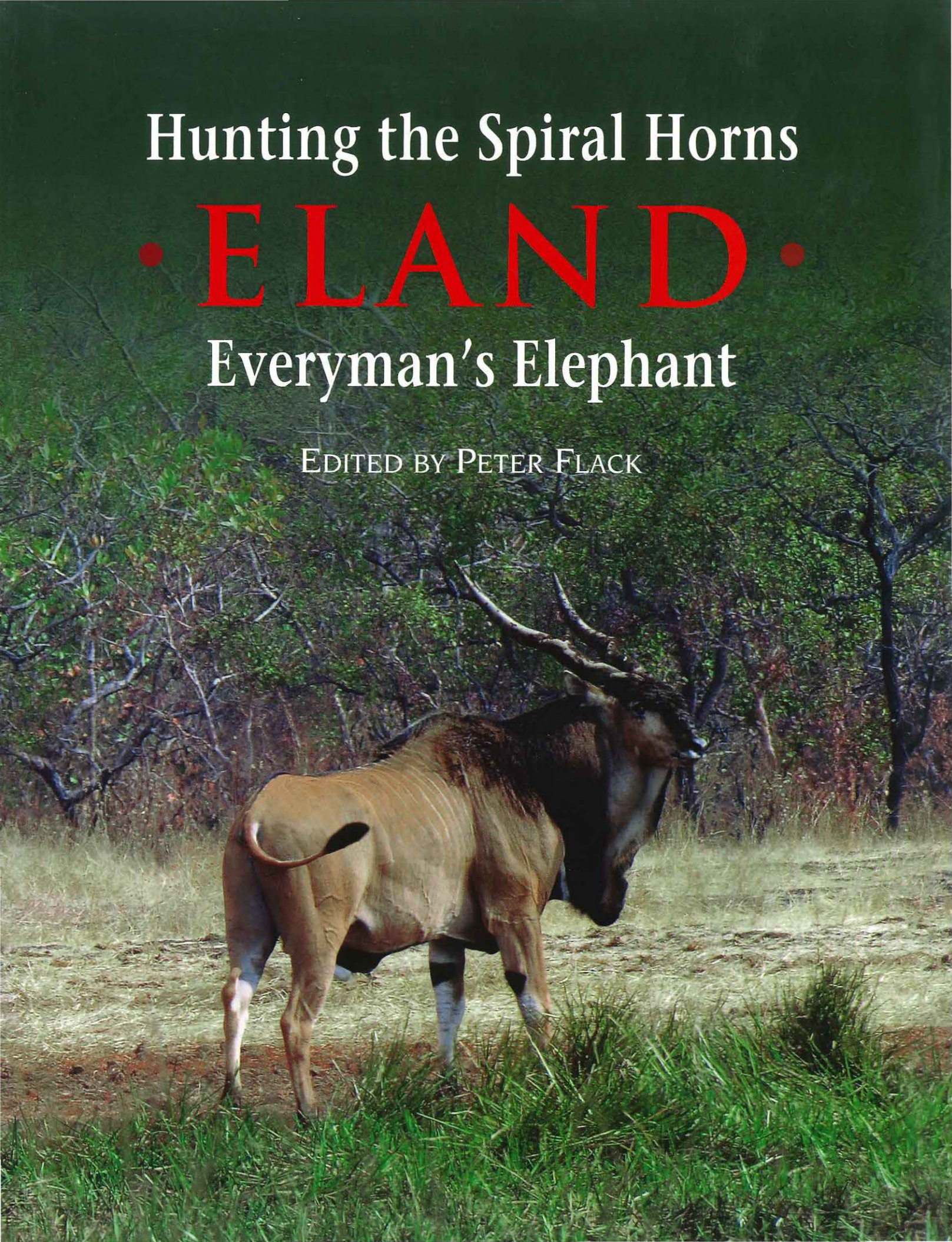


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Chapter Seven

Cape Eland

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Rowland Ward's Records of Big Game

Tragelaphus (Taurotragus) oryx oryx

Distribution – found in South Africa, extending into the southern parts of Namibia and Botswana.

Description – this is the true 'type-form' of the Eland as described by the settlers in the early 19th century at the Cape of Good Hope. The adult animal is a dull fawn colour, and lacks the white body stripes prevalent in the other sub-species. There is usually a dark brown mark on the rear of the foreleg, immediately behind the knee.

It should be noted that the translocations which have taken place throughout Southern Africa have probably resulted in a dispersal of forms, in some instances outside their natural boundaries.

Method of Measurement 8

Minimum 35 inches (89 cm)

Largest trophy – Longest horn: 46½

inches; Circumference: 12¼ inches;

Tip to tip: 25½ inches; Locality:

Thabazimbi, Limpopo Province,

South Africa; 2005; Present or former owner: Dr. Franz-Joachim Weyers

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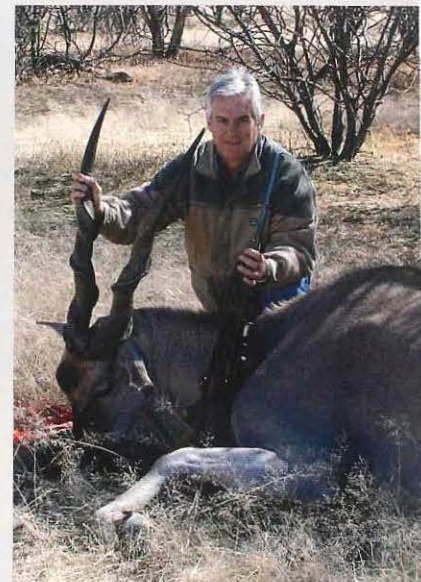
Measurement Method 2

Minimum Score 77

Highest score: 116½ inches; Longest horn: 46½ inches; Circumference: 12¼ inches;

Taken by: Dr. Franz-Joachim Weyers; 2005; Location: R.S.A., Thabazimbi.

◀ A mature Cape eland bull.



Above:– Cape eland shot by S.W. Pienaar in Namibia in 2008 measuring 47½ inches.

This trophy was incorrectly recorded as a Livingstone's eland in the 28th edition.

Above left:– In 2011, Charl Kemp hunted this Cape eland in the Ngarangombe Conservancy, Namibia. The longest horn measured 46½ inches.