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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sitatunga

Tragelaphus spekii

The sitatunga (Tragelaphus spekii) is the only truly amphibious antelope, and every part of it is shaped by life on floating vegetation. Its hooves are enormously elongated and splayed, up to 16 to 1…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Bovidae
Habitat: Swamps, marshes, wetlands, and dense riverine vegetation
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-20 years
Weight: 50-120 kg
Scientific name: Tragelaphus spekii

Did you know?

- Sitatungas can rotate their hooves sideways, a unique adaptation that helps them maneuver through thick reeds and deep mud.
- Sitatunga hooves are so long and splayed that the animal can stand on a floating papyrus mat, but on hard ground it walks with a stilted, unstable ga…

What I learned

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