



WEAR IT WILD

AMUR LEOPARD

Hi, I am the Amur leopard - a rare subspecies of the leopard.
I can be found in cold environments that brace the harshest of winters.
Read on to discover more interesting facts about me.



Where I live

I live in the Russian Far East, where around 50 of us are found. There's also a small population found in North East China, just over the Russia/China border from where I live.

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CHARACTERISTICS

- My long winter coat is a light colour in the winter, that turns more reddish-yellow in the summer.
- I am easily told apart from other leopard subspecies by my widely spaced rosettes with thick borders.
- I weigh between 30-70kg and have long legs, which help me walk and hunt through snow.
- I am a powerful climber – I can climb trees and I can hide there as I'm so well camouflaged. Sometimes a twitch of my tail is all that gives away my presence.

DID YOU KNOW

The hairs of my summer coat are 2.5cm long but in winter they are replaced by 7cm long ones to keep me warm.

MY FAMILY

Female Amur leopards give birth to a litter of around two or three cubs. Once I am one-and-a-half to two years old, I leave my mother and live the rest of my days predominantly alone. I can live for up to 12 years in the wild.



VIDEO

Watch footage of me:

- wwf.org.uk/wwf_articles.cfm?unewsid=5099
- en.wwfchina.org/en/news/press_releases/?5101/Evidence-indicates-territory-maintenance-of-Amur-tiger-in-Suiyang-Laoyeling-National-Nature-Reserve
- en.wwfchina.org/en/news/press_releases/?5141/5-7-Amur-leopards-are-speculated-to-live-in-Heilongjiang-Province
- wwf.panda.org/who_we_are/wwf_offices/russia/?214890/NewfootagerevealsfamilylifeofelusiveAmurleopard
- arkive.org/amur-leopard/panthera-pardus-orientalis/video-or00.html

FEEDING

- I am at the top of my food chain in my habitat.
- I'm also a skilful hunter, stalking my prey to within striking distance of a few metres.
- I feed on a wide range of animals, such as hares, wild boar, roe deer and sika deer.

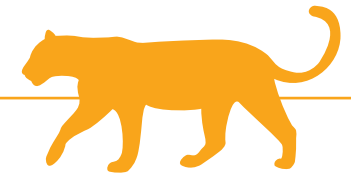
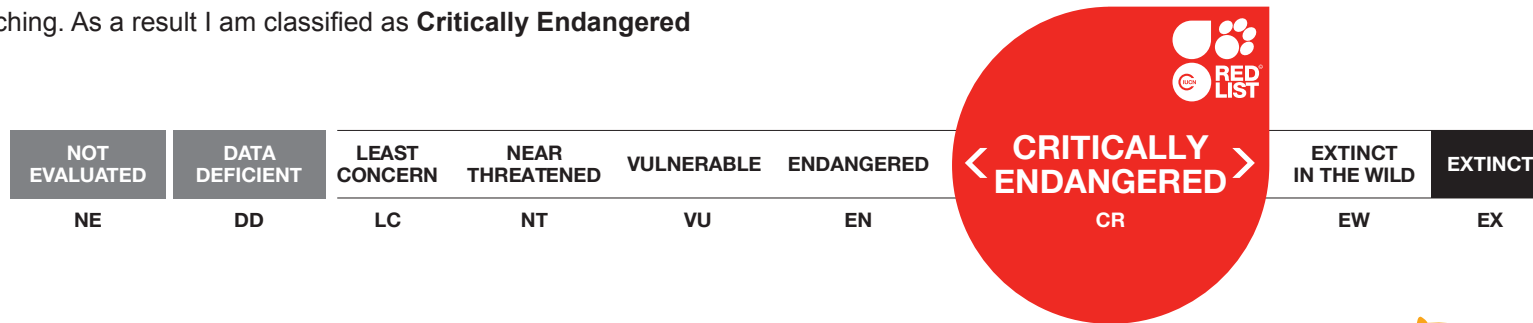


DID YOU KNOW

I am generally a nocturnal creature, which means I am active mainly during the night.

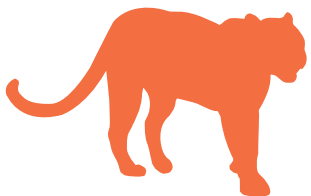
CLASSIFICATION

I am considered to be one of the most critically endangered big cats in the world due to habitat loss and poaching. As a result I am classified as **Critically Endangered** on the IUCN Red List



STATUS

The number of my species is in decline because of poaching, fires and habitat loss. Humans are building new roads which means more and more of my habitat is being intruded on.



I often eat the same prey as Amur tigers, whom are also affected by habitat loss, which can result in us competing with each other for food.

I am one of the most critically endangered big cats in the world, with only around 70 remaining in the wild, mainly in the Russian Far East.

I am hunted for my coat and for my bones that are used in traditional Asian medicine. This is illegal wildlife trade and there are law enforcement efforts taking place to stop this.

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