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pp. 115-116 A.V. Geits and O.A. Makarov (Irkutsk Agricultural Institute and Altai State Reserve) "About the Distribution of the Snow Leppard in the Altai".

The snow leopard is a rare species in Altai; it is periodically found in certain regions of this mountainous kray. In thirty years its presence was noticed on Mt. Taulok more than once (southern edge of Lake Teletskii) and on Mt. Yukpash (lower reaches of the Kaipu River). In 1942 snow leopard tracks were encountered along the upper reaches of the Sur'yazy River. In 1972 snow leopard tracks were noticed on Mt. Aitynkalk along the Karakul' River. A snow leopard was captured in 1972 in the Ongudaiskiy region.

In 1974 an occurrence took place in the Kosh-Agachevskiy region, wherein a snow leopard attacked a flock of sheep and the rare animal was killed. In June, 1976 workers on an expedition in the Altai reserve encountered a snow leopard along the upper reaches of the Kotsha River (Yailinskiy Forest Reserve).

Numerous facts support the idea that the snow leopard in Altai is becoming a rare species, necessitating systematic study and all-round protection. Included in the necessary measures to improve the protection of the Altai snow leopard are the following:

- propaganda aimed at local hunters and inhabitants about the great value of this species and the need for protecting it.
- clarification of the strict necessity among hunters and herdsmen of the observation of hunting rules and establishment of traps, excluding chance attacks and the deaths of animals in traps.
- strengthening the controlling organs for hunting supervision to observe hunting rules where snow leopards are present.