**Basic Information: Springbok (*Antidorcas marsulialis*)**

**Names: Springbok**

**Identification pointers:** a medium sized antelope; russet-brown coat on back, distinct black stripe on the sides, white belly; white face with black strip through eye; white patch over rump; horns present on both males and females, turn in at the top.

**Can be confused with:** impala, various gazelle species

**Activity period:** Diurnal

**Length:** 120-140m **Height: 70-80c**m **Weight:** 35-45kg

**Gestation period:** ±5.5 months

**Lifespan:** ±7-9

**Diet:** Generalist feeders, can switch between grass and leaves depending on conditions. Will also dig up bulbs.

**Predators:** Adults taken by all carnivores larger than a jackal, young taken by large eagles, pythons and carnivores larger than the African wildcat.

**Preferred habitat:** prefer arid grasslands and scrublands.

**Red List status:** Least Concern

**Population:** Increasing

**Threats:** No major threats. Fences, disease and automatic riffles put a stop to the great springbok migrations in the early 20th century.