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Barbary Sheep

Scientific Name:
Ammotragus lervia

Habitat: Found in Northern Africa and the scattered interior regions of the Sahara Desert where they inhabit rough, rock, barren waterless desert mountains.

Description: Rufous tawny brown in colour. They have a mane of long, soft hairs on their throat, chest and upper part of their forelegs. Their horns sweep out, back and in and can measure up to 84cm in length. Both males and females have horns with the male's horns being much larger. Males can reach a height of up to 95cm and a weight of up to 70kgs with females being slightly smaller.

Status: Threatened.

Interesting Facts:

- Group Structure: They live in small family groups comprising of an adult male and females with their variously aged offspring.
- Diet: Grasses, herbaceous plants and stunted bushes. They attain sufficient water from vegetation and dew condensed on leaves.
- They escape predators with the ability to remain motionless.
- They are excellent sure-footed jumpers and climbers.
- They are the only wild sheep from Africa.
- Lifespan: 15 – 20 years.