**Basic Information: waterbuck (Cobus ellipsiprymnus)**

**Names: waterbuck**

**Identification pointers:** Large antelope; cshaggy brown coat, long, straggly hair under the neck; distinctive white ring on backside (solid white patch in northern subspecies); extremely large ears; males larger; only males have long, forward curving horns with prominent ridges.

**Can be confused with:** lechwe, puku, roan, kudu

**Activity period:** diurnal

**Length**: 1.8-2m **Height:** 1.2-1.4m **Weight:** 250-280kg

**Gestation period:** ±9.5 months

**Lifespan:** ±10-12 years

**Diet:** grazers, feeding mainly on grass, although will occasionally eat water plants.

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

**Preferred habitat:** permanent water sources in grasslands, savannahs and woodlands. Require good grazing in close proximity, prefer areas with long grasses or reed beds.

**Red List status:** Least Concern

**Population:** decreasing

**Threats:** No major threats, but is now absent from much of its former range due to over-hunting, destruction and degradation of fresh water habitats.