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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sable Antelope

Hippotragus niger

Hippotragus niger is one of the few antelopes that will reliably kill a predator. A cornered bull drops onto its knees or backs into cover and scythes its ridged, backswept horns — up to 165 cm along…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Savanna woodland and grassland
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 16-19 years
Weight: 200-270 kg
Scientific name: Hippotragus niger

Did you know?

- A sable antelope's horns can grow up to 1.6 meters (over 5 feet) long, making them one of the longest-horned antelopes in Africa.
- The extinct bluebuck, Hippotragus leucophaeus, was the sable's closest relative and the first large African mammal driven extinct in historical times…

What I learned

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