

Amur Leopards



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About

Amur leopards are part of a leopard subspecies that live in some parts of the south eastern Russia and northern China. Amur leopards weigh about 80 pounds and are 5 to 7 feet long. They live 10 to 15 years in the wild but may live longer in protected environments.



Even though they look like regular leopards they have some differences such as longer hair and light blue green eyes. *Panthera pardus orientalis* is the scientific name of Amur Leopards. A male Amur leopard's home range is about 150 square miles. They are adapted to the cold climate of their region.



Endangered

Amur leopards are the rarest big cat species in the world. They are listed as critically endangered on the IUCN red list. They live near Siberian tigers which are known to be the prime animal predators of these leopards. These predators attack both the adults and cubs.



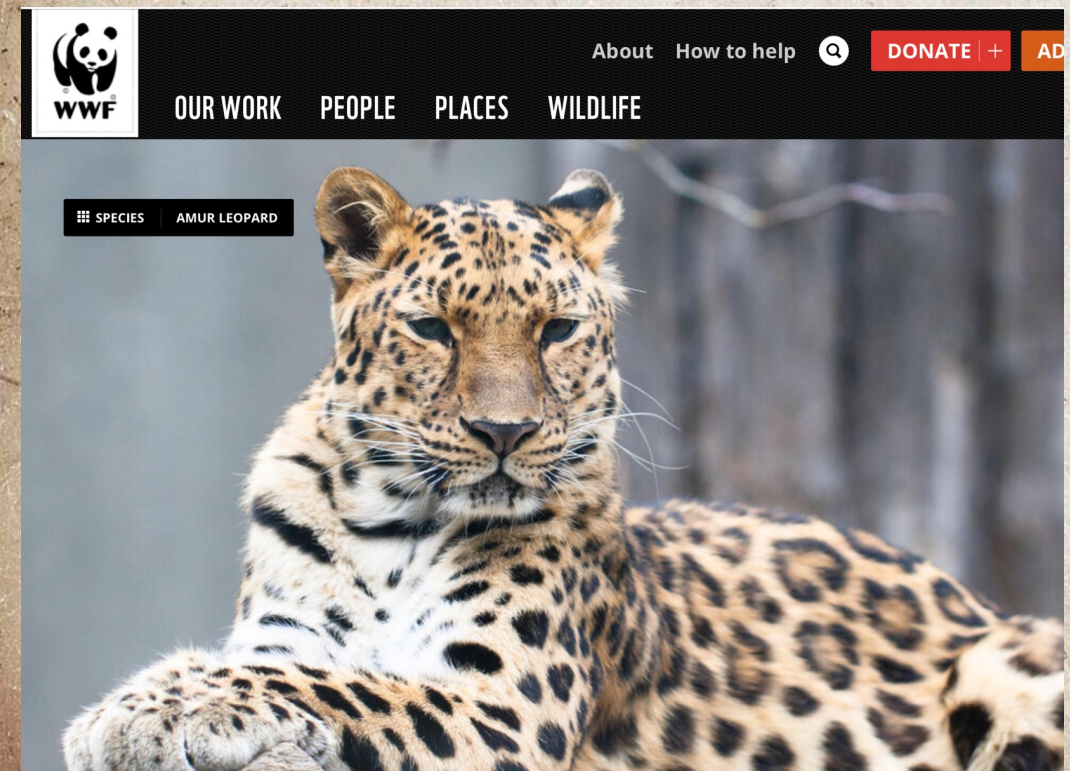
Poachers are the main reason for the decreasing number of these leopards for the past 20-30 years. Even though there is evidence against traders buying leopard skins from poachers no authority has taken any action regarding this.

Habitat loss has also impacted the number of amur leopards surviving in the wild. Habitat loss includes wildfires, deforestation and project development. The health of these leopards has also played a major role in the decrease of their numbers.



How To Save ?

Organizations are stated to give Amur leopards more protection. WWI has been working on the efforts to save the Amur leopard for over a decade. WWI will continue to play a critical role in the programme. Ways we can help is by buying Amur leopard stuffed animals so WWF would get a fund from it.



According to Memphis Zoo the best thing we can do is to fund organizations that are trying to implement anti-poaching, conflict mitigation, population monitoring, wildlife health monitoring, and educational outreach. These organizations will help raise the number of Amur leopards in the wild. Currently there are about 100 of these animals in the wild and 180 in captivity.



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