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Domestic Trade in Rhino Horn
Centralized Horn Stockpile
CoP 18 Sri Lanka 2019

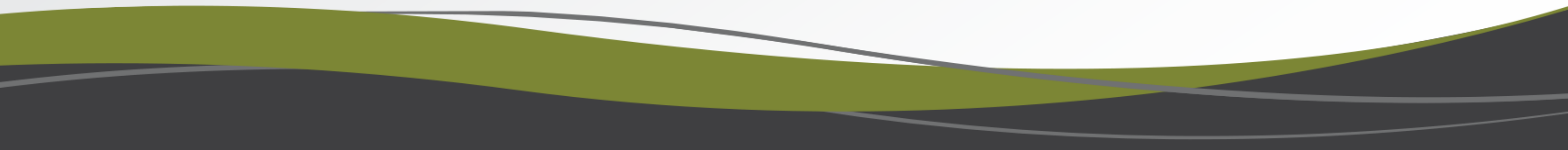
History and what has been done

- **2009** Moratorium introduced and poaching increases
PROA established to assist private rhino owners
 - **2010** Rhino Summit
 - **2013** CITES CoP16 Bangkok Thailand
Rhino Issues Management (RIM) report
 - **2014** Integrated Strategic Management Approach (Policy)
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History and what has been done

- **2015** Committee of Inquiry (CoI)
PROA/RMG Private Rhino Owners Survey
Litigation against Moratorium (DEA) begins
 - **2016** CITES CoP 17 Johannesburg South Africa
NATJOC and National Integrated Wildlife Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking (NISCWT)
Rhino Lab + 44 Key outcomes
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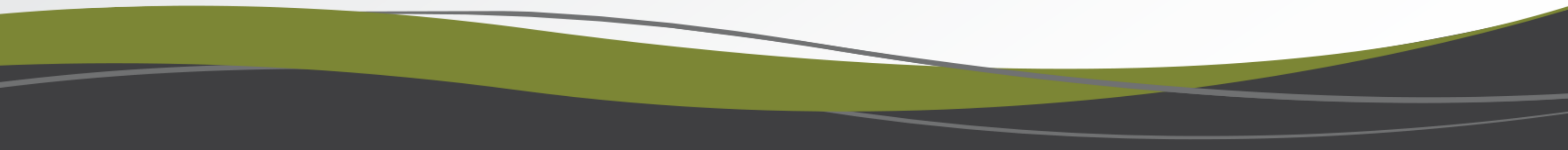
2017 to 2019

- **2017** PROA AGM Resolution to establish a Trade Desk
Constitutional Court sets aside Moratorium
 - **2018** SANBI Non Detriment Finding (NDF) Workshop
DEA Best Practices Workshop
Rhino Horn Trade Africa Launched
PROA/RMG Survey
EAZA Conference Estonia
 - **2019** CITES CoP 18 Colombo Sri Lanka (May)
 - Participation in SADC RMG and IUCN AfRSG meetings
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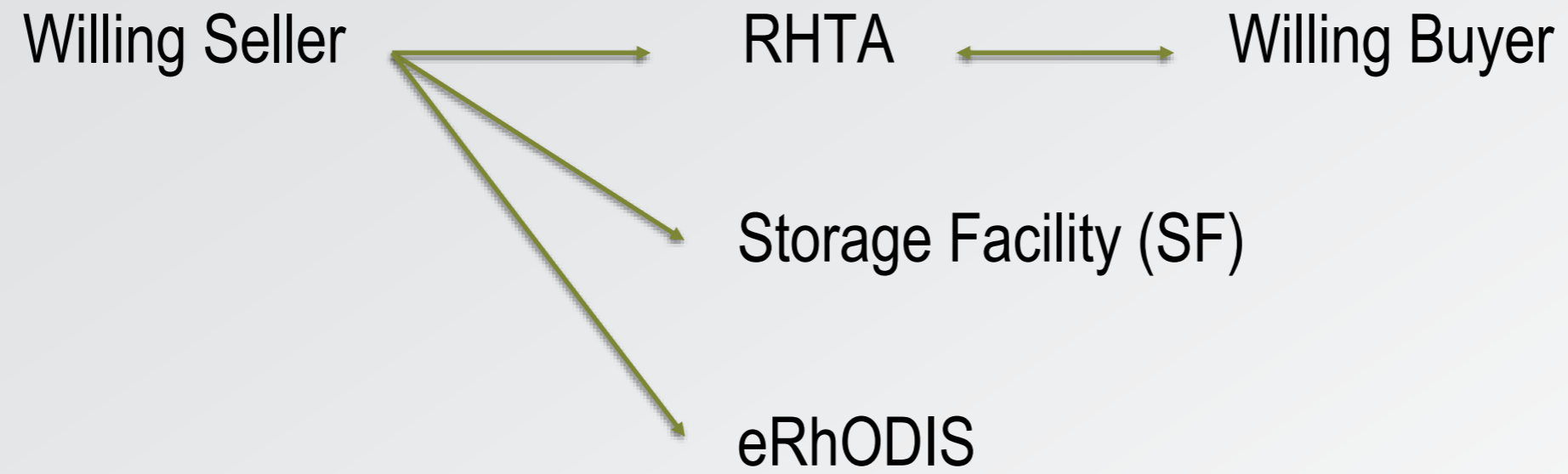
Resulted in 8 key outcomes

