

CURRENT STATUS AND RESULTS

OF MONITORING OF THE SNOW LEOPARD POPULATION IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



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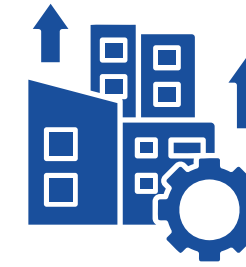
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THREATS TO THE SNOW LEOPARD



Accidental Poaching

Getting caught in snares and traps set for other animals.

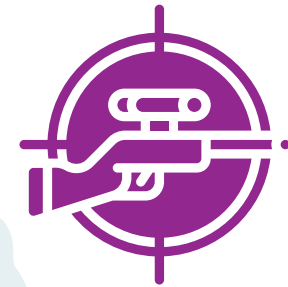


Infrastructure Development

Expansion of infrastructure within the snow leopard's natural habitats.

Direct Poaching

Hunting for the animals pelt and body parts.



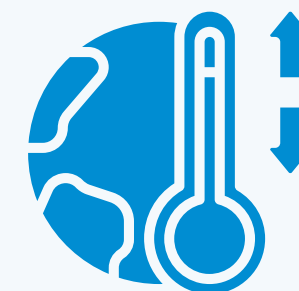
Depletion of Prey Base

Reduction in the availability of natural food sources.



Retaliatory Killing

Shooting by livestock herders in revenge for attacks on domestic animals.



Climate Change

The impact of changing environmental conditions on their ecosystem.



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THE FIRST ALL-RUSSIAN SNOW LEOPARD CENSUS



In 2024 based on the initiative of Irbis Association the first All-Russian snow leopard census was implemented in all 4 regions of snow leopard' habitat in Russia. Experts analysed the snow leopard distribution and density data using modern monitoring methods & tools. The presence of minimum 87 snow leopards was confirmed.

Involved
6022 vehicles and
specialists

Analysed
193,674
camera-traps' images

Checked
327 camera-traps

Covered
3,137 km

Consumed
5,631 liters
of petrol



SNOW LEOPARD POPULATION BY REGION OF RUSSIA

The Altai-Sayan ecoregion is home to the northern border of the world's leopard population.



-  Habitats of known stable populations of snow leopards
-  Potential habitats for the snow leopard

Enlarged fragment

Irkutsk region

Kemerovo region

Republic of Khakassia

Krasnoyarsk Territory

Republic of Buryatia

Republic of Tyva

Altai Republic

Mongolia

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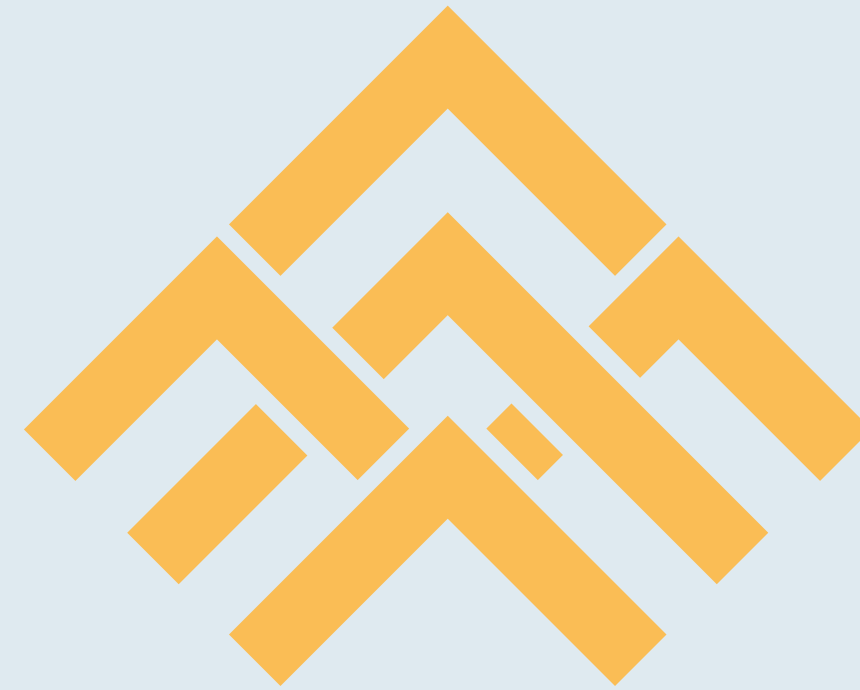
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SUPPORT OF PROTECTED NATURE RESERVES



