

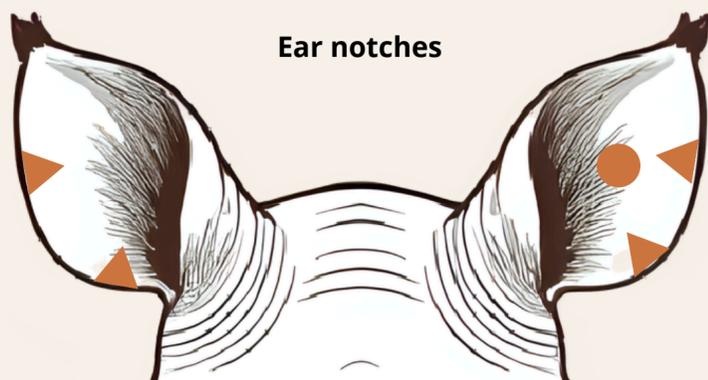
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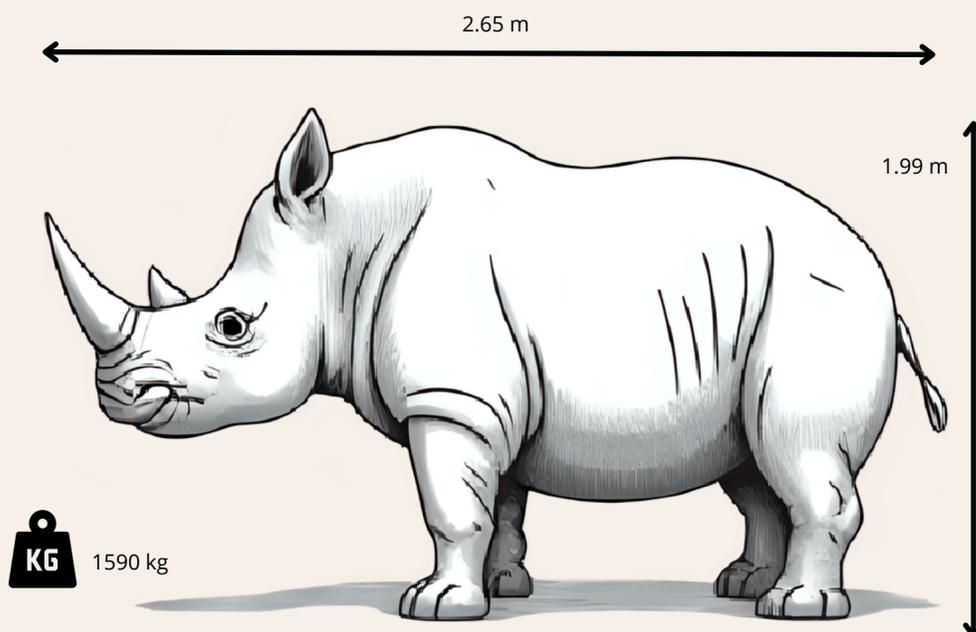


Main characteristics

Birth Year : 2016
Birth Location : Malilangwe Reserve
ID Number : 244



Size & Weight



Meet Mlevu - The Legacy of a Leader

Mlevu, along with his companion Asenze, made the long journey to the Mlevu Sanctuary in September 2024, traveling 750 kilometers over 17 hours.

Together, they form the second pair of white rhinoceroses introduced onto communal land in the Hwange landscape as part of the Community Rhino Conservation Initiative (CRCI).

Mlevu has quickly adapted to this spacious new sanctuary. Here, he is establishing his territory and settling in, ready for the eventual introduction of female rhinos. Physically, Mlevu is an impressive animal. He has a broad neck and chest, long legs, and is expected to grow into a very tall and powerful bull.

As is natural in rhino society, hierarchy emerges early, and Mlevu is recognized as the dominant bull. He's also known to be more unpredictable than Asenze.

Though they are not related, Mlevu and Asenze have formed a bond. However, they are both independent by nature — sleeping apart and sometimes roaming separately. In April 2025, they engaged in a serious fight. While they have since reunited, they now maintain a respectful distance from one another.

Mlevu is energetic, curious, and often stubborn. He's more playful and bold than his companion, and unlike Asenze, rarely listens to the Cobras (the sanctuary's rangers). When Whisper, the Belgian Malinois dog, is nearby, Mlevu is always the first to investigate — determined to understand what she's doing in his space.

He is also known to have the biggest appetite and loves to wallow in the mud.

Mlevu is named after the local Ward Headman, a respected community leader who is a passionate advocate for wildlife conservation and one of the project's most committed champions.



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