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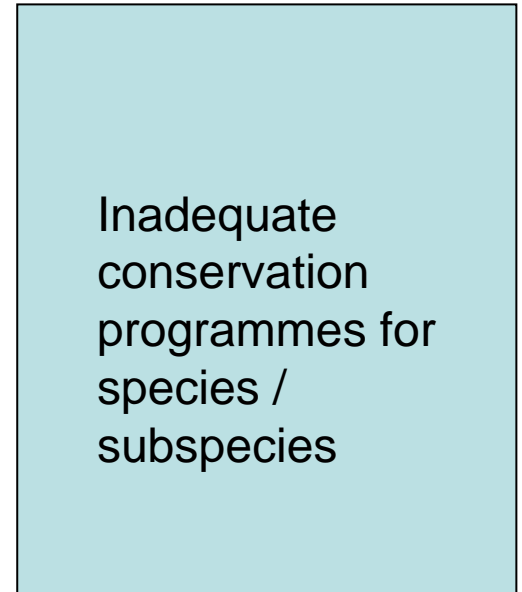
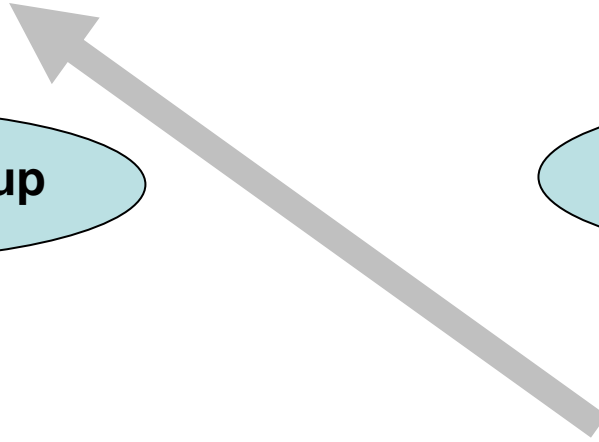
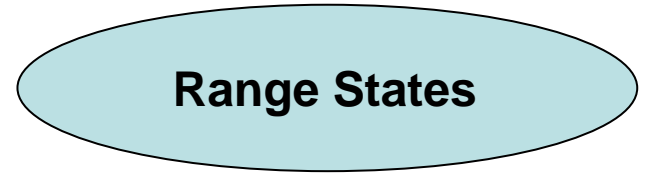
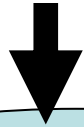
Leveraging Conservation Action

Martin Brooks & Richard Emslie

Context

- Current context within which AfRSG works..
 - Known numbers in 538 populations in 12 Range States
 - Most populations under conservation management.

**Concern for global
species / subspecies
survival**



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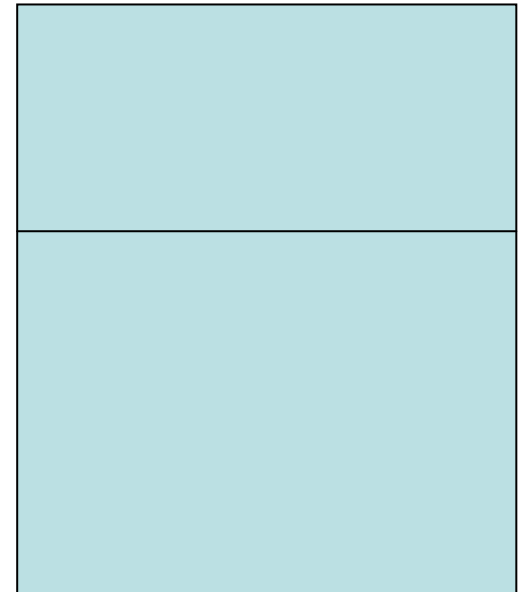


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Advice



Ownership

Leveraging action

- Two key ways for bridging the gap between AfRSG

“species survival needs”

and

“implementation of effective rhino conservation programmes”

by conservation agencies

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- AfRSG membership
 - Modus operandi

