



The Saola

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Is your animal endangered or threatened ?

- ▶ The Saola is critically endangered
- ▶ Between 1994 to 2006 the Saola was only endangered, and from then to current day the animal is critically.



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Infographic

25 –
750 Saolas
left that we
know of.



It can reach 59 to 77
inches in length

Only photographed in
the wild 3 times ever
since 2016

Part of the
bovine family

Found in
Vietnam
and Laos



Nickname
is the Asian
Unicorn.



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photographed in
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times.

They produce
Spindel Horns

No saola are in
captivity

Abiotic And Biotic factors of the Saola



- ▶ abiotic components or abiotic factors are non-living chemical and physical parts of the environment that affect living organisms and the functioning of ecosystems.
- ▶ The saolas abiotic factors are Water, Soil, Air, Sunlight, Rocks, and Tempature.
- ▶ Biotic is A factor created by a living thing or any living component within an environment in which the action of the organism affects the life of another organism
- ▶ The Bioic factors of the saola are grass, ferns, flowers, berrys, herbs, seeds, fruit, and evergreen trees.

Where does the Saola live?

- ▶ They are a mammal found in the mountains of Vietnam-Laos border. The habitat is a moist and dense evergreen forest.



Why the animal is going extinct?

- ▶ The slash and burn is a technique to provide farmland for the Vietnamese. This is destroying the Saola's already limited habitat and limiting their ability to survive causing endangerment.
- ▶ The main threat comes from commercial hunting not hunting from the people around.
- ▶ People illegally trade the wild life





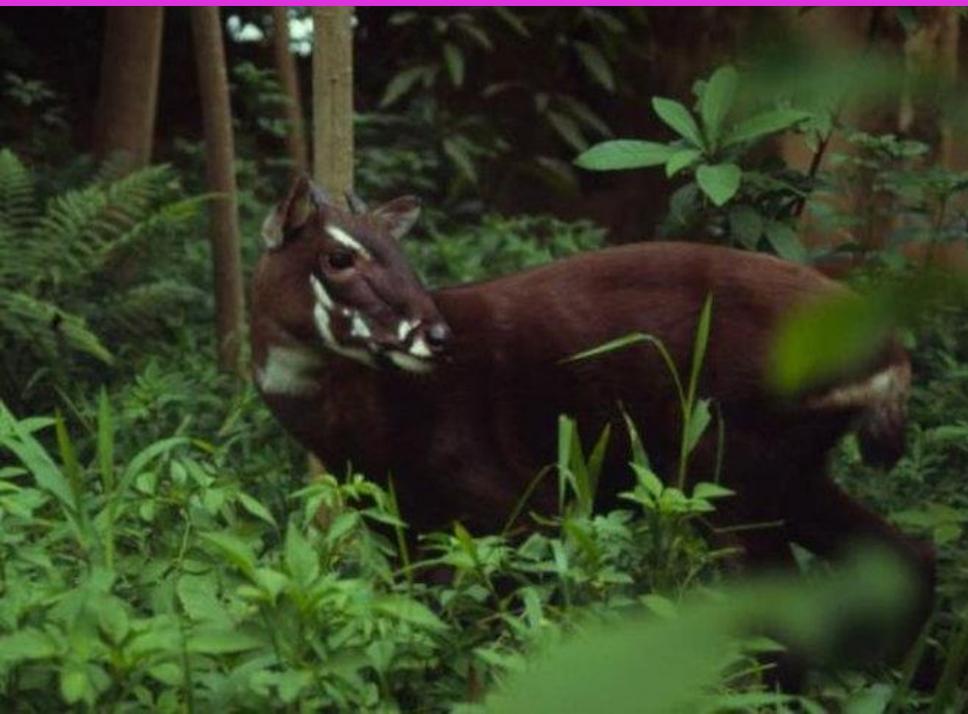
Relationship with nature

- ▶ Since there are not many saola left out in the nature, they do not greatly impact the land and vegetation much around them.
- ▶ However, they are food for surrounding animals such as tigers and crocodiles

What does the saola eat?

- ▶ The saola is an herbivore so it is a plant eating animal.
- ▶ It mainly eats what is close by to them and what is vegetarian.
- ▶ They eat fig leaves, seeds, fruits, and berries that are commonly found by riverbanks.



