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Save the Rhino Trust Namibia announces the appointment of new members to its Board of Trustees

It takes teamwork to save the rhino. Save the Rhino Trust (SRT) Namibia acknowledges and respects the extraordinary efforts of the unsung heroes and agencies that have contributed to the successful conservation of the desert-dwelling black rhinoceros population of north-west Namibia. Our dedicated team is working together with others to maintain a sharp eye on the immediate threats facing the rhinos and their habitat - both current and into the future.

We are also committed to the reinforcement of SRT's governance, outreach and support in addressing our financial restraints. To that end, we welcome the commitment of three respected leaders who have joined our Board of Trustees:

- **Ms. Maxi Pia Louis** – Director of the Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organisations (NACSO), Member of the International Advisory Board Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA), and a leader in the development and implementation of Namibia's celebrated community-based natural resource management policies
- The respected Namibian sports personality **Mr. Amos Shikuya**, past captain of the national football team, humble servant of the beautiful game, and business leader
- **Ms Ginger Mauney** - conservationist, author, filmmaker and the Hospitality Association of Namibia Tourism Personality of the Year 2014

The three newly appointed Trustees join a strong and committed SRT Board that provides strength and guidance to SRT's CEO, Mr Simpson Uri-Khob. SRT's full Board of Trustees is: Mr Dudu Murorua (Chairman); Mr Mike Leech (Vice-Chairman); Mr Rob Moffett; Mr Wolfgang Grellman; Mr Pierre du Preez; Mr Brandon Munro; Ms Ginger Mauney; Mr Amos Shikuya; and Ms Maxi Louis.

The Board of Trustees would also like to recognize the dedication of Mr. Rod Braby, who, after 4 years as a Trustee, is stepping down from the Board while he assumes new commitments to Namibia's coastal conservation.

The magnitude and scale of the criminal forces waging war on Africa's remaining wildlife and wilderness cannot be over-stated. Illegal Wildlife Trade is increasingly recognized as a key factor in funding organised crime and corruption that can ultimately lead to political destabilization, terrorism and extreme human rights abuses.

The nation's rhinos represent the pinnacle of modern Namibia's successful conservation record, and are a source of national pride. It is a great honour to defend and protect our natural heritage, for today and for future generations of Namibians.

To further strengthen our work, please join us in welcoming our newest Trustees. Their contribution, which is entirely voluntary, together with others who are working tirelessly in the field, is vital to the survival of the species and contributes immensely to a healthy, functional environment and opportunity for advancement and socio-economic upliftment of the Communities upon whose ancestral lands rhinos are permitted to roam.

Please feel free to contact us at any time for Donation Enquiries and Communication updates:

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SRT would like to thank the Community, Donors, NGO's and Government Agencies for their exceptional support that has permitted the SRT Field Staff to boost their critical role at the frontline in our efforts to save the rhino.