

IUCN SSC ASG Position Statement on the Intentional Genetic Manipulation of Antelopes

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1. Introduction

The IUCN SSC Antelope Specialist Group (ASG) is concerned by the use of intentional genetic manipulation (IGM) of antelopes to create modified phenotypes such as novel coat patterns or enlarged horns, conducted for amenity, ecotourism, live trade and/or hunting purposes.

ASG fully supports the principle of sustainable use of wildlife and other natural resources, including appropriately managed game ranching and hunting, in accordance with:

- x the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidedia of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (https://www.cbd.int/sustainable/addis.shtml);
- x the Policy Statement on Sustainable Use of Wild Living ResourcesIUCN, 2000 (

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- Growing in magnitude with a continuously increasing number of (i) facilities involved, (ii) number of antelope species and individuals subject to IGM & (iii) private and public sales;
- Increasing diversity with a continuously growing number of newly created morphs.