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## **Reserve to dehorn two of its rhinos**

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NAMBITI Private Game Reserve will be dehorning two rhinos on Thursday in an attempt to beat poaching.

Having dehorned the rest of their rhinos over a number of years, the reserve has had no reported incidents of poaching, Pam Steward of Nicky Arthur PR told The Witness yesterday. “They’ve been successful in curbing rhino poaching,” she said about the reserve, which is situated between the towns of Ladysmith and Dundee.

Reserve chairperson Clarke Smith said the decision to dehorn the rhinos was tough, and was taken in the best interest of the animals.

The two were the last remaining animals in the dehorning process at the reserve.

“It’s a way of dealing with the dreadful menace of rhino poaching,” Smith said, adding that Nambiti was simply trying to keep its animals alive.

Meanwhile, Olympic swimming sensation Chad le Clos pledged his commitment to try and help curb the rhino poaching crisis. “I find poaching shocking and any cruelty to animals in fact; the **current** rhino poaching crisis is really bad, and we need to do whatever we can to help right now,” Le Clos said after unveiling a rhino sculpture on the Rhino Parade at Durban’s King Shaka International Airport.

Three other sculptures have already been unveiled by Springbok and Sharks flyhalf Pat Lambie, former Proteas’ captain Shaun Pollock, and jazz legend Ray Phiri.

The initiative seeks to raise funds to fight rhino poaching.