

## Leap-frog in rhino population



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Despite being riddled by unstoppable poaching incidents, the [Kaziranga National](#) Park gets a rare dose of good news.

There has been considerable increase in the rhino population in the world heritage site. During the last two years the rhino population figure has gone up to [2,400](#) which suggests increase of 71 one horn [animal](#).

The park authorities released the figure on Saturday after the end of the two days census operation.

The figure was on expected line as the authorities earlier hoped that it figure be encouraging.

“We began the census operation on Thursday which concluded on Friday. It is an exercise by the authorities which is conducted after a gap of three years,” KNP officials told Assam Times.

In 2012, the national park had 2290 rhinos. The repeated incidents of poaching forced the state government to conduct a special census which also suggested rise in the rhino population. The figure stood at [2,329](#).

According to the census figure, [Kaziranga](#) has 1,651 adult rhinos along with 294 sub adults 251 and 205 calves.

The authorities divided the park into [81](#) blocks to conduct the two days census deploying 36 elephants involving over 200 forest officials, guards and NGO representatives.

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