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Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994

The Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of 1994 builds upon the Endangered Species Act and works to protect and conserve all subspecies of tigers and rhinos. These species are threatened by illegal trade of rhinoceros horns and tiger body parts. In compliance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act aims to reduce the illegal trade of animal parts and promotes projects that help manage and conserve these species in nations that both directly and indirectly affect these species. The Act grants the Service the authority to establish the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund to provide grants and funding for projects that help conserve these endangered species through research,

species management, and education. Additionally, the 1998 amendments to the Act prohibit the sale, importation, or exportation of products intended for human consumption containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from a species of rhinoceros or tiger.