

# Academic Essay Post-reading: Rhino Poaching

## [Introduction]

Use the table below to show which sentences carry out the functions included in the introduction:

*The white rhino is currently facing extinction. Although worldwide there were half a million of them in the early twentieth century, there are now only 20,400 in Africa (Davies, 2013). Their extinction will not only be a tragedy for the rhino, it also has a serious damaging effect on a whole ecosystem. This problem has come about because of 'poaching'. This means the illegal hunting, killing or capturing of wild animals (Oxford English Dictionary, 2012). This essay will discuss the problem of rhino poaching, evaluate 'de-horning' as a solution and then evaluate the use of drones as a possible solution.*

Paragraph: <b>Introduction</b>	
Function	Sentence number (and rewrite sentence)
Introduce the general topic	
Background	
Define key term	
Why the topic is interesting / important	
Aim of essay	
Sequence of essay	

## [Conclusion]

Use the table below to show which sentences carry out the functions included in the conclusion:

*In conclusion, this essay has discussed the problem of rhino poaching and has evaluated two possible solutions. In summary, it has shown that the rhino faces extinction in the very near future because of poaching to obtain their horn for use in traditional Chinese medicine. The possible solutions of de-horning rhinos and drones to monitor any poaching have had only minor success but have several drawbacks. The future for the rhino does not look hopeful. As rhino extinction affects the environment, it is a global issue, not just an African problem. For this reason, it has been suggested that the United Nations should put pressure on countries that use traditional Chinese medicine to educate their people about the unnecessary destruction of these animals.*

Paragraph: <b>Conclusion</b>	
Function	Sentence number (and rewrite sentence)
Re-states the aim	
Summary (problems, solutions and evaluations)	
Personal opinion	
Recommendation / suggestion	
Call for further research	
Future prediction	

## [Citations]

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