

AFRICAN BUFFALO



Conservation Status:

not listed as threatened or endangered

Scientific Classification

Class: Mammalia

Order: Artiodactyla

Family: Bovidae

Genus: *Syncerus*

Species: *caffer*



FAST FACTS

Weight: approximately 1,500 pounds

Length: up to 11 feet

Height: up to 65 inches at the shoulder

Life Span: up to 18 years in the wild

Gestation: 11-12 months

Number of young: Average 1 calf every 2 years

Range: Found in the northern and southern savannas as well as the lowland rain forests in Africa near a permanent source of water.

Diet: Herbivore, primarily eats grass

DID YOU KNOW?

- The African buffalo depends on water and does not live in regions with less than 10 inches of rain a year.
- Buffalo can live in herds of a few hundred, but have been known to gather by the thousands during the rainy season.

Ecology & Conservation

The introduction of foreign diseases by non-native species is currently the biggest threat to African wild cattle, including the African buffalo.

Though their populations may be large in size, the number of buffalo is mainly regulated by the abundance of food sources and not by predators. Without fresh green grass, a buffalo's body condition tends to deteriorate quickly.