



**RHINO CONSERVATION  
AWARDS**

**2017**  
NOMINATION FORM





Founders Dr Larry Hansen, and Miss Xiaoyang Yu, with sponsors Carl Zeiss Sports Optics in collaboration with the South African Department of Environmental Affairs and the Game Rangers Association of Africa, present the Rhino Conservation Awards 2017. This will be the sixth year that these awards will recognize significant role players involved in rhino conservation.

The key to successfully conserving the rhino will lie in the dedication of all those involved in the fight against rhino poaching in Africa. These people often do selfless and unrecognized work to save our natural heritage that is in danger of being lost forever. Sometimes this happens in the face of physical danger, political opposition and severe financial constraints. These factors make the contribution of each role player even more worthy of recognition – hence the reason for these awards.

The primary objective of the awards is to give recognition to the winners, runners up and all nominees, and in doing so raise awareness of what is done in the war against rhino poaching. This will serve to motivate involved role players to keep fighting to ensure the rhino's survival.

The Rhino Conservation Awards will be presented on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at a Gala Dinner function at Monte Casino in Gauteng, South Africa. High-level dignitaries under the patronage of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco will attend, including South African Government Officials, Foreign Diplomats, representatives from Department of Environment Affairs and other Conservation Management Authorities, media, sponsors, NGOs and other organizations related to rhino conservation will be in attendance.

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## **2017 AWARD CATEGORIES**

**Only work done over the past 12 months starting July 2016 will be considered in the adjudication.**

**1) Best Field Ranger:**

This must be an employed field ranger who works daily in the field of active rhino protection and risks personal safety and comfort to do so.

**2) Best Conservation Practitioner:**

This must be a person, team or entity working full-time in the conservation field and fighting rhino poaching through protected area management, intelligence gathering, strategic anti-poaching operation management etc.

**3) Best Political, Investigative and Judicial support:**

This must be a person, team or entity that plays a significant role in the political, investigative or judicial arenas and whose actions resulted in supporting the conservation of rhino in Africa. This includes law enforcement agencies, units and personnel.

**4) Best Rhino Conservation Supporter:**

This must be a person, team or entity that plays a significant role in supporting the conservation of rhino. Supporters can lend support from any field that includes but is not limited to the scientific, awareness, education or funding spheres.

**5) Special Award for Endangered Species Conservation:**

This must be a person, team or entity working full-time in the field to combat poaching of other endangered species through in field protection, protected area management, intelligence gathering, strategic anti-poaching operations management etc. This includes field rangers and conservation practitioners.

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## **NOMINATION PROCEDURE AND RULES**

1. Only the following five pages must be submitted as your nomination.
2. Nominations for awardees are open to any person/team/ entity that meets the criteria set down below.
3. Only details of the work done by the nominee since July 2016 will be considered.
4. Persons / Teams/Entities from any African Rhino Range State are eligible for nomination. Persons / Team /Entities from any African State are eligible for the Special Award for Endangered Species Conservation.
5. Your motivation may not exceed the allotted space provided, and should follow the criteria given.
6. A nominee may be nominated for more than one category, but each category nomination must be submitted on a separate nomination form.
7. No addendums or extensions to the nomination form will be considered.
8. Nominations can be submitted in the following ways:
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  - a. Download and complete it electronically and submit by E-mail to [info@gameranger.co.za](mailto:info@gameranger.co.za)
  - b. Mail the completed nomination form to: PO Box 84420, Greenside, 2034, Gauteng, South Africa
  - c. Complete and submit a nomination on the website: [www.rhinoawards.org](http://www.rhinoawards.org)
10. Nomination submissions will close on 30 June 2017 at 17:00
11. Finalists will be advised in writing and will need to attend the Award Ceremony on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 at Monte Casino in Gauteng, South Africa. Details of the event will be sent to Nominator and Nominee
12. The decision of the adjudication panel is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding winners of the Awards.

### **ENQUIRIES:**

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**NOMINEE (Person / Team or Entity that is nominated for an award):**

NAME:	Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Me:	
OCCUPATION:		
EMPLOYER:		
TELEPHONE:	LANDLINE:	CELLPHONE:
POSTAL ADDRESS:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

**NOMINATOR (Person who is submitting the nomination):**

NAME:	Prof/Dr/Mr/Mrs/Me:	
OCCUPATION:		
EMPLOYER:		
TELEPHONE:	LANDLINE:	CELLPHONE:
POSTAL ADDRESS:		
EMAIL ADDRESS:		

**Please tick the category for which the nomination is submitted:**

- 1)  **Best Field Ranger**
- 2)  **Best Conservation Practitioner**
- 3)  **Best Political, Investigative and Judicial support:**
- 4)  **Best Rhino Conservation Supporter:**
- 5)  **Special Award for Endangered Species Conservation:**

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