

# SHOEBILL

*Balaeniceps rex*

Order: Ciconiiformes Family: Balaenicipitidae

## Country population

*Sudan: 5000+*

*Uganda: 100-150*

*Burundi: N/A*

*Tanzania: 200-500*

*Malawi: N/A*

*Zambia: <500*

*Democratic Republic of Congo: <1000*

*Rwanda: <50*

*Ethiopia: <50*

*Subspecies: Monotypic*

*IUCN: Vulnerable*



*A unique bird the Shoebill shows characteristics of three different families : storks, herons and pelicans. As a result the taxonomy of this species is still being debated. The shoebill is a solitary animal that prefers flooded marshes with dense vegetation. If food is plentiful it is non migratory but will travel if its preferred feeding grounds dry up.. The nest is built on the ground and both parents care for the eggs.*