**Basic Information: Tsessebe (*Damaliscus lunatus*)**

**Names: Tsessebe, topi, tiang**

**Identification pointers:** Back slopes downward from shoulders to hips; reddish brown body that has a scorched appearance; lighter brown “stockings”; long black face; short, slightly twisted horns; sexes similar.

**Can be confused with:** Hartebeests, blesbok, wildebeest.

**Activity period:** Mostly diurnal

**Length:** 190cm **Height:** 120cm **Weight:**  120-140kg

**Gestation period:** ±8 months

**Lifespan:** ±15 years

**Diet:** prefer new growth grasses, can often be found in burnt areas

**Predators:** Lions, leopards, hyaenas, wild dogs, cheetahs

**Preferred habitat:** savannah grassland and woodland with good surface water.

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** decreasing

**Threats:** Hunting and habitat degradation have eliminated the tsessebe from much of its former range. They are extremely adversely affected by cattle grazing.