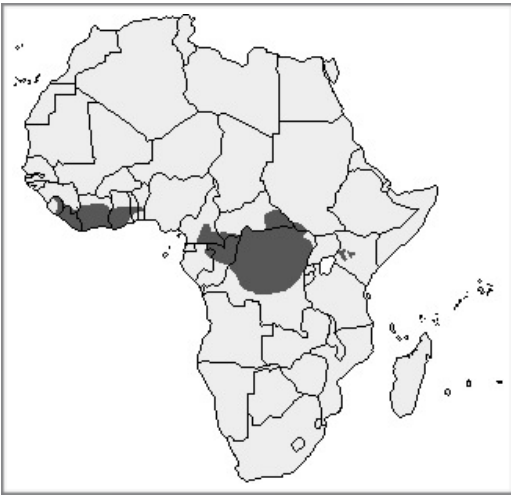


# Bongo

## *Tragelaphus eurycerus*



Range: Kenya and western Africa

Size: :215-315cm(84-120in)

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Weight : : 220-405kg (490-890)

:150-235kg(330-518 lbs)

Horns: : 75-99cm (30-39in)

: shorter less massive

Habitat: edge of rainforest

Estrus cycle: 21-22 days

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Gestation: 282-287 days

Litter: 1

Weaning: 24 weeks

Sexual maturity: 24 months

Activity: nocturnal

Social: solitary groups 6-8

Breeding: polygynous

Movement :sedentary

Food: leaves

IUCN: near threatened and Critically Endangered

Subspecies : 2

Longevity: captive: 24 yrs Wild: n/a

## Order: Artiodactyla Family: Bovidae

The Bongo is a forest dwelling antelope with a discontinuous range. There are two subspecies western or lowland bongo, *T. e. eurycerus*, and the eastern or mountain bongo, *T. e. isaaci*, of Kenya. Other subspecific names have been used but their validity has not been tested.

Bongos are a nocturnal species rising at dusk and having another activity peak at dawn. There is a possibility that this species might be crepuscular.

The two subspecies are listed separately by the IUCN. The lowland bongo is listed as Near Threatened due to habitat loss and hunting pressure. The Eastern or Mountain Bongo is listed as Critically Endangered. This subspecies is now limited to Kenya. It is estimated that less than 250 remain in the wild. However the Bongo is not listed on the Endangered Species List(USFW) and only on CITES III