

The *Diceros bicornis*, also known as the black rhino, is in danger. In 13 years, from 2008 to 2021, poachers killed an estimated 11,000 black rhinos. The black rhinos are in trouble because many poachers pose a threat to their existence by bringing their numbers down, selling their horns, and killing them.

First, the poachers have been bringing the numbers of black rhinos down. The black rhinoceros has been around for many years, and is one of the oldest living mammals on Earth. Sadly, poaching has brought the black rhinos to the “endangered” list of the U.S. Although there are only around 6,000 of these animals left in the wild, all rhinoceros species are protected under the U.S. government, and they strive to help them survive, although sadly they have failed to do so for the northern white rhino and the black rhinos are still **fallible**.

Additionally, the poachers have been taking the black rhino’s horns. Until 2021, the way how poachers poached black rhinos was **gruesome**. They usually used a tranquiliser dart to stun the rhino and bring it down, and then they hacked off its horn to then leave it alone. When the rhino wakes up, it will start bleeding to death very slowly and painfully. The poachers would then sell their horns in the market, but luckily it was shut down by the government and now illegal. Luckily, the government’s attempts were not **fruitless** and they kept **persisting** when they ran into a dead end, or else the black rhinos may have gone extinct. And yes, the poachers were very **hostile** to the rhino and showed no mercy to them.

Finally, the poachers have been tragically killing the rhinos. They use sophisticated equipment to track down the rhino, and then stun it to make it fall asleep, and finally they start to **maul** it by hacking its horn off. Although the poachers have been killing a lot of them, the government is now dedicated to help protect the black rhinos and help the endangered species to not go extinct.

So in summary, The black rhinos are in trouble because many poachers pose a threat to their existence by bringing their numbers down, selling their horns, and killing them. I hope you can one day help the black rhinos. If you see one sprawled on the ground without its horn, it is probably not a **hazard**. It just needs your help for survival. We hope that the black rhino **dynasty** can last for a while longer.