**Basic Information: Roan antelope (*Hippotragus equinus*)**

**Names: Roan antelope**

**Identification pointers:** A large, horse-like antelope; coat a uniform straw colour; face a conspicuous black and white mask; horns long and ridged and curve backwards; ears very long; sexes similar, males slightly larger with larger horns.

**Can be confused with:** Sable, gemsbok, eland, kudu

**Activity period:** Diurnal

**Length:** 2.2-2.4m **Height:** 1.1-1.5m **Weight:** 210-300kg

**Gestation period:** ±9 months

**Lifespan:** ±16-18 years

**Diet:** Mainly grazers preferring medium to long grass

**Predators:** Lions, spotted hyaena, leopards and wild dogs.

**Preferred habitat:** Roan prefer grasslands or light woodlands with long grass and a good water source.

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** Decreasing

**Threats:** Poaching and habitat loss have eliminated roan from much of their former range, but they still persist in many countries, including healthy populations in west Africa.