

Tsessebe



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SCI Trophy Records Committee proudly presents
this certificate to:

Mechislav Klimovich

for taking a Tsessebe

with a Rifle measuring 41 7/8

On a hunt in R.S.A., Mabula on 07/03/2008

Measured by Konstantin Popov on 07/15/2008.

Your entry currently ranks Number 89, a Bronze Medal trophy

Halbmondantelope (G), Sassaby (F), Tsessebe (Af).
Sometimes spelled "sassaby," but pronounced the same.
"Tsessebe" is from the Tswana *tshesebe* for this animal.

DESCRIPTION Shoulder height 47-48 inches (119-122
cm). Weight 300 pounds (140 kg).

The tsessebe is a medium-large antelope with its shoulders higher than its hindquarters, its back sloping downward. Overall color is a dark reddish brown with an iridescent purplish sheen. The front of the face is blackish. There are purplish black markings on the lower part of the shoulders and hips, on the outer side of the legs above the knees and hocks, and also forming a band on the inner side of the upper legs that is most extensive on the hind legs. (These dark markings are less extensive than in the topi group.) The lower legs are yellowish brown. The belly is reddish in front, becoming yellowish white in back. The tail is somewhat longer than in the topi group, and has a crest of long, dark hairs on the lower half. The horns (both sexes) are small, ringed except at the tips, and lunate or crescent-shaped when viewed from the front. Females are similar to males, though slightly smaller and with slimmer horns.