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FURTHER STATEMENT ON SUSPENSION OF TRANSLOCATION OF BLACK RHINO

Subsequent to our earlier statement on the suspension of the ongoing translocation of black rhinos, we wish to clarify some facts as follows:

1. The rhinos were being translocated from Nairobi and Nakuru National Parks to the newly-created sanctuary in Tsavo East National Park being supported by WWF-Kenya.
2. Fourteen (14) rhinos were to be relocated – eight (8) from Nairobi National Park and six (6) from Nakuru National Park.

3. Only eleven (11) rhinos were actually relocated – eight (8) from Nairobi and three (3) from Nakuru.
4. The eight (8) dead rhinos were among these 11 that had been moved to the sanctuary in an initiative to start a new population in line with the National Rhino Conservation and Management Strategy.
5. The three (3) remaining rhinos are being closely monitored by veterinary and park management teams and are being provided with fresh water in temporary water pans. They have been moved out of the sanctuary to join other rhinos that were already resident in the Tsavo.
6. The remaining three (3) in Nakuru are safe and sound.

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