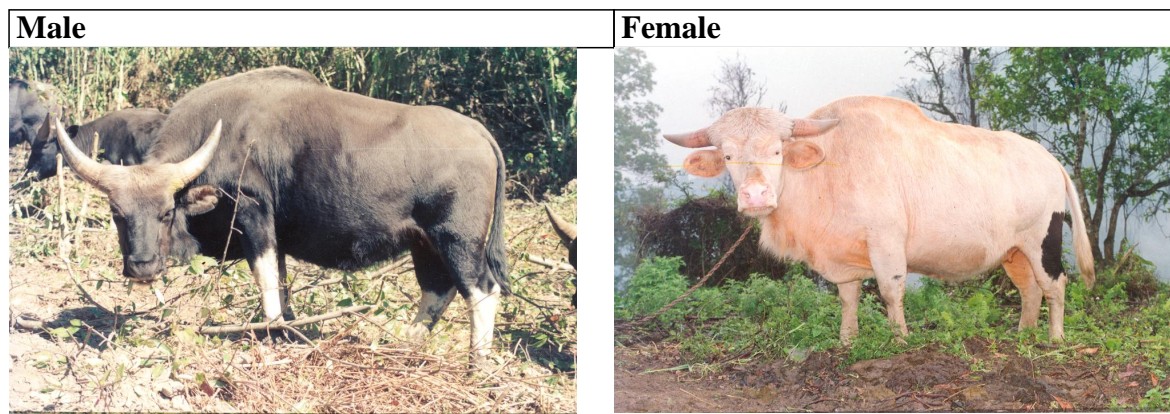


Breed Descriptor of Mithun (Mithun)



Breeding Tract			
State: Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh		
State: Manipur	Manipur		
State: Mizoram	Mizoram		
State: Nagaland	Nagaland		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	89.40 - 97.25		
Latitude (deg.)	20.57 - 29.28		
General Information			
Synonyms	Gayal		
Origin	Some have described Mithun as domesticated Gaur others as a hybrid descent from the crossing of gaur bulls and common cows. Considered to have originated along the Assam Myanmar border.		
Major utility	Food-meat; Work-traction		
Comments on utility	Due to sacrificial value it is termed as sacrificial ox		
Comments on breeding tract	Distribution- Manipur: Ukhrul, Tamenglong, Chandel, Churachandpur, Senapati; Nagaland: Mon, Tuensang, Mokokchung, Wokha, Zunheboto, ohima, Phek; Arunachal Pradesh: Dibang Valley, West Siang, East siang, Upper Subansiri, Lower Subansiri, Tirap, East Kameng, Upper Siang, Papum Pare, Changlang; Mizoram: Aizawl, Lunglei, Chhimtuipui. Mithuns are also found in Bhutan, Myanmar, China and Bangladesh.		
Adaptability to environment	Unique bovine that dwells in wet forests of North Eastern regions of India. Found between 300 and 3000 m above msl		
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
Management			
Management system	Extensive		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults	Free ranging		

Comments on Management	Mithuns browse without the herdsmen in the forest and stays there for days together. The owner goes to forest occasionally to provide salt. The mithun is treated as part of social life of tribesmen.		
Morphology			
Colour	Black brown with underparts light in colour. Some Pie Bald or white animals are also found.		
Horn shape and size	Curved outward, upward and backward near the tip. Thick at the base. Curves are more pronounced in females than males		
Visible characteristics	Typical white and pale yellow stockings. Extraordinary development of dorsal ridge.		
	Male	Female	Overall
Height (avg. cm.)	135.0	117.0	
Body Length (avg. cm.)	147.0	130.0	
Heart girth (avg. cm.)	198.0	185.0	
Birth weight (avg. kg.)	18.5	17.5	18.0
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Milk Fat (%)	6.78	3.9	9.65
Any Peculiarity of the breed			