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The Big Five and other animals, Doc 3 p. 21

So, what animals can you expect to see on a safari in South Africa?

Well, a huge range, to be honest. South Africa is home to over 500 bird species, 100 species of reptile and 150 mammal species, including the Big Five and the endangered African wild dog. Seeing the Big Five – lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and Cape buffaloes – is the ultimate safari challenge. [...] You'll probably see a range of other animals too, including zebras, giraffes, cheetahs¹, kudus² (deer with large ears and impressive, curling horns), springboks² (South Africa's national animal), warthogs³, crocodiles, hippos, various birdlife and many more.

Roxanne de Bruyn, farawayworlds.com

1. guépards 2. types of African antelopes 3. phacochères

WWF says African elephants will be extinct by 2040 if nothing is done, Doc 1 p. 22

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) figures on the killing of elephants in Africa are chilling. Every 25 minutes, an elephant is killed for its ivory tusks¹. This brings the number of individuals slaughtered² each year to 20,000. For example, the African elephant population has declined by 70% in 40 years. Between 2007 and 2015, 100,000 elephants were slaughtered. [...] Convinced that Africa's largest mammals will disappear by 2040 if nothing is done urgently, WWF has launched a fundraising³ campaign to finance anti-poaching⁴ measures.

Boris Ngounou, Afrik21, 2019

1. défenses **2.** massacrés

3. collecting money **4.** contre le braconnage

Infographie Six endangered animals, 2 p. 23

Rhinos are not the only animals in South Africa that face extinction, here are some that list as vulnerable and endangered.

1. Cheetah, IUCN Red List status: vulnerable

Known as the fastest land animal, they are vulnerable because many farmers end up poisoning, shooting or trapping them when they hunt for sheep.

Major threats: farmer/predator conflict, loss¹ of habitat.

Diet: small antelopes, wildebeests² and zebras.

2. Knysna seahorse, IUCN Red List status: endangered

This delicate little creature, with a head like a horse and a tail with a perfect curl, occurs naturally in three estuaries around the country.

Major threats: loss of habitat by industrial developments and urban expansion.

Diet: a seahorse will eat small crustacea such as Mysis Shrimp.

3. Cape vulture, IUCN Red List status: vulnerable

We easily underestimate the importance of vultures, perhaps because the term in itself has quite a negative connotation. But the essence of being a vulture is to clean up, and therefore, do good by eating off carcasses.

Major threats: loss of habitat, electrocution on pylons or collision with cables and poisoning.

Diet: the cape vulture is a scavenger³, feeding on carrion.

4. Riverine rabbit, IUCN Red List status: critically endangered

This small nocturnal rabbit can only be found in the Karoo regions and is currently the most endangered mammal in South Africa.

Major threats: loss of habitat due to cultivation and livestock⁴ farming

Diet: flowers, grasses and leaves

5. African wild dog, IUCN Red List status: endangered

There are fewer than 450 left in South Africa. Violent snaring⁵ of wild dogs is one of the most brutal ways of killing, and unfortunately this happens much too often in our wildernesses.

Major threats: human persecution.

Diet: small to medium sized animals.

6. Blue crane, IUCN Red List status: vulnerable

The blue crane is South Africa's national bird. Because they have a blind spot in their vision, they tend to collide with power lines when their legs get entangled⁶, leading to death.

Major threat: habitat loss, collision with electric wires, poisoning

Diet: blue cranes are omnivorous and will eat plants, bugs and small lizards.

Adapted from The Citizen, 2020.

1. perte **2.** gnus **3.** charognard **4.** farm animals **5.** piège

6. emmêlées

WWF South Africa urges nature lovers to #wearitwild to help celebrate and protect wildlife, Doc 1 p. 25

Unleash¹ your wild side during WWF South Africa's #Wear It Wild fun campaign.

WWF South Africa is calling on nature lovers across the world to get creative with animalinspired fancy dress² and face painting on any day from 15 July until 15 October 2022. The #WearItWild campaign is one of the organisation's most popular and well-supported annual fundraising³ campaigns and global celebrations of our wildlife.

wecanchange.co.za, 31 August 2022

1. show **2.** déguisement **3.** collecting money

Compréhension de l'écrit, p. 31

South Africa safari

South Africa is the grand dame¹, of African safari destinations, a country that offers experiences for every age and level of adventure. [...] The highlight² of South Africa's animal population is diversity, rather than abundance. [...]

Extending for almost 20,000 square kilometres, Kruger National Park is a legend of the safari industry. It's been a protected area since 1898 and provides refuge for more different mammals than any other in Africa. Many habitats can be found in the park and these support some 147 large species. To discover even half of these you need at least three days on safari.

Of course it's the big five that dominates most itineraries. For this the Kruger doesn't disappoint. In particular, this is one of the best areas³ in Africa to encounter rhinos and leopards. [...]

When planning a Kruger safari, keep remembering the size of the park. [...] If you want to travel far to the north or east you will need a lot of time.

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1. la star 2. best part 3. Regions