Breed Descriptor of Katchaikatty Black (Sheep)

Male	**Female**

Breeding Tract			
State: Tamilnadu	Madurai		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	77. - 78.30		
Latitude (deg.)	9.30 - 10.30		
General Information			
Synonyms	Katchaikatty Karuppu Aadu, Muttaadu		
Origin	Derived its name from the name of village i.e. Katchaikatty in T. Vadipatti block of Madurai district		
Major utility	Sheep hair, ram fighting, meat and manure		
Comments on utility	Animals are well known for ram fighting during festivals		
Comments on breeding tract	Limited to 4-5 villages in Vedipatti taulka of Madurai district of Tamil Nadu		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
	2006	1350	Small population limited to 4-5 villages. Source: TANUVAS, Chennai and SEVA
Management			
Management system	Extensive		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults	Grazing		
Comments on Management	Reared in small flocks		
Morphology			
Colour	Black		
Horn shape and size	Large (32±2.0cm), Widespread and twisted outwards		

Visible characteristics	Animals are medium in size, compact body. Face of moderate length, concave with depression, forehead moderately broad. Tail is short and slender		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	80.8	74.1	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	71.1	65.5	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	84.9	76.6	
Body weight (avg. kg.)	35.75	26.74	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	2.8	2.25	2.5
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Litter size born	1.0		
Age at first parturition (months)		18.0	24.0
Parturition interval (months)	12.0		
Any Peculiarity of the breed			