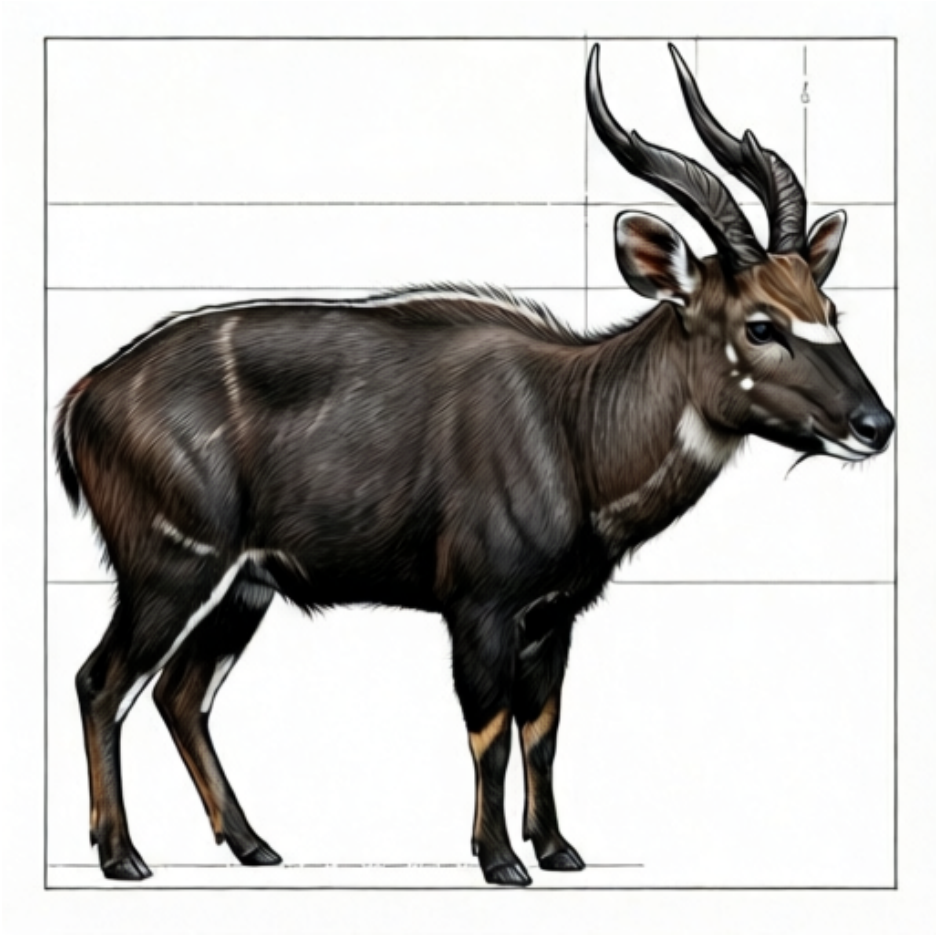
Saola Drawing: Horn, Face, and Body Proportions

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A drawing area is 20 cm wide and 15 cm tall. Choose a body-length unit of 8 cm. Place shoulder and rump points, set a shoulder height of 6 cm, and describe where the eye and horn tip should go.

Answer: Mark the shoulder point 4 cm from the left edge and the rump point 12 cm from the left edge, so the body length is 8 cm. Draw a vertical midline at the shoulder and mark the topline 6 cm above the baseline. The body rectangle is 8 cm by 6 cm, which is about one quarter wider than tall. Place the eye about two thirds of the head length behind the nose tip and near the head midline. Draw the horn base slightly behind the eye line and curve the horn backward so the tip sits above the shoulder or slightly behind it, with horn length about equal to head length.