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BLACK RHINOS



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CHAPTER
ONE

**MOVING
A
GIANT**



A black rhino stands between 4.5–6 ft (1.3–1.8 m) high and weighs between 800 and 3,100 lbs. (362 and 1406 kg). The males can be up to 12 ft (3.6 m) long. An animal of that size only goes where it wants to go.

CHAPTER ONE

Scientists first knock out the black rhino with **anesthesia**.

A team in a helicopter began to search. A transmitter on the animal's ear helped them find it. The black rhino broke into a run. A veterinarian leaned out of the helicopter. She took aim with a rifle. A dart filled with anesthesia hit the rhino.

Wildlife veterinarian Francesca Vitali wrote for the Smithsonian National Zoo: "If the rhinos are not sedated for the transport, they may hurt the team capturing them or try to break the transport crates and injure themselves."

The black rhino fell asleep in a few minutes. A crew on the ground lifted the sleeping rhino with a crane onto the back of a truck. At times, a giant net attached to a helicopter takes the animal to the vehicle.

MOVING A GIANT



Black rhinos can sleep while standing or lying down.

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