Национальный парк
ТУНКИНСКИЙ



SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITIONS AND ANTIPOACHING RAIDS, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORM

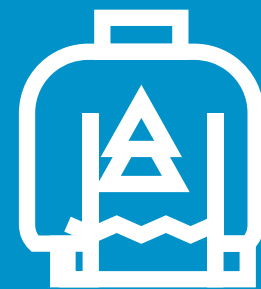
EXPERIENCE OF THE SAYLUGEMSKIY NATIONAL PARK (ALTAI)



More than

50

antipoaching raids
and scientific expeditions



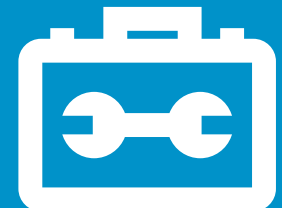
30

sets of uniforms



Covered

7,000 km



More than

1500

Units of equipment
and components *



180

routes covered by horse,
feet, car and helicopter



6

helicopter raids



* More than
150 camera-traps

5 off-road
expedition vehicles

**Snowmobile
KAMAZ**



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ARGALI TRANSBOUNDARY CENSUS

In the trans-border zone of Russia and Mongolia
October-December 2025



7,133

total argali population

3,399

recorded on the Sailyugem Ridge

86

recorded in Tuva in Mongun-Taiga
and on Tsagan-Shibetu ridge

3,630

argali recorded
on the Russian side

145

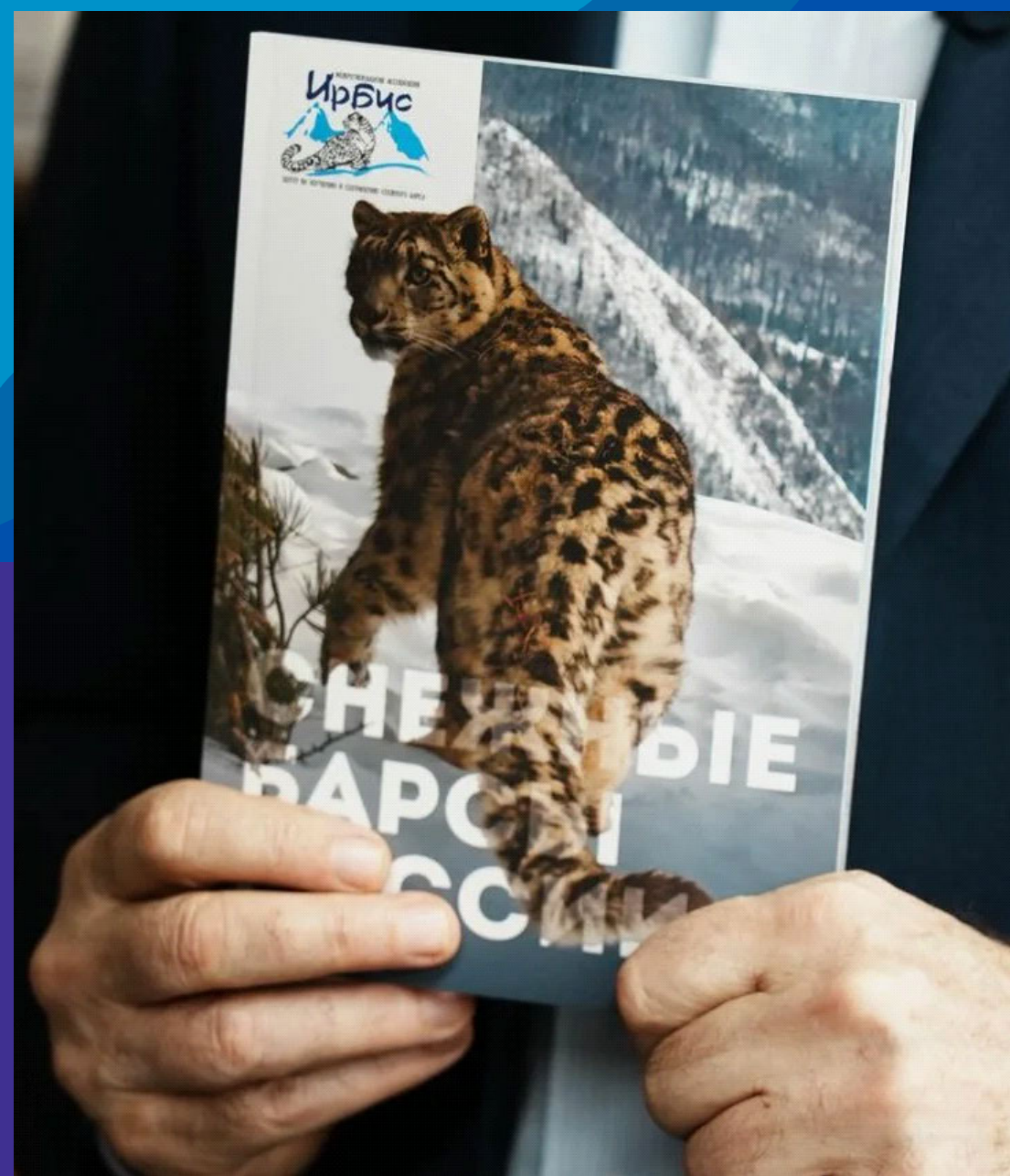
recorded
on the Chikhachev Ridge



FIRST-EVER UNIQUE CATALOGUE «SNOW LEOPARDS OF RUSSIA" PUBLISHED



The "Irbis" Association has gathered touching stories of every known snow leopard in Russia — **their names, life histories, unique temperaments, "mating stories," and photo albums.** A dedicated chapter is also focused on snow leopards **living in Russian zoos**, detailing their individual fates and unique scientific observations.



IRBIS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVATION IN RUSSIA



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COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR CATTLE BREEDERS



Minimum 16 cases of snow leopards' attacks on cattle has been registered since 2021.

Irbis Association compensated all cattle losses in all proven cases.

Totally snow leopards killed:

47 goats and sheep; **10** horses; **2** yaks



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF THE SNOW LEOPARD IN THE WORLD. JOIN EFFORTS»



International conference **"STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF THE SNOW LEOPARD IN THE WORLD.**