- Responsive Legislation & Implementation
 - Compliance SA/CITES (National and International)
 - Improved Security & Law Enforcement
 - Biological Management: Species Survival
 - Accurate data/reporting: Population and Stockpiles
 - Incentives to Private Reserves
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Outcomes Continued

- Demand Management: Domestic and International Trade
 - Community Empowerment
 - ***All interventions intended to reduce poaching and illegal trade***
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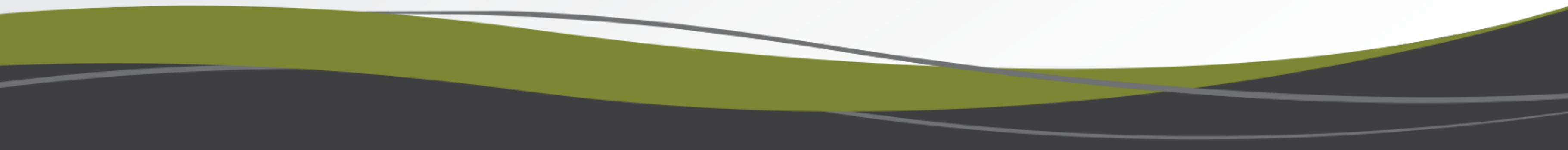
PROA Launches RHTA - Feb 2018



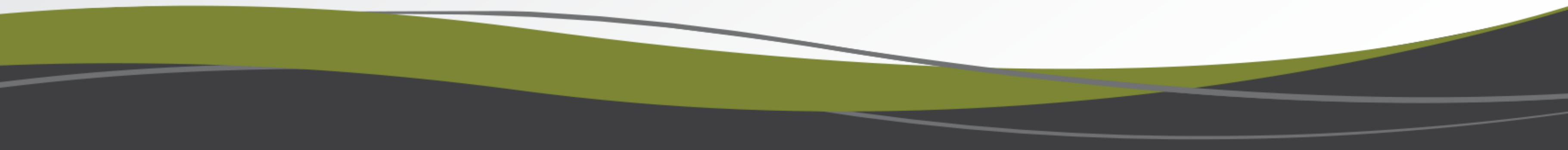
DEA Oversight: Stockpile management including audit, NEMBA, TOPS, Permits (Possession, Buyer, Seller) VGL DNA Certificate

