



GUNTHER'S DIK-DIK

Madoqua guentheri

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

An adult Gunther's dik-dik will stand 14 inches tall at the shoulder.

WEIGHT

A full grown Gunther's dik-dik will average between eight and 10 pounds.

FOOD HABITS

Gunther's dik-diks will only feed on a select variety of low-fiber vegetation.

HABITAT

Gunther's dik-diks prefer to live in a semi-desert scrub habitat.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

Gunther's dik-diks are found in the horn of eastern Africa.

FUN FACT

The name dik-dik comes from the East African native name that imitates the animal's cry.



Gunther's dik-dik belongs to the tribe known as the dwarf antelope. As one of the smallest species of antelope in the world, Gunther's dik-dik is distinguished from other dwarf antelopes by its unusual elongated snout. Due to the animal's small size and fast metabolism, Gunther's dik-diks must consume only the highest quality of food to ensure proper digestion. This antelope is often territorial over its established home range and will try to ward off other small antelope that would compete for the higher quality food sources that it is trying to protect. While Gunther's dik-dik is not currently listed as a threatened species, this animal is susceptible to alterations in habitat.