JOIN EFFORTS" was held in Kazan on March 13–15. The event was organized by the "Irbis" Interregional Association, the Government of the Republic of Tatarstan, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation.

180 participants from 12 countries: Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

11 regions of Russia: Moscow, Republic of Altai, Republic of Tyva, Irkutsk Region, Perm Krai, Krasnoyarsk Krai, Republic of Buryatia, Republic of Khakassia, Novosibirsk Region, Rostov Region, and the Republic of Tatarstan.



PARTNERSHIPS WITH GSLEP



Five years later, finding itself as a member of Global Snow Leopard Ecosystem Programme (GSLEP), among the most successful conservation organizations of the world, Irbis Association supports the conservation of the Altai Argali, Pallas cat (manul), musk deer and the Altai Saker falcon, scientific research, anti-poaching initiatives, environmental education, and major educational and international projects. It provides financial support for PAs and other nature conservation experts and organizations or organizes workshops and conferences to bring experts together to share experience and build capacity.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

THE "IRBIS" ASSOCIATION SIGNED A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BIG CAT ALLIANCE (IBCA)



The agreement with the IBCA is a natural progression and a recognition of our efforts by the global conservation community. It opens new opportunities for implementing large-scale projects, exchanging best practices, and gaining access to global databases and methodologies. In practical terms, this partnership will strengthen snow leopard population monitoring, improve anti-poaching methods, and advance programs to preserve the fragile ecosystems where the snow leopard lives.

A significant milestone toward this partnership was the International conference **"STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF THE SNOW LEOPARD IN THE WORLD. JOIN EFFORTS"** held in Kazan on March 13–15. This event provided a platform for professional dialogue among experts from around the globe. The Director General of the IBCA, Dr. S.P. Yadav, was among the prominent participants of the event.



