Nubian ibex ... athletic acrobats from day one!

**Why exhibit Nubian ibex?**

- Draw a crowd with these energetic goats! Guests will marvel at the leaping antics of kids, the mothering nature of females, and the impressive horn-clashing displays of males.
- Incorporate an interactive balance beam for kids (and adults) into your viewing area and showcase the agile footing and specialized hooves that allow this graceful ibex to climb with ease!
- Awe visitors with the sight of the large, knobbed horns and flowing beards of mature males.
- Get press coverage every spring with the frolicking, adorable kids of this easy-to-breed (yet vulnerable) species!
- Don’t be constrained by existing exhibit themes: Nubian ibex fit into mountainous or arid exhibit spaces in both African and Asian regions.

**Get involved with stewardship!**

Establishing a population monitoring program to study the waterhole use and long-term population dynamics of Nubian ibex in Egypt

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**Care and Husbandry**

**YELLOW SSP:** 33.28 (61) in 7 AZA (+1 non-AZA) Institutions (2019)

**Species coordinator:** Alison Mott, Sacramento Zoo  
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**Social nature:** Works well in breeding groups, single-sex herds, and mixed species exhibits. This species breeds well in captivity.

**Mixed species:** Has been successfully housed with numerous ungulates including Arabian oryx, aoudad, mouflon, and other caprids, as well as rock hyrax, geladas, and baboons.

**Housing:** Tolerates a wide variety of climates, including cold. These animals can climb near vertical walls; high fences are needed for containment. Rocky hillside exhibits are well-suited for this species.

**Medical notes:** Susceptible to standard caprid diseases and management issues. Does not usually have major issues with parasites.

**Special requirements:** Rough substrate is needed to keep hooves from becoming overgrown.

**Keeper resources:** Typical cleaning and husbandry for a goat species. Operant conditioning has been highly successful in obtaining routine weights and training other husbandry behaviours.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

http://www.azaungulates.org/

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**Measurements**

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**Arid mountains**  
**North Africa + Arabia**  
**IUCN VULNERABLE**  

< 3,000 in the wild

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