

CATTLE

Busa

Local names: Busha; Illyrian Cattle; Brachyceros; Rhodopi; Rodopy Shorthorn

In the Balkans since Neolithic age. Adapted to harsh environment, extensive grazing and low quality forage, excellent maternal traits and easy calving. Busha are small breed, often overbuilt (higher at rump than at withers). Head is light, small, rectangular shape with fine horns, curved upwards forward. Body weakly muscled with short, sloping and pointed hips. Thin skin, easily separable from body. Udder small, properly developed. Adapted to harsh environment, extensive grazing, excellent maternal traits and easy calving.

Details:

Acceptance	officially recognised
Area of distribution	Balkan peninsula
Population size	700
Risk status	endangered
Colour	unicoloured red, grey, black, blue
Head	small, narrow, mug is dark coloured with some wight hair around
Horns	short, curved upwards forward.lyre shaped horns
Weight	males: 400 kg; cows: 280 kg
Height	males: 110 cm; cows: 100 cm
Use	milk, meat , draught power
Productivity	800-1200 kg, 4.2-6% fat
Remarks	conservation programme in Novi Pazar
Source of information	Dr Srđan Stojanovic; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Belgrade

