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Nambiti focuses on oribi conservation

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Nambiti Private Game Reserve in KwaZulu Natal has donated four critically endangered oribi to Gelukwater Reserve, an oribi reserve outside Babanango in KZN, to help ensure the species' survival.

Nambiti received support from the Endangered Wildlife Trust, which helped sponsor the capture of the animals, and transport them to the Gelukwater Reserve.

"Nambiti's oribi population live on a 200-hectare block in the northern corner of the reserve. These small antelope are easily caught and killed by predators and, because of this, it was decided to remove the oribi population and donate them to the Gelukwater Reserve," said a statement from Nambiti. "The two males and two females offer hope to the conservation of this sparse species," concluded the statement.

The oribi is a highly evolved antelope species inhabiting temperate African grasslands. Due to the ever-increasing loss of their grassland habitat, threats by predators and continued persecution by man, numbers in Southern Africa have declined sharply in recent years.

The oribi populations are divided into two main genetic groups. The group north of the Tugela River are smaller than their southern counterparts and their habitat extends from Van Reenen's Pass to Vryheid.

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