



## Western Bongo

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this certificate to:

Mechislav Klimovich

for taking a Central Africa Bongo

with a Rifle measuring 65 2/8

On a hunt in Cameroon, Boumba South on 06/19/2011

Measured by Mechislav Klimovich on 06/19/2011.

### *Tragelaphus euryceros euryceros*

**DESCRIPTION** The western bongo is the typical form as described in the species text above.

**DISTRIBUTION** Occurs discontinuously in the western and eastern parts of the lowland forest zone along the equator and the north of it. The western population extend from Sierra Leone and probably parts of Guinea eastward to Togo. The eastern population extend from the Sanaga River in Cameroon eastward across the Central African Republic and northern Congo (K) to southwestern Sudan. The two populations are separated by a gap of about 700 miles (1,100 km).

**TAXONOMIC NOTES** Includes *albovirgatus* (Gabon), *cooperi* (Haut Uele), *euryceros* (West Africa) and *katanganus* (Katanga), with *euryceros* Ogilby, 1837 having priority.

Ansell suggests the western bongo could be split into two subspecies on geographical grounds, because of the large gap between its western and eastern distribution ranges. The western populations (Sierra Leone to Togo) would then be named *T. e. euryceros*, while those from the east (Sanaga River to Sudan) would be *T. e. albovirgatus*. We note this without comment.