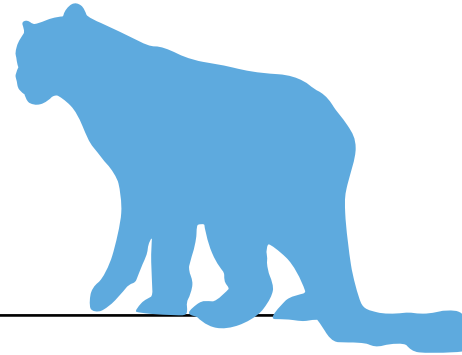


FEEDING

- Their prey includes sheep and goats that share their mountain habitat.
- They usually hunt at dawn and dusk.
- They are a strong predator, able to kill prey up to three times their own weight.

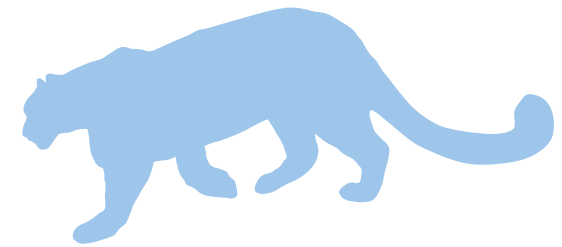


DID YOU KNOW

Unlike other big cats - like lions and tigers - snow leopards can't roar.

CLASSIFICATION

Classified as **Vulnerable** on the IUCN Red List.



STATUS

Snow leopards are affected by loss of prey, poaching and the degradation and fragmentation of their habitat. Climate change may also further reduce snow leopard habitat. Snow leopards sometimes prey on livestock which can result in herders losing valuable income, and killing a snow leopard in retaliation.

Snow leopards are also killed for their fur and bones which are illegally traded.

It is estimated that there are approximately 4,000 to 6,500 individuals remaining in the wild. However it is very challenging to estimate populations of such an elusive animal that lives in such remote areas.

