

DRILL INFO



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Dear Members, and Friends of the Drills,

The year 2007 has just come to an end and we would like to take a short review of a very exciting past year. To start with we were able to sell and install in four different Zoos here in Germany our Save the Drill "Information boards" which were designed and developed last year for our Association. The Info boards offer Visitors lots of interesting information and facts concerning the Drills and also enables "Save the Drill" to present ourselves as an Association to the general members of the public. We have also now started to sell t-shirts which can be ordered through our newly designed Homepage. We have also been given the opportunity in cooperation with the Dortmunder Animal welfare Magazine to write regular articles on the Drills, by doing such articles for example we will be able to expand and win new members for the future. Currently we are proud to announce that we now have 58 members in our Association!

Last year we did not just do Public relations but were able to send our first transport to Nigeria and also we have become involved in financing the long planned releasing of the first Drills into the Afi Mountains. You will find more information inside this news letter!

Enjoy reading your Drill Info,
Your Info team

2006 Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM took place on Saturday, the 29th of September in the Animal park from Nordhorn close to the Dutch boarder, 16 members were present for the meeting.

After a very informative guided tour through the Park from Mrs Ina Brockmann, Biologist in Nordhorn Animal Park, all members gathered in the Seminarian for the AGM. The meeting was officially opened and we were greeted through Mr Thomas Berling – Director of the Animal Park. In his opening speech, Mr Berling explained although Nordhorn don't exhibit Drills in their collection he explained just how important he personally considers "Save the Drill" is for the future of the Drills in Nigeria. Nordhorn is one of the Zoo's which now exhibits our Info boards! All the financial aspects from Save the Drill as an Association are based in Nordhorn, and also at every opportunity the Nordhorn Animal Park raises and collects Funds for our cause. An excellent example was the African Zoo evening where 20% of the sales were donated to "Save the Drill". Mr Berling decided spontaneously to Sponsor the money which we collected for our evening meal!

We would like to thank The Nordhorn Animal Park and especially Mr Thomas Berling for their engagements and support for our Association.

After the welcoming speech, the financial status for 2007 was discussed. High costs were caused due to Designing and printing of the Flyers, also the Information boards, and finally the new t-shirt collection. These costs were covered through sales and the membership fees. The Association is proud to announce that we were able to acquire a very extensive Drill archive valued at €1000 from Mr Roland Wolf.

Presently we are partially sponsoring some of the costs for the necessary laboratory blood tests which are required before the first Drills can be released into the Afi Mountains this year!

After much interesting discussions concerning diverse subjects and a short coffee break (sponsored from the Animal Park Nordhorn), the members were offered two excellent Lectures. The first one came from Mr Hauke Meyer where he explained us everything about our new Homepage. Mr Meyer is not only a member of "Save the Drill" but works for the company "Visionconnect" in the IT branch who specialised in Internet presentation. The team of Visionconnect is responsible for a lot of major known websites for example the Website of the "International Airport of Hanover".

Mr Meyer gave us a visual introduction into what and how a website works especially in relationship to the new "Rettet Den Drill" Homepage which he designed in his free time! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Meyer again for doing such a great job. The second Talk was given from Dr. Heike Weber who gave us the actual stand and all the new information concerning "Pandrillus". We were informed about the planned release soon of the first Drills into the Afi Mountains; she also went on to explain about the complications involved with such projects and exactly how important the blood tests are of which we "Save the Drill" are co-financing.

Homepage

We have done it! Rettet Den Drill (Save the Drill) has finally redesigned our Homepage. Mr Hauke Meyer has done a fantastic job on incorporating the new interactive design. The new Website offers members and others information about Drills in general and of course all the latest news concerning Pandrillus and Save the Drill as an Association. We are planning for the future a members Forum.



Need a present? Take a look at our T-Shirts under www.rettet-den-drill.de

The Nigeria Transport:



A successes story: our first shipment of diverse articles has arrived in Calabar-
We were able in July to make contact to a couple who were on holiday here in Germany
but who actually work in Nigeria, since both are animal fans they agreed to take as many
items as possible when they returned to Nigeria. All in all - 5 large boxes were packed and
departed shortly after to Abuja in Nigeria per Air Flight.

The Boxes contained working cloths sponsored from Zoo Hanover, first aid kits, and technical equipment for example “Solar lights”.

After being personally delivered to “Drill Rehab and Breeding Centre (Pandrillus) in Calabar the Employees were very thankfully and described the scene as “bringing of Christmas Presents”....

We “Save the Drill” are glad and very thankful for such fantastic support as we received from these two individual’s who without thinking about costs involved who simply wanted to help us in our Project to save the Drills.

News in Short:

Valencia Bioparque, Spain received in September from the Hanover and Saarbrücken Zoo their first three Drills, - two males and one female. This now means that they belong to a short list of Zoos who exhibit these rare and endangered African Spices in Europe.

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