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Ammotragus lervia blainei

Rothschild, 1913



PIERRE DE CHABANNES

CLASSIFICATION

Class: Mammalia

Order: Cetartiodactyla

Family: Bovidae

5 other subspecies



APPENDIX II



Species Survival Plan



ESB

VERY RARE



VULNERABLE

Identification : Body length of 128 cm, shoulder height of 110 cm, weight of 145 kg. Unmistakable. Long and thick backwards curved horns. Long fringes of hairs on neck, throat and forelimbs. Fur uniformly rufous brown to light brown. Lighter belly.

Range: The species occurs in north Africa, from Mauritania and Morocco to Egypt, Chad, Mali and Niger. Introduced in Spain, Canary Islands, USA and Mexico.

Habitat : Arid and semi-arid mountains, woodlands and bushy vegetation, to 4000 m.

Behavior: This species is active both by day and night. Mostly gregarious, forms big groups during breeding period. Feeds on leaves and grass.

Status in the wild: This species is poorly known in the wild today and many populations have been wiped out because of hunting, habitat loss and overgrazing.

In captivity: This species is common in captivity, kept and bred in numerous zoos around the world. This subspecies is only known from a few American zoos, very rare elsewhere although the presence of hybrids is possible. Species common in Europe.