

Kordofan aoudad ... who can beat this beard?!



MEASUREMENTS

Length: 4.5-5.5 feet

Height: 2.5-3.5 feet
at shoulder

Weight: 70-300 lbs



Arid mountains



North Africa

IUCN
VULNERABLE
CITES II

< 10,000
in the wild

Why exhibit Kordofan aoudad?

- Get bang for your buck! Aoudad are easy to care for but have high visual impact: impressive horns, a long beard, an incredible jumping ability, and a social nature which makes large groups easy.
- Put on a great year-round display no matter your weather — hot, cold, wet, or dry! Aoudad are a perfect fit for that steep, rocky, or marginal terrain in your zoo that's hard to put an exhibit on.
- Challenge visitors to decide "sheep or goat?!" Aoudad are an isolated relative that look like sheep but are more closely related to goats.
- Underscore conservation messaging with the themes of habitat destruction, competition with livestock, and poaching.
- **TAG RECOMMENDATION:** Holders of generic Barbary sheep are urged to switch to SSP Kordofan aoudad of known origin.

Get involved with stewardship!

Conservation focus efforts, notably the Termit & Tin Toumma National Nature Reserve, can be found at www.saharaconservation.org

Care and Husbandry

RED Program: 25.28 (53) in 7 AZA institutions (2019)

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Social nature: Does well in large breeding groups or single-sex herds. Multiple males can be kept with females, but this can prove problematic for purposes of genetic management.

Mixed species: Very tolerant of larger ungulates, but may dominate or show aggression towards smaller hoofstock. Have also been successfully exhibited with macaques, baboons, and hyraxes.

Housing: Handles extreme temperatures (high and low) well with only basic shelters. At home on steep, rocky terrain. Aoudad are excellent climbers/jumpers and need tall fencing (~10 feet high).

Medical notes: Few medical issues, mostly arthritis in aged animals. Hoof care may be needed if housed on soft substrate.

Special requirements: Aoudad are tough on vegetation; Like to rub horns on trees which can destroy foliage, however sunken post can satisfy this behavior.

Keeper resources: Work load is minimal and enrichment is open to anything from feeder puzzles, balls, rubbing post, etc.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.azaungulates.org/>

