

Animal Fact Sheet

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Sitatunga

Tragelaphus spekii

The sitatunga is a medium-sized, semi-aquatic antelope native to central Africa's swamps and marshes. Its shaggy, water-repellent coat and long, splayed hooves make it perfectly adapted to life in we...

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.
- Sitatungas are excellent swimmers and can even submerge themselves almost entirely to avoid predators. Their hooves spread widely to help them walk o...

What I learned
