African Antelope Horns Beisa Oryx

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Height: 101 cm (39.8")

Width: 23 cm (9.1")

Depth: 36 cm (14.2")

## Description

Beisa Oryx Horns.
A well prepared set of mounted Beisa Oryx horns with skull cap fixed to a shaped teak shield. Shield with paper sticker to rear "Beisa Oryx". The long straight rapier horns in very nice condition. Taxidermist unknown.

The East African oryx (Oryx beisa), also known as the beisa is a species of antelope from East Africa. It has two subspecies: the common beisa oryx (Oryx beisa beisa) found in steppe and semidesert throughout the Horn of Africa and north of the Tana River, and the fringe-eared oryx (Oryx beisa callotis) south of the Tana River in southern Kenya and parts of Tanzania. In the past, some taxonomists considered it a subspecies of the gemsbok (Oryx gazella), but they are genetically distinct; the diploid chromosome count is 56 for the beisa and 58 for the gemsbok. The species is listed as Endangered by the IUCN.
The East African oryx stands just over a meter at the shoulder and weighs around 175 lb (79 kg). It has a grey coat with a white underside, separated from the grey by a stripe of black, with black stripes where the head attaches to the neck, along the nose, and from the eye to the mouth and on the forehead. The mane is small and chestnut - coloured; the ringed horns are thin and straight. They are found on both sexes and typically measure 75-80 cm (30-31 in). Comparably, the gemsbok has an entirely black tail, a black patch at the base of the tail, and more black on the legs (including a patch on the hindlegs) and lower flanks. The smaller Arabian oryx is overall whiter with largely dark legs (taken from Wikipedia).



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