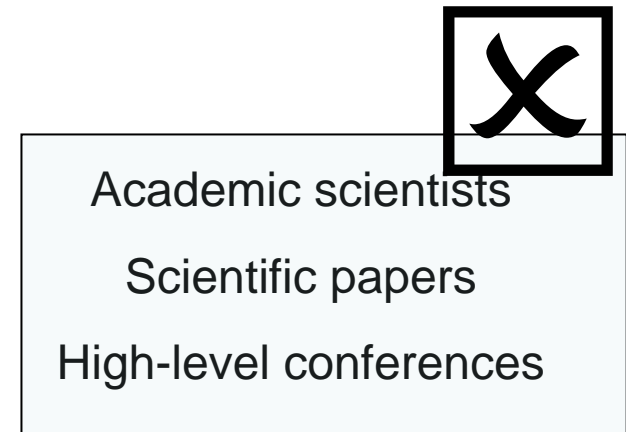
Membership model

- ***Inclusive team*** model best to engage with partners, share knowledge and promote solutions

Inclusive applied



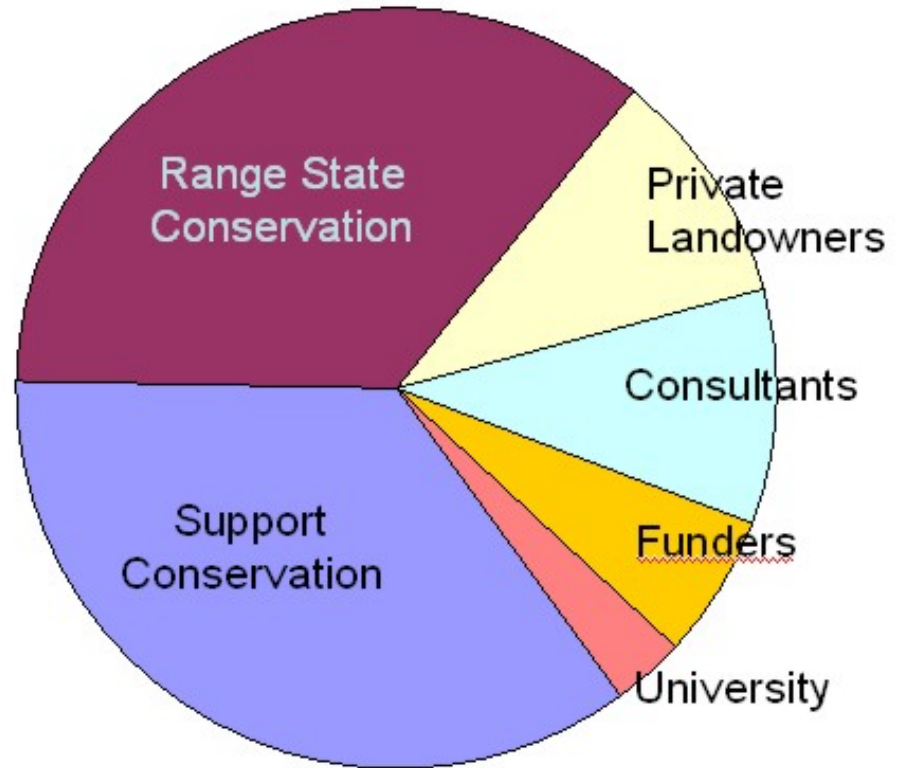
Elite academic



- Governments choose country reps (ideally rhino coordinator)
- Involve young African scientists
- Membership numbers kept low

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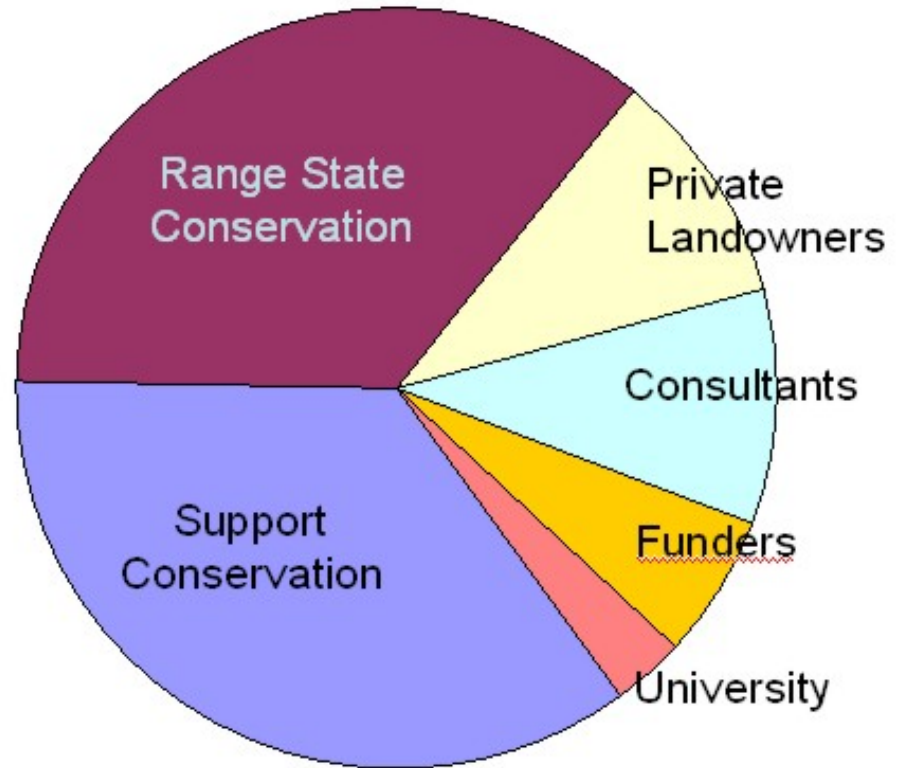
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TEAM

