

Addra gazelle ... on a rapid slide toward extinction

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MEASUREMENTS

Length: 5 feet

Height: 3.5 feet
at shoulder

Weight: 100-160 lbs



Semidesert



North Africa

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CRITICALLY
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<500 in
the wild

Why exhibit addra gazelles?

- Provide urgently-needed *ex situ* support for this IUCN Antelope Specialist Group priority species: the wild population is now less than 500 animals, and has declined by over 80% in the past decade. Zoo programs may be this species' last hope.
- Get involved with a strong *in situ* conservation program, and share with visitors how your zoo is involved in saving the wildlife of the Sahara.
- Add an unexpected dimension to migratory interpretation: while songbirds follow warmth, addra gazelles make large-scale movements into and out of the Sahara following rain.
- Extend visitor viewing time with a memorable sight: addra gazelles will stand gerenuk-like on their hind legs to feed on hanging browse.
- Reinforce messaging about climate change - it doesn't just affect polar bears! Addra gazelles are severely impacted by desertification and drought.

Stewardship Opportunities

Sahara Conservation Fund

www.saharaconservation.org

Care and Husbandry

YELLOW SSP: 78.99 (177) in 18 AZA (+4 non-AZA) institutions (2019)

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Social nature: Solitary or in small harem herds. Breeding males will show aggression to male offspring beginning at 4-6 months. Bachelor groups have been formed with some success.

Mixed species: Mixes well with a wide range of hoofstock, including giraffe, common zebra, kudu, addax, oryx, and smaller gazelles; also ratites, storks, cranes, and vultures.

Housing: Tolerant of hot temperatures. Not very cold tolerant; heated shelter required below 40°F.

Medical notes: Generally robust. High levels of rain and/or poorly-draining substrate may lead to hoof issues.

Special requirements: All-male groups are most successful in the absence of females, with varied ages, and with plenty of space.

Keeper resources: Easily enriched with browse. Promoting hind-leg standing encourages natural feeding behaviors and is good for strengthening leg muscles.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.aзаungulates.org/>



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