

Status of different wildlife species in Namibia

DEFINITIONS

Indigenous – where the species occurred naturally without any human intervention. This refers to the species' actual distribution, not the countries where it occurs. For example, Waterbuck and Lechwe are indigenous to the wetland systems of NE Namibia – they are not indigenous to the whole of Namibia. Similarly, Hartmann's Mountain Zebra are indigenous to the western escarpment and central plateau of Namibia, not to the Kalahari.

Endemic – where an indigenous species has a naturally restricted range. Thus, a Namibian endemic means that the species occurs naturally only in Namibia. We thus have a special responsibility for its conservation. A Southern African endemic means that the natural global distribution of a species is confined to south of the Kunene and Zambezi Rivers.

Near-endemic – where about 80% of the natural range of a species is confined to the specified area. For example, the Damara Dikdik is a near-endemic to Namibia, with just a small part of its range extending into south-west Angola.

Exotic – where a species originates from another part of the world and has never occurred naturally in Namibia, e.g. Nyala, Blesbok, Black Wildebeest.

Peripheral – where a species just enters the very edge of Namibia, with most of its distribution occurring elsewhere, e.g. Puku, with a tiny population on the Chobe floodplains but most of its population in Zambia.

Conservation Status – IUCN global conservation assessment (see <http://www.iucnredlist.org/> - not the Namibian status); and the CITES Appendix status.

Common name	Scientific name	Distribution status	Conservation IUCN & CITES	Notes on distribution
Cape Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	Southern African near endemic	Secure	Distributed across central and southern Namibia
Kaokoveld Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia welwitchii</i>	Namibian near endemic	Secure	Kunene region of Namibia and into SW Angola
Bush Hyrax	<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>	Peripheral indigenous	Secure	Extreme NW in Kunene River valley
African Bush Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	Indigenous	Vulnerable (CITES II)	Historically occurred across all of Namibia except Namib sand sea
Aardvark	<i>Orycteropus afer</i>	Indigenous	Near Threatened	Widespread across Namibia except for extreme west
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	Indigenous	Secure (CITES II)	Widespread across Namibia except extreme west
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	Indigenous	Secure (CITES II)	Confined to north-east and Orange River valley
African Wild Dog	<i>Canis pictus</i>	Indigenous	Endangered	Historically occurred across all Namibia except for extreme west
Side-striped Jackal	<i>Canis adustus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	North-east Namibia
Black-backed Jackal	<i>Canis mesomelas</i>	Southern African near-endemic	Secure	Widespread across Namibia
Bat-eared Fox	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	Southern African endemic	Secure	Widespread across Namibia
Cape Fox	<i>Vulpes chama</i>	Southern African endemic	Secure	Widespread across Namibia except for extreme west and north-east
Ratel	<i>Mellivora capensis</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Throughout Namibia except for extreme west
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	Indigenous	Vulnerable (CITES II)	Historically occurred across all of Namibia
Leopard	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Indigenous	Near Threatened (CITES I)	Widespread across Namibia except extreme western Namib sand sea

Serval	<i>Leptailurus serval</i>	Indigenous	Secure (CITES II)	Historically across northern and eastern Namibia
Caracal	<i>Caracal caracal</i>	Indigenous	Secure (CITES II)	Widespread across all Namibia
Cheetah	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Indigenous	Vulnerable (CITES I)	Widespread across Namibia except for far west
African Wildcat	<i>Felis silvestris</i>	Indigenous	Secure (CITES II)	Throughout Namibia
Black-footed Cat	<i>Felis nigripes</i>	Southern African endemic	Vulnerable (CITES I)	Across Namibia except for far west, north-west and north-east
Brown Hyaena	<i>Hyaena brunnea</i>	Southern African endemic	Near Threatened	Across all Namibia
Spotted Hyaena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Historically across Namibia except for extreme west
Aardwolf	<i>Proteles cristata</i>	Southern African near-endemic	Secure	Across Namibia except for extreme west
Plains / Burchell's Zebra	<i>Equus quagga burchelli</i>	Southern African endemic	Near Threatened	Across Namibia except for extreme west and north-east
Plains / Chapman's Zebra	<i>Equus quagga chapmani</i>	Indigenous	Endangered	North-east Namibia
Hartmann's Mountain Zebra	<i>Equua zebra hartmanni</i>	Namibian endemic	Vulnerable (CITES II)	Western escarpment and central plateau (mountainous rocky terrain)
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis bicornis</i>	Indigenous	Vulnerable (CITES I)	Historically across Namibia except for extreme west
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>	Southern African near-endemic	Near Threatened (CITES I)	Historic range across Namibia above about the 250 mm rainfall isohyet
Bushpig	<i>Potamochoerus larvatus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	North-east Namibia
Desert / Cape Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus aethiopicus aethiopicus</i>	Southern African endemic	Extinct	Extreme southern Namibia – Orange and Fish River valleys
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Widespread across Namibia except for far west and south
Common Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	Indigenous	Vulnerable (CITES II)	Historically occurred in all perennial river systems in Namibia
Giraffe (Angolan Giraffe)	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis angolensis</i>	Indigenous	Vulnerable	Historically widespread across all Namibia except for extreme west
African Savanna Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Historically widespread except for far west and southern Kalahari
Nyala	<i>Tragelaphus angasi</i>	Exotic	Secure	Occured naturally in northern KwaZulu-Natal and Kruger NP lowveld
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Widespread across Namibia except for extreme west
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	North-east Namibia
Sitatunga	<i>Tragelaphus spekii</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Reedbeds in north-east perennial rivers
Common Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Historically throughout Namibia except for far west
Common / Grey Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Throughout Namibia except in far west
Sharpe's Grysbok	<i>Raphicerus sharpei</i>	Peripheral indigenous	Secure	Extreme eastern Zambezi region
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	Southern African near-endemic	Secure	Throughout Namibia except in extreme west
Damara Dikdik	<i>Madoqua kirkii damarensis</i>	Namibian near-endemic	Secure	Central, north-central and north-western Namibia
Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	Southern African endemic	Secure	Throughout Namibia except in north-east woodlands
Oribi	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>	Peripheral indigenous	Secure	Eastern Zambezi region
Rhebok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	Peripheral indigenous	Secure	Extreme southern Namibia in Huns Mountains
Southern Reedbuck	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Perennial rivers in north-east Namibia

Puku	<i>Kobus vardonii</i>	Peripheral indigenous	Near Threatened	Extreme eastern Zambezi region – Chobe floodplains
Southern Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>	Indigenous	Near Threatened (CITES II)	River systems in north-east Namibia
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	River systems in north-east Namibia
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Hilly, rocky & mountainous areas of southern, central and north-west
Common Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus melampus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Historically across central-eastern and north-eastern Namibia
Black-faced Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus petersi</i>	Namibian near-endemic	Vulnerable	North-west and southwards to northern central plateau
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	Exotic	Vulnerable (CITES II)	Occurred naturally only in the Western Cape coastal fynbos, RSA
Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>	Exotic	Secure	Occurred naturally only in South Africa grassland highveld & karoo
Tsessebe	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	North-east Namibia
Red Hartebeest	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>	Southern African endemic	Secure	Kalahari and thornveld savanna ecosystems in Namibia
Blue Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	Historically widespread, except in west & extreme south
Black Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	Exotic	Secure	Occurred naturally only in South Africa grassland highveld & karoo
Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	Indigenous	Secure	North-eastern woodlands of Namibia
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	Indigenous	Secure	North-eastern woodlands of Namibia
Southern Oryx	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	Southern African endemic	Secure	Throughout Namibia, except for Zambezi region