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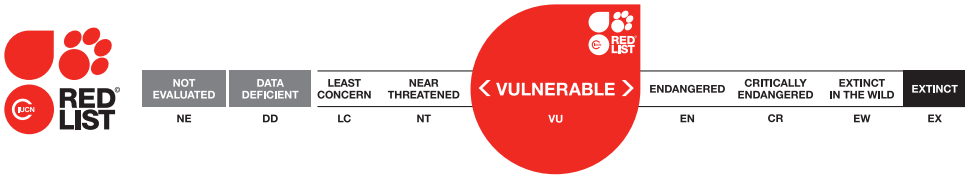

A high risk of becoming Extinct in the Wild

Name	Snow leopard
Scientific name	*Panthera uncia*
Threats (why they're at risk)	Habitat loss, climate change, hunting and the illegal wildlife trade, human-wildlife conflict.
Distribution (where they live)	Central Asia
Habitat (what they live in)	Rocky, mountainous areas.
Diet/feeding strategy (what they eat and how they eat it)	Wild sheep and goats, small mammals such as hares and sometimes birds. Snow leopards are slow eaters, and when they kill large prey will spend 3-4 days consuming it.
Social behaviour (how they live)	Crepuscular (are active at dawn and dusk) and mostly solitary (they live on their own) except for mothers and cubs.
Males and females	Males are around 30% bigger than females.
Lifespan (how long they live for)	Up to 15 years.
Number of young (how many babies)	Can have up to 5 cubs, but most typically 2-3.
Interesting fact	Snow leopards can't roar! They can yowl, purr, hiss, and growl, and will also make a sound called a 'chuff' by blowing through their nose.