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IT'S TIME TO FIGHT FOR OUR LOCAL HERITAGE, INCLUDING THE "BIG 5"

Proudly South African has issued an urgent call to all South Africans, to stand up and take decisive action to protect the country's rhino population.

"Somebody somewhere knows who the poachers are. As South Africans, it is our civic duty to inform the authorities about wrongdoing and crime. We need to blow the whistle on the culprits before our rhinos are hunted into extinction," said Proudly South African CEO, Adv Leslie Sedibe.

Eight rhino carcasses were found in the Kruger National Park yesterday. Three were discovered in Lower Sabie and five in the Pretoriuskop section of the park. The carcasses were of adults which had been shot and dehorned.

"The Rhino is part of our Big 5 and forms part of South Africa's national heritage. Last year about 443 rhinos were killed for their horns. Some reports say at least 22 rhinos have been killed so far this year. This is unacceptable," said Adv Sedibe.

Proudly South African is encouraging members of the public, who have information about rhino poachers, to step forward and inform the authorities. Anonymous tip-offs can also be sent via sms to Crime Line on 32211.

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