7
Limpopo (LP)	34	34	36
North West (NW)	21	21	2
Free State (FS)	6	0	0
KZN (KZN)	11	4	25
Western Cape (WC)	0	0	2
Northern Cape (NC)	1	0	0
Total	207	232	165

Members of the public are urged to report incidents of rhino poaching or any tip-offs that could lead to arrests and prevention of illegal killings to 0800 205 005.