

Blue duiker ... a pint-sized package full of charm!



MEASUREMENTS

Length: 2 feet

Height: 1 foot
at shoulder

Weight: 10 lbs.



Rainforest



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in the wild

Why exhibit blue duikers?

- Boost the sustainability of this population by providing much-needed additional holding space (for individuals or breeding pairs) and by supporting the importation of new founders from South Africa.
- Get more bang for your exhibit-space buck! Blue duikers can add ground-level interest to a variety of African exhibits, from small aviaries to paddocks - they mix well with many species!
- Sate your public's desire for cuteness with these pint-size ungulates: full-grown adults are about the size of domestic cats, and calves are no bigger than a kitten!
- Educate the public on the bushmeat trade and deforestation: duikers can round out and reinforce messaging delivered at popular gorilla and chimpanzee exhibits.

Stewardship Opportunities

Bush Meat Crisis Task Force

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

Care and Husbandry

RED SSP: 26.22 (48) in 16 AZA institutions (2019)

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Social nature: Monogamous pairs. Breed year-round; will tolerate an older calf while its younger sibling is being raised.

Mixed species: Successfully exhibited with other hoofstock (small antelope to okapi), birds (passerines to large cranes), and tortoises. Some success with pygmy hippos and guenons.

Housing: Not cold-hardy: should not have outdoor access below 40-45°F. Requires ample visual barriers or foliage in which to hide. Small exhibits work well.

Medical notes: Susceptible to rumen hypomotility syndrome ("sloshy stomach") if fed an improper diet (see below). Anesthesia can be risky due to prevalence of regurgitation/aspiration.

Special requirements: Daily browse is optimal. High-fiber produce should be fed in addition to a pelleted grain and alfalfa.

Keeper resources: Small animal = small feces! A potentially high-strung animal; time invested in training for manipulation, transport, and restraint is highly beneficial.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

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