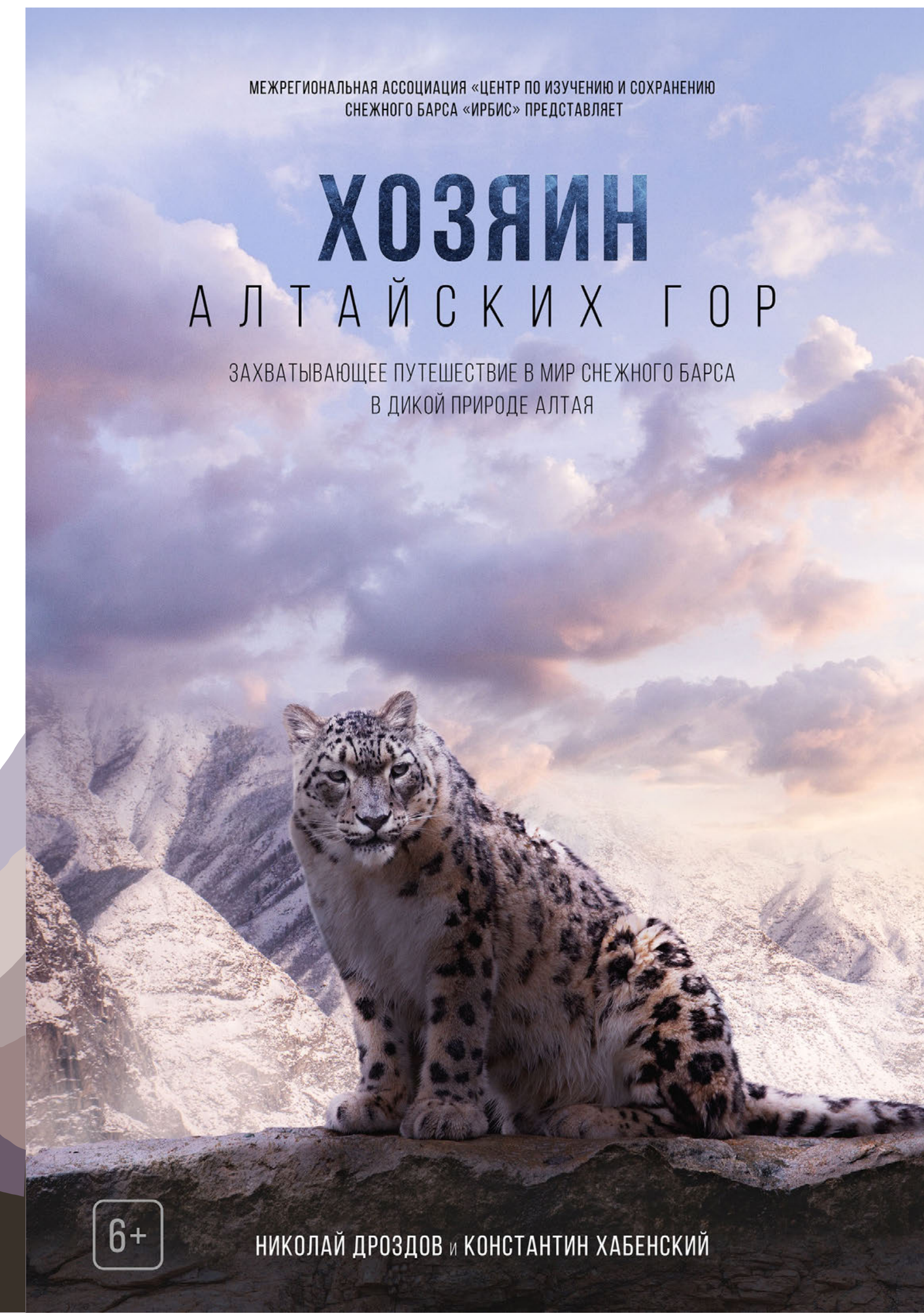
"THE MASTER OF THE ALTAI MOUNTAINS" A RESEARCH DOCUMENTARY FILM

Russia's first feature-length research documentary about the snow leopard.

3 years of filming in the wild.

Multiple major expeditions capturing unique footage from the life of the world's most elusive cat — the snow leopard.

Winner and laureate of over 20 Russian and international film festivals.



