

Addax

Addax nasomaculatus



Range: Chad and Niger
Size: ♂: 105-115 cm (41-45 in)
♀: 95-110 cm (37-43 in)
Weight ♂: 100-125kg
(220-277 lbs)
♀: 60-90kg (130-200 lbs)
Horns: 50-85cm (22-33 in)
Habitat: desert semi-arid
Estrus: 1-2 days
Estrus cycle: 32 days
Gestation : 37-38 weeks
Litter: 1
Weaning: 23-29 weeks
Sexual maturity: 24 months
Lifestyle: Terrestrial
Activity: Nocturnal
Social: multi-female multi-males
herds up to 20
Breeding: polygynous
Movement: nomadic
Food: grasses legumes
IUCN: Critically Endangered
Subspecies : Monotypic
Longevity: captive: 19 yrs
Wild: n/a

Order: Artiodactyla Family: Bovidae

The Addax is the only member of its genus and has no subspecies. It is highly adapted for life in the desert. It feeds on leguminous plants and grasses which provide much of its water. This species is normally nocturnal finding shade or digging shallow scrapes to escape the heat of the day. The addax form groups of up to twenty individual led by the eldest female.

Formerly widespread throughout the Sahara desert the addax is now reduced to two isolated populations in Chad and Niger. Listed as Critically Endangered by the IUCN it is believed to have a total population of 300. Hunting has been the major threat to its survival. This species is also listed on the USFW Endangered Species List and as Appendix I on CITES.