

Mountain Reedbuck (Redunca fulvorufula)

Size: Body length, 110 - 136 cm; shoulder height, 84 - 96 cm Weight: Approx. 30 kg Habitat: Generally found in hilly terrain dominated by grasses Surviving number: Estimated at

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36,000 in 1999

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Run for cover, drop and freeze. That's the strategy the mountain reedbuck employs when facing a predator. Targeted by everything from lions and leopards to packs of feral dogs, the little antelope lets out a shrill whistle to warn its fellows when danger is spotted. Adults also use whistling to mark the group's territory. But these grasslands are teeming with poachers as

well as predators, and human settlements are steadily eating away at the antelope's habitat. The day may come when there is nowhere to run.

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