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Animal Fact Sheet

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Nilgai

Boselaphus tragocamelus

The Nilgai, also known as the blue bull, is the largest Asian antelope, native primarily to the Indian subcontinent. Adult males display a striking bluish-grey coat, while females are tawny brown, an…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Grassland, scrub forest, and lightly wooded areas
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 120-240 kg
Scientific name: Boselaphus tragocamelus

Did you know?

- Nilgai are one of the few large wild herbivores that have successfully adapted to agricultural landscapes and sometimes become a pest to crops in Ind…
- Nilgai are capable of running at speeds up to 48 km/h (30 mph) to escape predators. The name 'Nilgai' means 'blue cow' in Hindi due to the males' blu…

What I learned

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