**Basic Information: African buffalo (*Cycerus caffer)***

**Common names:** African buffalo, Cape buffalo,

**Identification pointers:** Large, cow-like appearance; coat dark-brown to black; males larger than females; horns present on males and females; horns grow down and outward, then up and inward; male horns have thick base, called boss

**Can be confused with:** wildebeest, domestic cattle

**Activity period:** Diurnal, resting in the heat of the day

**Length:** 2.5m **Height:** 1.4m **Weight:** 550-700kg

**Gestation period:** ±11 months

**Diet:** grazers, with a reference for long fresh grass

**Predators:** Lions

**Preferred habitat:** wide habitat tolerance, require daily drinking water and a large supply grass, grassland, woodland, rainforest

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** Decreasing

**Threats:** Habitat loss through competition with herders, poaching for bush meat, susceptible to disease and drought