**Basic Information: Eland (*Tragelaphus oryx*)**

**Animal: Eland, common eland, giant eland**

**Identification pointers:** huge, bulky build; slightly cow-like in appearance; almost uniformly coloured tan to blue-grey coat; both sexes have straight, corkscrew shaped horns; Male horns heavier than females; males have hump around shoulders, a dewlap of loose skin under the neck and a tuft of hair between the eyes

**Can be confused with:** gemsbok, kudu, roan

**Activity period:** diurnal

**Length:** 2.4-2.8m **Height:** 1.5-1.7m **Weight:** 450-900kg

**Gestation period:** ±9 months

**Lifespan:** ±20 years

**Diet:** Mostly eat browse but will take grass, roots and bulbs

**Predators:** Mainly lions, but young taken by hyaena, leopard and wild dog

**Preferred habitat:** relatively wide habitat tolerance including savannah woodlands, semi-desert scrubland and montane grasslands

**Red List status:** Least Concern

**Population:** Stable

**Threats:** Habitat loss, hunting and poaching for meat