

RAPTORS VIEW SABLE ANTELOPE PROJECT

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Sable antelope *Hippotragus niger niger*

- A THREATENED CHARISMATIC SPECIES
- SEXUALLY DIMORPHIC
- MALES BLACK FEMALES CHESTNUT
- MALES 235KG FEMALES 220KG
- GRAZERS AND BROWSERS
- LIVES FOR 16 TO 19 YEARS
- MALES POTENTIALLY AGGRESSIVE



BACK TO AFRICA

- Importing zoo animals to Africa
- Sable antelope to Mokala National Park, Kimberley area



BACK TO AFRICA

- Roan antelope *Hippotragus equinus equinus* from Marwell Zoo UK
- Kingdom of Swaziland
- More than 50 animals in the project



BALULE SABLE PROJECT

- Recent introduction of sable into the farm Dinidza in Balule was surprisingly successful
- With no management the animals survived a drought and kept condition.



OBJECTIVES OF PROJECT

- TO ESTABLISH A BREEDING HERD OF SABLE ANTELOPE ON THE ESTATE FOR THE PLEASURE OF RESIDENTS
- TO ENHANCE THE MAMMALIAN BIODIVERSITY OF THE ESTATE
- TO BREED A THREATNED SPECIES FOR CONSERVATION.
- ONLY 400 IN THE KRUGER PARK!



STAGES OF THE PROJECT

- Stage 1 would be the introduction of 3 or 4 males as a test group



- Stage 2 would be the introduction of females to start a breeding group

RISKS

- RISKS ARE REAL. The animals will be unmanaged in “wild conditions
- Disease
- Predation
- Aggression. Sable are especially dangerous when habituated. **DONT FEED ANIMALS**



THE ESTATE



- THE PROJECT WILL ENHANCE THE PROFILE OF RAPTOR'S VIEW
- TO MAKE RAPTOR'S DISTINCT FROM OTHER WILD LIFE ESTATES
- NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES HAVE LION, ELEPHANT, RHINO

