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The African white rhino has made an amazing comeback from the brink of extinction and this sort of scientific breakthrough ensures its future viability. Of more concern these days is the African black rhino, whose numbers have drastically declined from 65,000 to just 4000 in

the last 35 years. These remaining populations are now found in South Africa, Namibia, Kenya and Zimbabwe. The greatest current threats are

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to the Zimbabwe rhinos, where a complete breakdown of law and order has allowed the perpetrators of 60 poached rhino deaths this year to go unpunished. If this technology could be used to increase these numbers then that would also be a major achievement.

A Perth-based voluntary group, managed by a board of nine successful western suburbs business people, raises funds to provide much needed anti-poaching and veterinary care equipment for rhino conservation in Zimbabwe. Over the past 21 years they have donated in excess of \$A2,800,000 of supplies and they closely monitor its usage by making four visits per year to field operations in Zimbabwe – www.savefoundation.org.au.