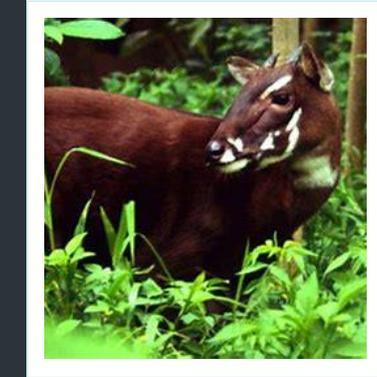
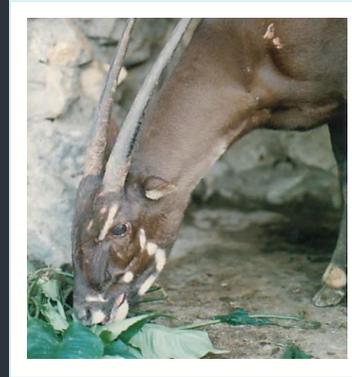


Basic Anatomy of the Saola

- ▶ The genus name is *Pseudoryx Ngethinhensis* (sudo-rex-ny-tin-hensis)
- ▶ Adults weigh 80-100 kg.
- ▶ Females and males have:
 - ▶ Long, curving horns that can reach 20 in. in height
 - ▶ A pattern of white markings on the head, including a stripe above each eye
 - ▶ Brown fur covers the body

Lifespan and Special Adaptions/Traits

- ▶ The average life span is approximately 8-10 years
- ▶ This species is found only in The Annamite Mountains forests on the border of Laos and Vietnam
- ▶ The Saola are typically solitary animals
- ▶ Only been photographed in the wild three times (2016)



Reproduction

- Saola mating rituals are unknown
- The Saola produce between August and November
- The gestation period is 8 months
- There is 1 offspring per litter

Parental Care and the Young

- ▶ Parental care provided by the mother
 - ▶ Nourishment from mother's milk
 - ▶ Protection given from the mother
 - ▶ A form of grooming
- ▶ Babies are dependent on mother for most likely 1 year
- ▶ Since these animals are so rare there are no photos of the Saola's young





Behavior

- ▶ Groups of 2 or 3
- ▶ The animal is very calm near humans but when near an animal like a dog gets defensive and ready to fight
 - ▶ The Saola sticks their antlers forward at the animal and shakes their head
- ▶ The behavior shown by the Saola near humans is helpful to hunters but harmful to the actual animal
- ▶ Harmful to the Saola because it means that they are easy to hunt

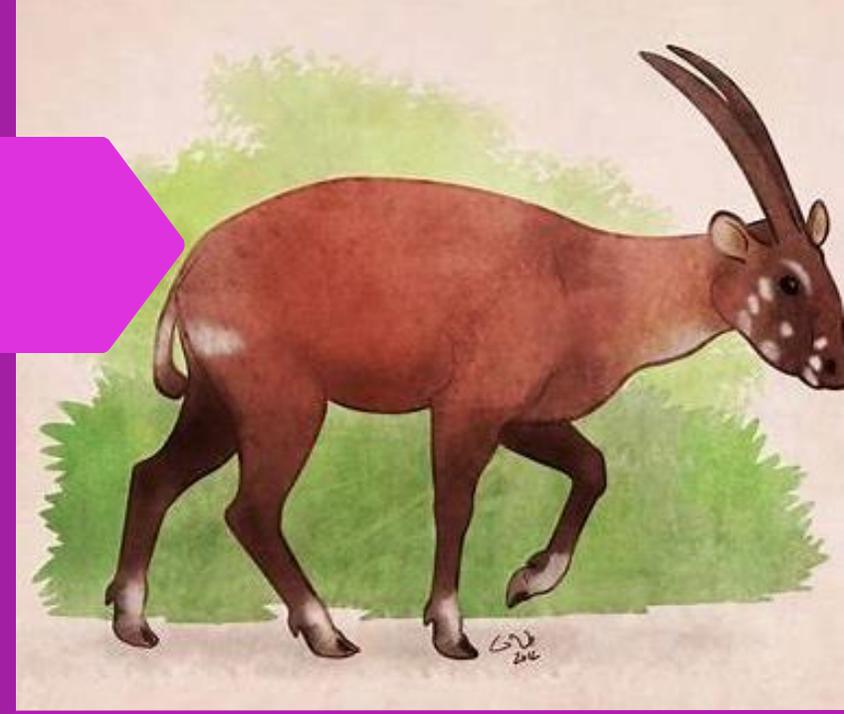


Government Plan

- ▶ The Vietnamese government , where the Saola lives, has made very few efforts to keep this animal alive. They have made restricted areas specially for the Soala. They also made it illegal to hunt these ,but people still do it. Although the government had tried to help , they are still part of the problem because they are destroying their environment.

Our Plan

- ▶ The Saola are an animal in the forests of the Annamite Mountains on the border of Laos and Vietnam that are **CRITICALLY** endangered. The species has received the nickname "Asian Unicorn"! because of how rare it is. Who doesn't like unicorns? The Saola are on the path to extinction if something isn't done soon. Our plan to save the Saola is to get stricter laws enforced on commercial hunting of the Saola since that is the main cause of extinction. We also plan to expand the area of space that is protected for species because it is small and slash and burn techniques are destroying other spaces of land that the Saola live in. Saolas are just as equal as other animals, such as snow Leopards, Bald Eagles and Macaws and they deserve to have help from people to keep them from going extinct. According to www.iucnredlist.org the Saolas don't have much time to live so they need help soon





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