



The snow leopard

The snow leopard (lat. *Panthera uncia*, formerly -lat. *Uncia uncia*), also known as the ounce, is a large mammal predator of the family Felidae native to the mountains of Central Asia. The snow leopard is one of the rarest representatives of the family Felidae listed in the Red Data Books of all ranks.

The ounce is a mountain wildcat, a secretive but vulnerable animal. The northern border of the Russian and world home range of the snow leopard is the south of the Krasnoyarsk Territory, the Sayano-Shushensky Nature Reserve.

Order: Carnivora

Family: Felidae

Genus: *Panthera*

Species: *P. uncia*

The snow leopard is listed in the Red Data Book of the Russian Federation, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red Book and has the status of a rare or endangered species in all 12 countries of its range: Russia, Mongolia, China, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, India, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Bhutan.