«THE MASTER OF THE ALTAI MOUNTAINS» — WINNER OF OVER 20 INTERNATIONAL AND RUSSIAN FILM FESTIVALS



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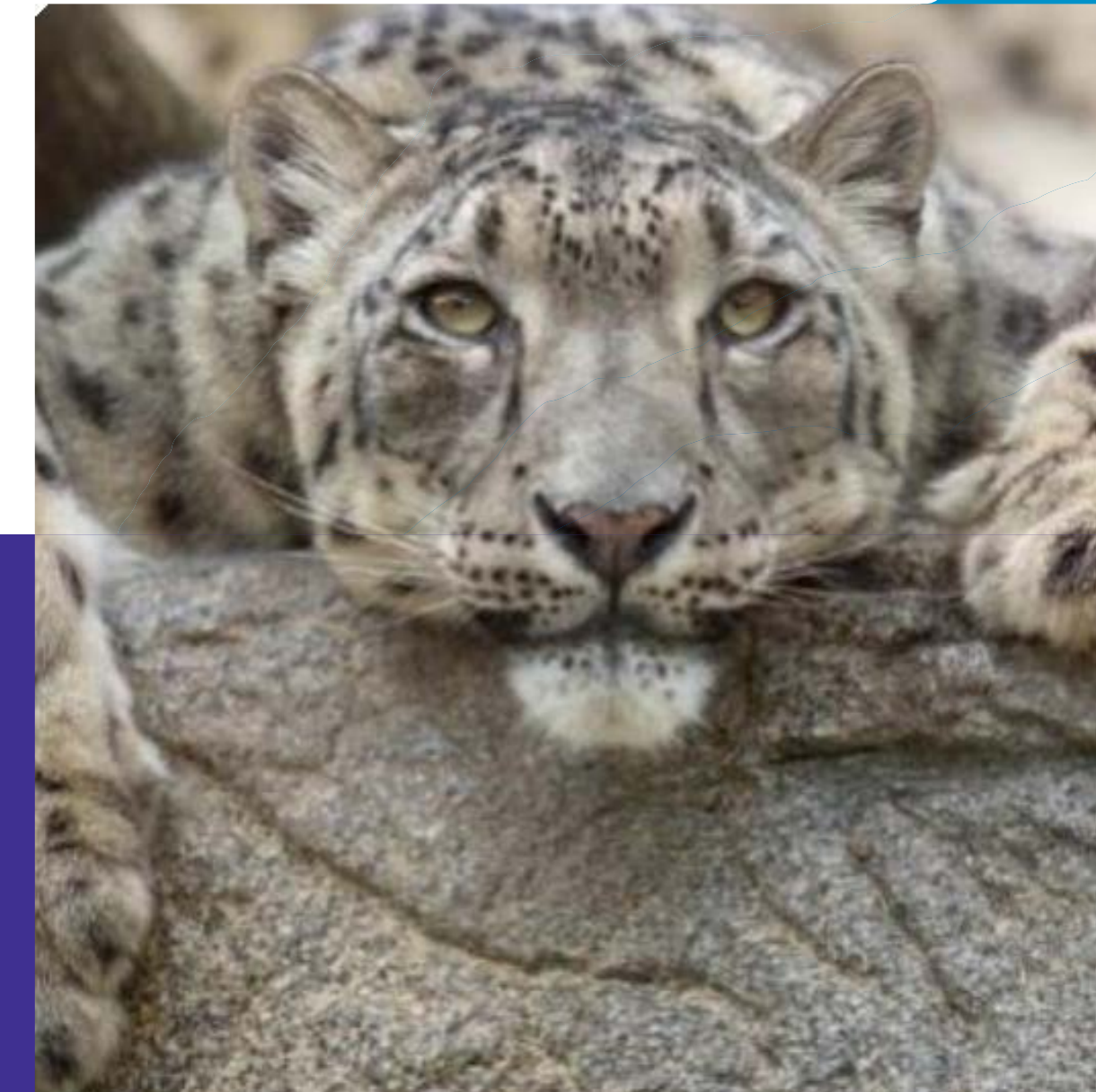
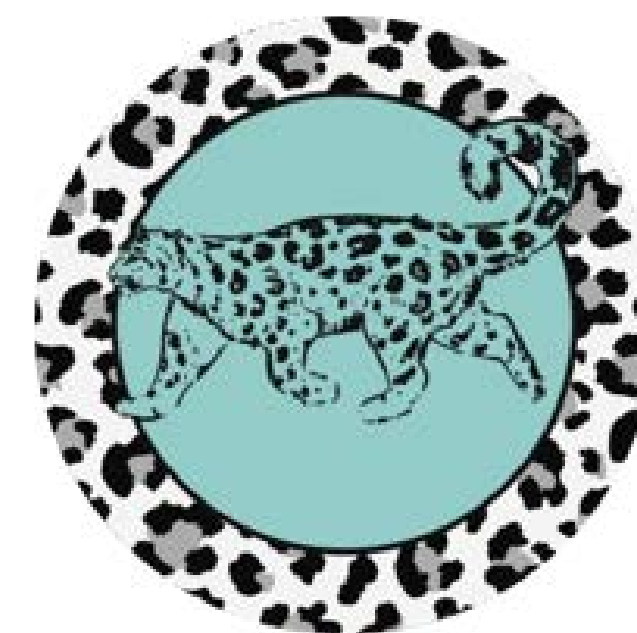
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RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN SNOW LEOPARD' MONITORING ALLOWS TO COVER LARGER AREAS



SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY FOR THE SNOW LEOPARD LOVERS

MORE THAN 45 000 FOLLOWERS



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LET'S SAVE THE SNOW LEOPARD TOGETHER!



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