

Status and conservation of the snow leopard *Panthera uncia* in the Gouli Region, Kunlun Mountains, China

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Appendix Questionnaire used to investigate snow leopard status and conservation in the Gouli Region, Kunlun Mountains, during a survey from 1 March to 15 May 2006.

- Q1. Did you witness snow leopard during the past 3 years?
Yes, I saw living snow leopard
Yes, I saw signs (footprint, urine, faeces, scrape) of snow leopard
No, I saw no signs of snow leopard
- Q2. Was there poaching or trapping of snow leopard in this region during the last 3 years?
Yes
No
Don't know
- Q3. If someone is poaching or trapping the snow leopard or other wildlife, what should you do?
Stop them at once
Report it to the Lamasery (Living Buddha)
Report it to the local government
Do nothing about it
- Q4. Do you think snow leopard is:
Common?
Rare?
- Q5. Is the snow leopard a legally protected species?
Yes
No
Don't know
- Q6. If you answered Yes to Q5, how do you know?
Newspaper or TV
Education by local government
Education by Living Buddha or Lamasery
Other source
- Q7. How did the numbers of snow leopard change over the past 20 years?
Increased
Stabilized
Decreased
- Q8. Why do you think so?*
- Q9. Have your livestock been killed by leopard, wolf or lynx during the previous 3 years?
If yes, how many and where?*
- Q10. Which of the following wild animals is responsible for killing your livestock?
Snow leopard
Wolf
Bear
Other carnivores
Don't know
- Q11. Did you do anything to prevent wild animals from killing your livestock?
What did you do?*

- Q12. Did you retaliate against the wild animal that predated your livestock?
What did you do?*
- Q13. Do you think killing of livestock by predators is severe and needs to be reduced?*
- Q14. What is a suitable remedial measure to control livestock loss?*
- Q15. Did you build grassland fences in your contracted pastures? What is the area enclosed?*
- Q16. Do you think grassland fences are:
Beneficial to wildlife
Harmful to wildlife
Have no influence on wildlife
Don't know
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*Open-ended question; see text for synthesis of replies.