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**Press Release**

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**Title : Rhino poaching incident at Entabeni Safari Conservancy**

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On Monday 16 October 2017 a female White Rhino was poached at Entabeni Safari Conservancy, Waterberg region, Limpopo.

The Anti-poaching unit stationed at the conservancy sent out a search team to find this particular rhino, after she had not been seen in 24 hours. The search team then came across the scene of the crime in the early hours of Tuesday 17 October 2017.

The rhino had been shot and both of her horns removed by the poachers. Authorities were immediately notified of the situation and called to the conservancy to conduct a full investigation into the matter.

She had a 21 month old calf who was also harmed by the poachers. The calf has been stabilized and the way forward will be determined by the veterinarian, with the option of placing the calf in the care of The Rhino Orphanage also being taken into consideration.

Mr Arrie van Deventer, Rhino Conservationist at Entabeni Safari Conservancy said: "In 23 years Entabeni Safari Conservancy was fortunate not to have an incident like this occur. Sadly this Big 5 conservancy has now also been the victim of the horrendous poaching epidemic our country is facing at the moment."

He further stated that the poachers have won this battle, but certainly not the war against poaching. Entabeni Safari Conservancy will continue their anti-poaching efforts, as well as raising awareness for this dire cause.

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