

# SONORAN PRONGHORN MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2015

## *Captive Breeding:*

### **Cabeza Pen**

There are now 86 pronghorn in the pen; 55 adult and yearling pronghorn and 31 fawns. Both the injured buck and doe from the boma captures are still doing reasonably well and improving.

Cabeza Pen April 2015

<b>NORTH HALF</b>		<b>SOUTH HALF</b>	
Adult Females	10	Adult Females	13
Yearling Females ( <i>b</i> 2014)	5	Yearling Females ( <i>b</i> 2014)	8
Breeding Buck (from wild, L Yellow 55)	1	Breeding Buck ( <i>b</i> 2013, L Black 8)	1
Back up Buck ( <i>b</i> 2013, L Blue 52)	1	Buck ( <i>b</i> 2013, Black collar)	1
Yearling Bucks ( <i>b</i> 2014)	8	Yearling Bucks ( <i>b</i> 2014)	7
Fawns (born 2015)	12	Fawns (born 2015)	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Total Pen</b>	<b>86</b>		

### **Kofa Pen**

There are 46 pronghorn in the Kofa pen; 31 adults and yearlings and 15 fawns. All the fawns appear to be healthy and growing.

Kofa Pen April 2015

Adult Females	12
Yearling Females ( <i>b</i> 2014)	11
Adult Males	4
Yearling Males ( <i>b</i> 2014)	4
Fawns (born 2015)	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46</b>

### ***2014 Released Pronghorn - Cabeza:***

The 9 pronghorn released on ORPI have mixed with the 4 pronghorn that were released last year, and have been in the Valley of the Ajo, and north on BLM land in several groups. The two pronghorn released on BMGR-West have been using the northeastern Mohawk Valley.

**2014 Released Pronghorn - Kofa:** The 21 pronghorn released on Kofa have broken up into several smaller groups. Some are using King Valley, and have been documented using Clancy Tank Water. Six pronghorn still remain in the Palomas Plain area. One doe is still about 60 miles east of Kofa north of the Gila Bend Mountains; the other 2 does that were with her have moved back west and north and are north of the Little Horn Mountains. We could not locate the buck that had moved to the east on the last telemetry flight.

**Water Projects:** With assistance from USFWS personnel and Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club volunteers, we completed the new 17,000 gallon pronghorn water (Muleshoe Tank) on Kofa March 5 – 7.

**Forage Enhancements:** All the forage plots are still green with the rains; consequently we are not irrigating any.

**Wild Pronghorn Cabeza/ORPI/BMGR Herd:** The pronghorn are using the same general areas, with the exception of one buck who moved from North Tac to the Marine Range near Devils Hills. Eleven fawns were seen on the last flight. The entire range is still green and forage conditions appear good to excellent.

**Wild Pronghorn Kofa Herd (prior to 2014 releases):** The pronghorn on Kofa are in several groups, using King Valley on Kofa and the southern part of King Valley on YPG. Several have been documented using Neversweat Water, and 1 buck was documented at Dog Leg Water. Two fawns were seen on the last telemetry flight. Habitat conditions vary, but are mostly poor to marginal. Many areas have small amounts of green forage only in the washes.



Fawns in Cabeza Prieta captive breeding pen.

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