As well as: CITES, FICA & SARS compliance

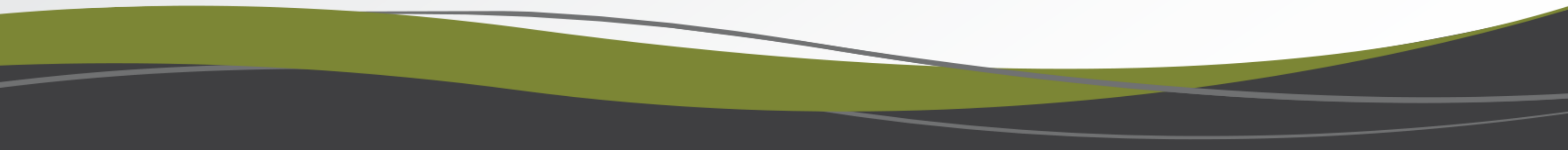
RHTA: Key Requirements

- Only compliant horn will be traded by RHTA
 - Prevent laundering of illicit horn by use of eRhODIS VGL
 - A transparent, compliant, accountable trade with 100% traceability
 - Buyer and Seller encouraged to leave horns in SF
 - Horns not for trade also can be stored in SF
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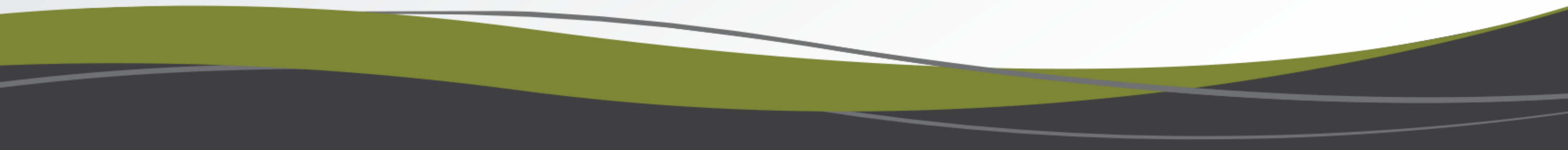
RHTA: Key Requirements continued

- DEA and CITES stockpile audit in secure venue/s
 - Reduce permit enquiry burden DEA
 - Real time data including Law Enforcement enquiries
 - Trade platform for SA and SADC Range States
 - Can be expanded for International trade
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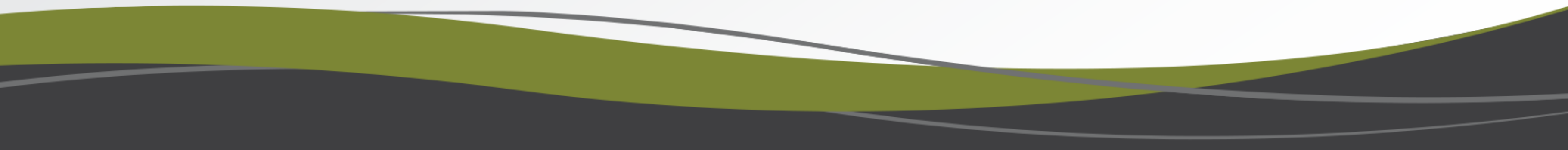
RHTA: Key Requirements continued

- % of sale revenue to rhino conservation projects including communities
 - Revenue to meet rhino conservation and security costs
 - An incentive to own rhino!
 - Must determine Sales Values above production cost
 - Avoid rogue traders and NEMBA/TOPS violations
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- DEA to make 'Political' decision guided by Col recommendations
 - Compliance essential!!
 - SANBI NDF Report
 - Research Data including PROA/RMG survey
 - Lobby SADC Range States, EU and N America
 - 2/3 Majority required of some 183 member states
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CITES CoP18 Challenges

- How neutral or objective are Member State representatives?
 - How well informed are Member State representatives in decision making?
 - One size does not fit all (North vs South needs)
 - Substantive AR NGO's influence, anti Sustainable Utilization
 - PROA funding needs
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Convention on International *Trade* in Endangered Species CITES

- Scientific Authority
- Formulate Policy
- Enforcement & Compliance
- Sustainable Utilization



THANK YOU!

