

South African Oryx (Gemsbok)

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Diet

Herbivores:

- Grasses, Shrubs, Roots, Tubers
- Living in arid dry climates water is sparse so the Oryx has adapted ways to intake water by eating wild tsama melons and cucumbers.

Kingdom: Animalia

Phylum: Chordata

Class: Mammalia

Order: Artiodactyla

Family: Bovidae

Genus: Oryx

Species: *Oryx gazella*

Unique Facts

- Gemsbok have unique horns that average around 33 inches in length
- The Gemsbok is depicted in the coat of arms of Namibia
- Require 3 liters of water per 100 kg of weight. Yet can survive without water for long periods of time

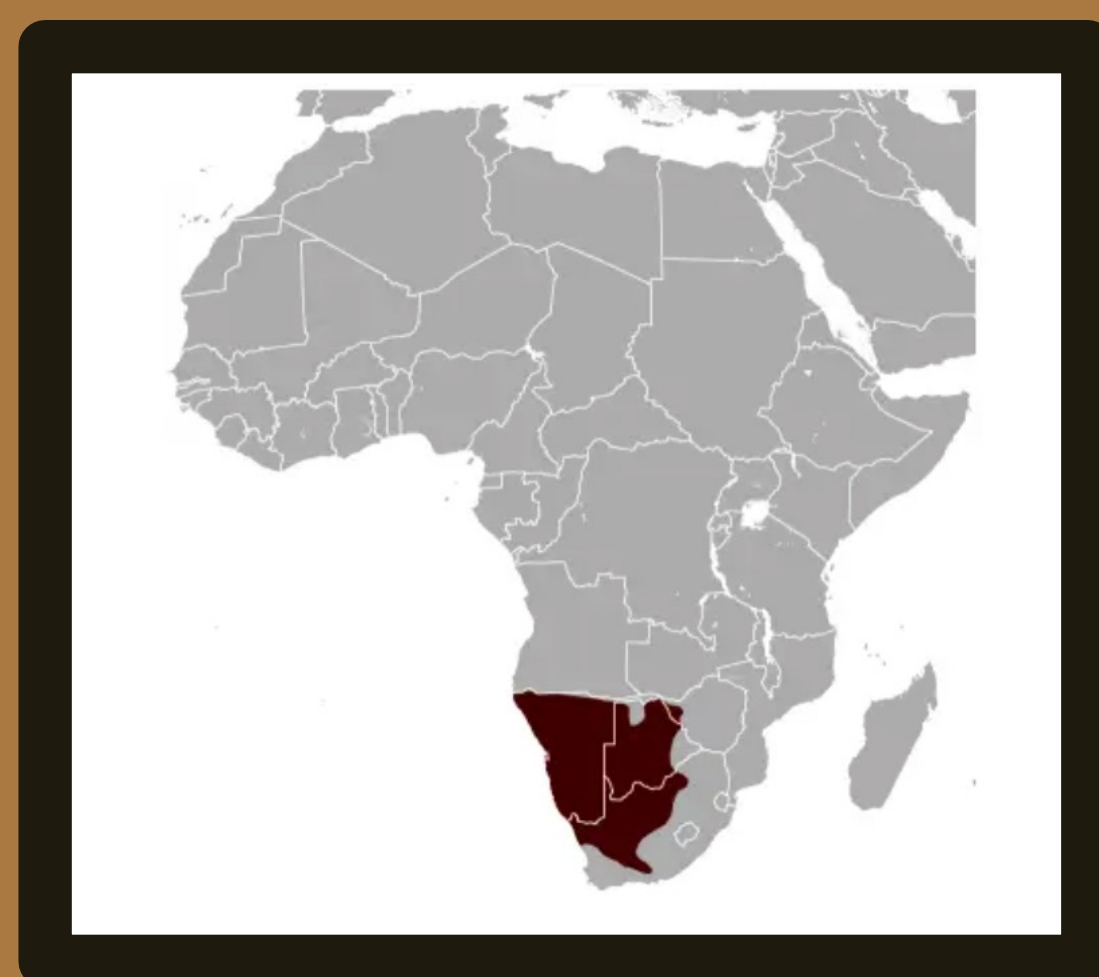


Characteristics

- Locomotion: Cursorial
- Height: 4 ft at shoulders
- Weight: 700 pounds
- Speed: 40 mph
- Life span: 18-22 years

Breeding

- Behavior: Polygyny
- Season: Year-round
- Pregnancy Duration: ~ 9 months
- Young: 1-2 Calves
- Independent age: 4.5 months



Distribution

Continents:

Africa, North America (introduced)

Biome:

Shrubland, Savanna, Mountains, Dunes

