

# Mountain Bongo



## Elusive Antelopes

We are working with the Bongo Surveillance Project and Rhino Ark in Eburu, Kenya to monitor mountain bongos, a critically endangered antelope. We use remote camera traps to learn about their habitat use and human disturbance in the forest.

## Becoming a camera trap expert

Camera trapping might sound easy, however catching photos of animals in the wild is not so easy. Use the tips below to help you snap photos outside your home and see what you can catch!

## Location Matters

Researchers must identify the perfect spot where animals will be walking by.

## Find Clues

They look for signs of animal activity such as tracks, pathways, burrows, poo, scratch marks, and chewed vegetation. See the last page for more about tracks.

## Get the Height Right

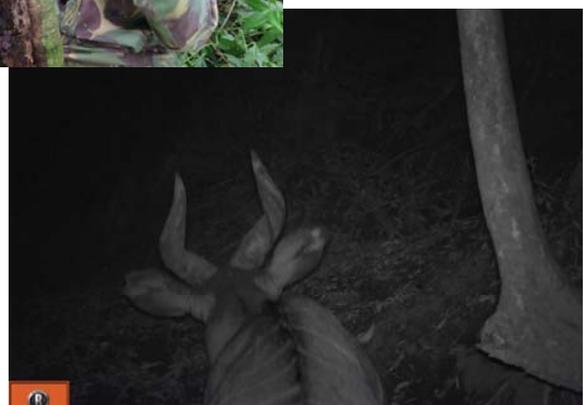
Make sure your camera is set at the right height, angle, and will focus on the spot you think the animal will be.



These motion sensor cameras offer glimpses of mountain bongo in their natural habitat.



Setting up camera traps in the forest.



Success! A mountain bongo captured walking by the camera trap.

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## Not Just for the Bongos

The camera goes off when it detects movement. This means it is not just mountain bongos that are caught on camera, but other animals they share their home with as well!



**Bushbuck**



**Leopards**



**Honey badger**

## What Can You 'Catch'?

What animals can you capture on camera? Try taking photos at different times of day. Share your photos with us!



**Black and white colobus monkey**



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## Find Clues in Your Backyard

Animal tracks can tell us a story which our researchers use to understand them better. Are they travelling alone or in a group? Walking or running? Did two different animals cross paths?



Measuring an antelope track

Can you match the Canadian animals below to their tracks? Can you find any of these tracks in your neighbourhood? If you live elsewhere, what different animal tracks might be in your backyard?

1 

2 

3 

4 



Create your own story through tracks. You can do so outside in the snow or mud, or inside with art supplies or play doh. Share your story with us!



Match the Track Answers:  
1. Squirrel  
2. Rabbit  
3. Coyote  
4. Porcupine