

# SNOW LEOPARD

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*Panthera uncia*

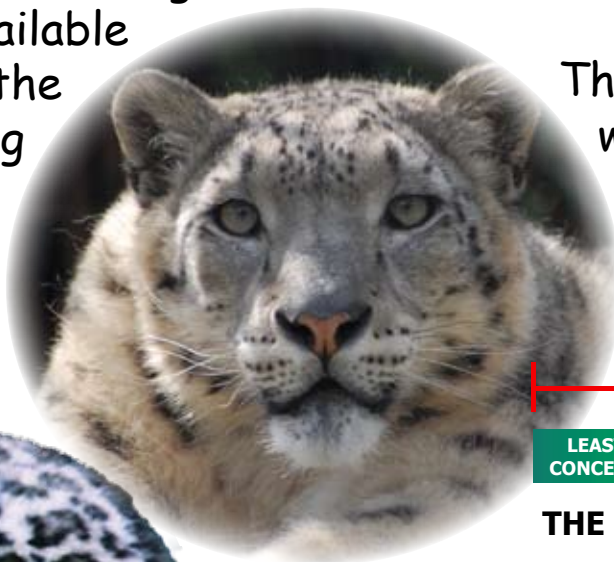
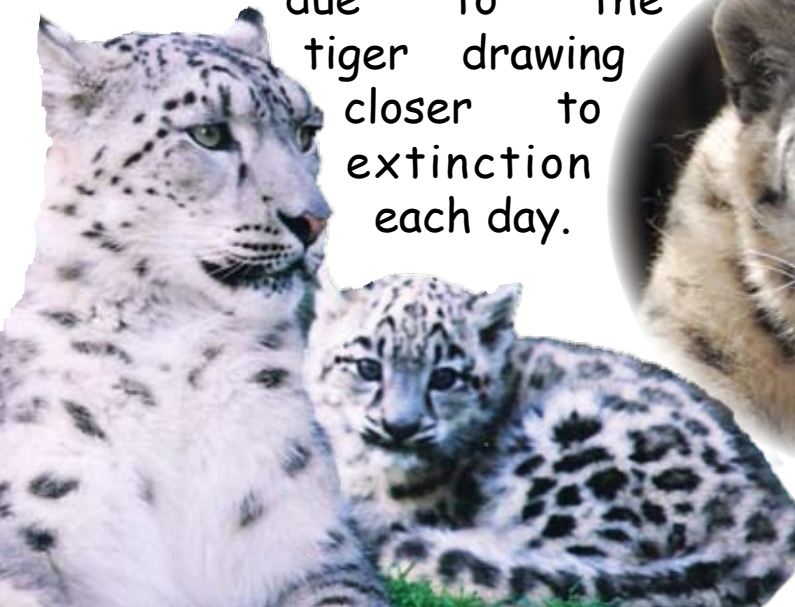
The large paws have hairs on their soles for warmth and grip to prevent them sinking into the snow.



Snow leopard paw showing the thick hair underneath.

Unfortunately the Snow leopards beauty greatly attributes to its decline; the pelt of a Snow leopard commands a very high price in the fur market. Its bones are also now being used in Chinese medicine as a substitute for tiger's bones which are now not as available

due to the tiger drawing closer to extinction each day.



They stalk and ambush their prey, attacking with a final charge. They jump on the prey and grab it by the throat to suffocate it. If they catch a large prey animal it can take them up to a week to eat and last them for 10-15 days.

## FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Central and Southern Asia
Habitat	Mountain glaciers and snow fields
Diet	Siberian ibex, blue sheep are the main prey. Other prey includes small mammals
Average body length	90-130 cm + 100 cm tail
Average weight	45-65 kg
Gestation	93-110 days
Maximum lifespan	17 years

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RED LIST for the Snow Leopard

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