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so patience paid off for me on my bowhunting adventure on duiker in Namibia

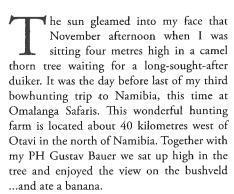
By Frank Berbuir



A happy Frank with his fine duiker ram.



Fantastic view over the beautiful landscape from my "hunting tree".



During the past week I had several exciting encounters with the wonderful and diverse wildlife and could take with bow and arrow some great trophy animals. I still was pursuing a duiker ram, that beautiful, small to medium-sized brown-colored antelope with small short horns. I had seen one last year, but unfortunately had no chance to release an arrow on it. They are counted in the "The Tiny Ten" group, and probably every hunter chasing them has discovered what a challenging hunting experience they provide. The duiker gets its name from the Afrikaans word "duiker" which means to dive, describing the animal's habit of ducking away into bushes when danger threatens. The scientific name Sylvicapra grimmia honors the Swedish doctor and naturalist Hermann Nicolas Grimm, who accurately described this species in 1686 during his appointment to the Dutch East India Company in South Africa.

Duikers live south of the Sahara desert in all African countries and about 22 different species and subspecies are considered. They are split into two groups based on their habitat in forest and bush duikers. All forest species inhabit the rainforests of sub-Saharan Africa, while the only known bush duiker, the grey common duiker occupies savannahs. It is a very shy, elusive creature with a fondness for dense cover and those that tend to live in more open areas are quick to disappear into thickets for protection. Their body weight ranges from three kilograms for a blue duiker, up to 70 kilograms of a yellow-backed duiker. With a body relatively low to the ground and with very short horns, forest duikers are built to navigate effectively through dense rainforests. Since the common grey duiker lives in more open areas, like savannahs, it has longer legs and vertical horns, which allows it to run faster and for longer distances; only the males, which are more confrontational and territorial, exhibit horns. Besides reproduction, duikers behave in a highly independent manner and prefer to act alone. They can live independently of water and feed on leaves, fruit and seeds. They are one of the very few antelope to have been known to eat insects and carrion.

After an unsuccessful attempt that last year, this time we wanted to try our luck by sitting in a tree close to a water source. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon when birds and butterflies gathered in clusters at the waterhole, while a



Omalanga – relax and let one's mind



Rough, thorny, but beautiful Namibian bushveld.



Open range and magnificient countryside.

turtle made its burdensome way from the near bushes through the grassland. With the setting sun the sky filled with a blaze of colors, when quite suddenly from nowhere a duiker ram stood at the boundary of the bushveld – and he was a really good one.

The ram raised its head and started sniffing, than he snorted, once, twice, three times.

Nervously the tiny antelope checked the scenery and looked suspiciously to the waterhole. After a while he moved one step to the left, then one step back again, followed by one step to the right. He stood at 60 metres distance when he finally decided to draw closer. So far Gustav and I sat motionless in the tree with bent heads, just keeping our eyes

on the duiker's movement. We sat left of the waterhole in the tree.

"Here we go, that's your one," Gustav whispered.

The wind blew slightly from ahead and the duiker stood at 11 o'clock from us.

The best shooting position would be at 9 o'clock when he would stand broadside beside us. But this would be also the last chance, because later he would get our wind and I would not be able to shoot due to the fact that I would fall off the tree. So what happened?

The duiker seemed to set his mind at rest, and approached slowly but surely straight to the water which would mean directly towards in front of us. Unexpectedly a grey lourie croaked for some reason, and a pigeon at the waterhole fluttered up, which scared the duiker and nearly drove him away.

Fortunately he was not overanxious, and just stopped to observe the spot. During the flutter of the birds I had the chance to pull out my Carbon Express arrow from the quiver and nocked it in, as well as clipping in my release to the loop, while Gustav checked the antelope's distance with a rangefinder.

The ram raised its head and started sniffing, than he snorted, once, twice, three times. "Damn!" I thought. "Something's bothered him." But it must have been in the bushes on the other side because his eyes were fixed in this direction. "Don't run away, don't run away," I mumbled to myself. My mental plea worked - he did not run. Instead, he moved across so that he would come over slowly, broadside to my left.

"So get ready boy, keep calm!" I breathed when I felt my rising blood pressure.

"He is at 25 meters," Gustav whispered. The tiny antelope walked slowly straight forward and turned his head to his left occasionally to observe the waterhole. A branch of the camel thorn tree was just between us. Two steps further and he would stand free and broadside. I heard my heart pumping when I pulled my Mathews LX bow slowly and quietly to full draw.

The moment of truth was there in a split second when the duiker did it - he took that first step forward, the second step forward - and I released the Silverflame Broadheadequipped arrow which penetrated him perfectly through its lungs.

He buzzed off into the bush to the right. We heard the cracking noise of the brittle branches. Then it became quiet for some seconds before two loud barks sounded and a final silence applied.

Gustav gave me a pat on the back and said: "You made it. He is down directly behind the bush he flew into."

We climbed down and walked straight in that direction, and there he lay near a small acacia. We waited a minute in silence and respect to honour this beautiful animal before we enjoyed our success, then took some trophy photos.

Once again it was a thrilling bowhunt and good experience. Later we measured the duiker's horns and the trophy ranked in the gold medal classification according to the SCI measuring system.

The sun hung low when we carried the animal way back to the car. On our way we were fortunate to see a hare sitting beside a bush. It was tempting to spook the little grey critter, but to avoid that we decided to stalk him from behind where the wind was in our favor. So I laid down the duiker and we walked a circle to get behind the hare. We got up to 20 metres of it as it sat there, still oblivious to us. I drew the Mathews LX bow again

and pulled the trigger. The Carbon Express arrow equipped with a 125-grain ABC-Sonic broadhead hit him directly behind the front

He turned a back somersault when the arrow penetrated him, and was dead in two seconds.

What an amazing, lucky and successful afternoon and early evening. All told I had again a great time in southern Africa, thanks to my PH Gustav and all who made these special moments memorable forever!

Alles van die beste.

German hunter Frank Berbuir is passionate about the outdoors and hunting - especially bowhunting, which he has practiced for more than 16 years. Although he's bowhunted in several countries, he's become addicted to hunting in Africa since his first safari in 2004. Frank is a supply chain risk manager in the automotive industry. 🦭

## Equipment:

Bow: Mathews LX 80 lbs (customized - one of 12 Sets available for 80 lbs on the LX). Grip: Gripwerks Birdseye Maple Custom Grip Sight: HHA Optimizer Sight Rest: Trophy Ridge Drop Away Rest Stabilizer: Vibracheck Stabilizer Quiver: Mathews 5 arrow quiver Release: Scott Wildcat Release Arrow: Carbon Express CX Hunter 300 Advantage Broadheads: Silverflame 125 grain & 125 grain ABC-Sonic Broadhead

Optics: Zeiss Victory 10x40 and Leupold RX III Rangefinder

Camo: Sniper Africa



Lucky hunter with its unlucky prey – a Namibian hare.



Safari snack in contemplation of hunting challenges.