**Basic Information: Bushbuck (*Tragelaphus scriptus)***

**Common names:** bushbuck

**Identification pointers:** white spots and stripes along sides; white patch under chin, white stripe on lower neck; colour varies from rich chestnut to dull brown; Males larger than females; only males possess short, almost straight horns

**Can be confused with:** Nyala, kudu, sitatunga

**Activity period:** diurnal

**Length:** 130-150cm **Height:** 70-80cm **Weight:** 30-45kg

**Gestation period:** ±6 months

**Diet:** browsers, feeding on young leaves, flowers and fruits

**Predators:** All carnivores larger than jackals, especially leopards

**Preferred habitat:** Riverine forest and woodland, usually found close to water

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** Stable

**Threats:** No major threats, increased aridity due to climate change and desertification may have an effect, but range is spreading where human activity is opening up forests