Strategic Planning → Implementation

Continental → Local





Catalyst

Biennial Meetings (6 days)

- Essential ingredients
 - Away from cities
 - Relationships → Networking
 - Review rhino status & mgmt / CITES issues
 - Build capacity
 - Rhino conservation programmes
 - New techniques
 - Funder profiles
 - Develop strategies
 - Set priorities

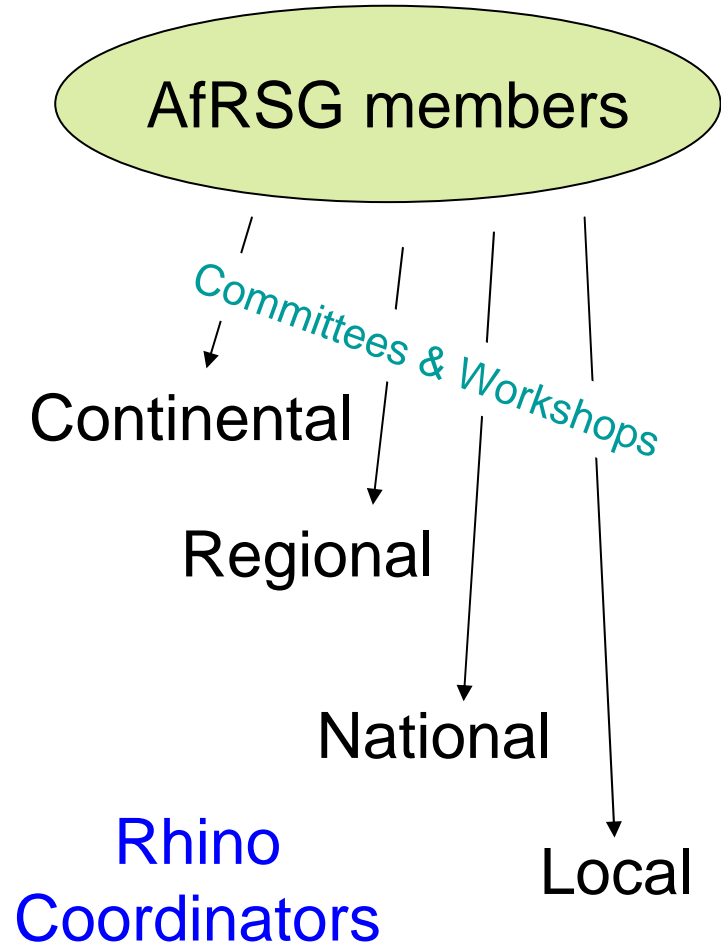
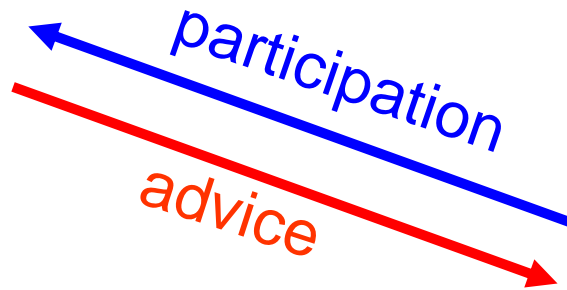


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Gearing

- Helps ensure recommended best practices implemented

Rhino experts



Recap

- AfRSG leverages conservation action through;
 - Applied conservation focus
 - Membership composition
 - applied scientific
 - conservation and support agencies
 - Biennial meetings
 - Membership involvement at continental to local levels

