

Bouncing baby bongo shows its stripes at Los Angeles Zoo

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A rare baby bongo has made its debut at the Los Angeles Zoo.

The unnamed male Eastern bongo, a type of [antelope](#), was born at the zoo on Jan. 20.

It spent time bonding with its mother behind the scenes before being introduced to the public Thursday.

At birth, the chestnut red calf with white stripes stood just under 2 feet tall. It weighed 55 pounds and had [ears](#) 6 inches long.

Its parents are 5-year-old first-time mother, Rizzo, and 7-year-old father, Asa.

It was the first bongo birth in more than 20 years at the Los Angeles Zoo.

The zoo says logging and poaching in the wild has caused the species' numbers to dwindle to fewer than 100. The animal is found in Kenya.



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