**Basic Information: Kudu (*Tragelaphus strepsiceros*)**

**Names: Kudu, greater kudu**

**Identification pointers:** A tall, graceful antelope with long legs; grey-brown fur with six to eight vertical white stripes down the sides; white stripe between eyes; long ears; males larger than females; only males have long, spiralled horns.

**Can be confused with:** nyala, waterbuck, roan, eland

**Activity period:** Mainly diurnal, active in the mornings and evenings

**Length:** 190-210cm **Height:** 140-155cm **Weight:**  180-250kg

**Gestation period:** ±9 months

**Lifespan:** ±7-9 years

**Diet:** Mainly browsers, feed on a wide variety of leaves, fruits, flowers, seeds, succulents and tubers.

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

**Preferred habitat:** Prefer thickets, open woodlands, occur along waterways in more arid areas

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** stable

**Threats:** No major threats, regularly killed for food, popular with sport hunters; habitat loss is also a problem, especially in the northern part of its range.