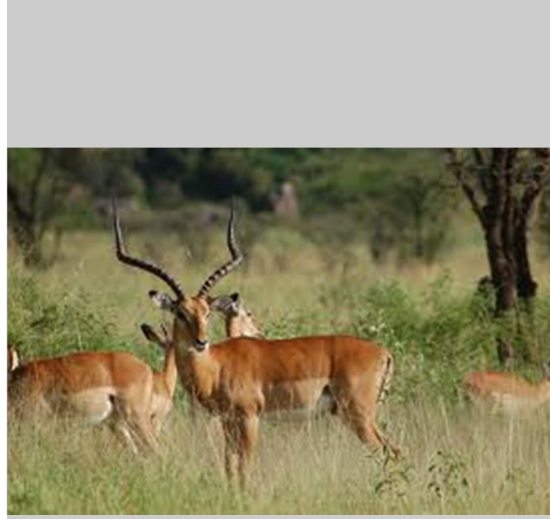


IMPALA (*Aepyceros melampus*)



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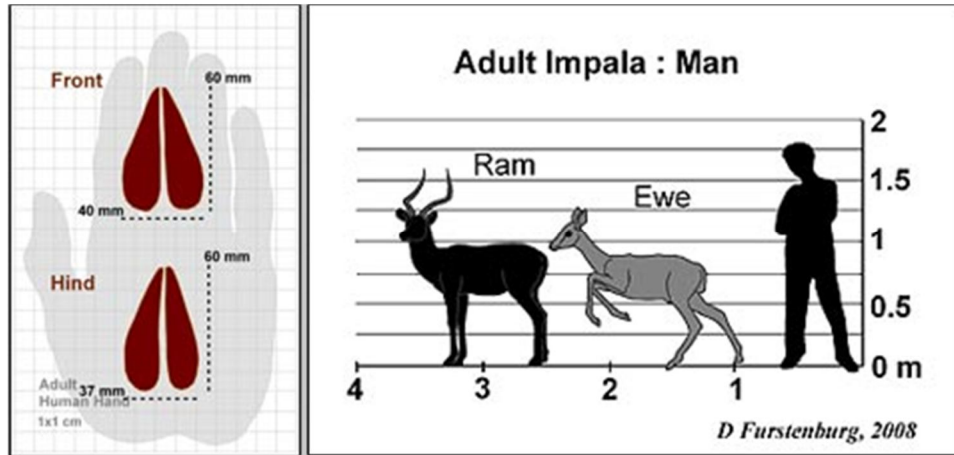
Impala

Description

A medium-sized, lightly built antelope. The coat is shiny, uniform chestnut brown on the back and around the neck, passing through to a light fawn on the flanks and outer leg surfaces. The belly and the inside of the legs are white. There is a prominent vertical black stripe down the centre of each buttock and on the dorsal

surface of the tail. Black-faced impala are darker coloured, being a dull purple brown with a distinctive purplish-black blaze stretching down the middle of the face. East African impala are a brighter tawny red and are more sharply edged along the flanks.

Comparison To Man



Trophy

Lyrate-shaped, over 50 cm long and coarsely grooved for 75% of the length. The number of grooves relates to the animal's age. Well developed horns in rams but ewes with inferior, rudimentary, deformed horns occasionally occur. Rowland Ward trophy status is reached after five years. Black-faced impala have smaller horns whereas those of the East African impala are longer with a distinctive greater tip-to-tip spread.