



## Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species

The RI Board of Directors has decided to officially recognize the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species (RAGES).

This Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species or RAGES is a Rotarian Action Group and operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

A Rotarian Action Group is an association of Rotarians who have as their purpose the advancement of the Object of Rotary by providing assistance and support to Rotary clubs, districts, and multi districts in planning and implementing large-scale, community development and humanitarian service projects.

Rotarian Action Groups are also given the privilege to be listed in the RI Official Directory.



**The Chipembere Rhino Project** in South Africa is one of three projects to be supported. All three have the potential to be large-scale, community development and humanitarian service projects, with conservation of endangered species as the bottom line.

In 2014 some 1,215 rhino, mainly Southern White Rhino, were poached out of a population of only around 22,000 left in Sub-Saharan Africa. We have reached the tipping point to extinction with this species. The Northern White Rhino are down to 5 left in the world. There are only around 5,000 Black Rhino left in the world. In the first few weeks of 2015, 49 rhinos have already been poached.



The work of the people at Chipembere is simply amazing and deserves all the support that they can get from Rotary and RAGES. Jo Wilmot of the Rotary Club of Kenton-on-Sea is the Project Director and a board member of RAGES.

The Rotary Club of Pretoria East supports **Chipembere** through its international fundraising ambassador, Ronnie the Rhino, seen on the left.

Read more about RAGES at [www.endangeredrag.org](http://www.endangeredrag.org)