**Basic Information: Blue wildebeest (*Connochaetes taurinus)***

**Common names:** blue wildebeest, common wildebeest, brindled gnu

**Identification pointers:** downward sloping back; dark grey coat with dark vertical striped down sides; black tail and mane; broad face; sexes similar; males slightly larger; both have horns that grow outwards and upwards from the head

**Can be confused with:** black wildebeest, buffalo,

**Activity period:** Diurnal

**Length:** 2m **Height:** 1.3-1.5m **Weight:** 180-250kg

**Gestation period:** ±8 months

**Diet:** grazers, prefer short to medium length green grass

**Predators:** Lions, leopards, hyaena, wild dog, cheetah

**Preferred habitat:** open grassland and savannah woodland

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** Stable

**Threats:** Poaching, livestock framing, barriers to their migratory routes e.g. roads, fences, international boundaries