

Annex 4. Expert survey questionnaires

Three questionnaires are reproduced below: the 2016 expert survey (Annex 4.1), the 2002 expert survey (Annex 4.2), and the 2013/2016 case questionnaire

Annex 4.1. 2016 Expert survey



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Expert Survey on Illegal Killing, Removal and Trade of Snow Leopards

1. Primary Information

* 1. Your Name

* 2. Email

3. Skype ID

* 4. How many years have you worked in snow leopard conservation?

- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- > 20

* 5. Roughly how many months of the year do you spend in the field?

- 1-2
- 3-4
- 5-6
- 7-8
- 9-10
- 11-12

6. Please describe the area where you have worked (this could be a national park, part of a province, a region, etc.), approximately the number of years you have worked in that area, and note if you feel it is an area where illegal trade is a significant issue.

Please note that you can take the survey again (using the same link) if you have more than one area to report from.

Area	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
No. of years	<input type="text"/>
Significant illegal trade (Yes/No)	<input type="text"/>

7. Are people outside the country of origin/reporting involved in illegal trade?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

8. Please provide names of any illegal trade routes/conduits/hotspots if you are aware of any.

Area 1	<input type="text"/>
Area 2	<input type="text"/>
Area 3	<input type="text"/>
Area 4	<input type="text"/>
Area 5	<input type="text"/>

9. After completing this survey, would you be available by Skype to discuss more details on the following subjects:

- Recent cases of interest involving illegal trade that you know something about
- Trade organization and routes (what sort of person buys illegally killed snow leopards from the communities, are they also buying other types of wildlife products, and where do they take them)
- Your recommendations actions that conservation community and government authorities should take to reduce the incidences of illegal killing and removal of snow leopards in the area(s) where you work

Yes please email me to arrange a Skype call as I would like to talk to Kristin to help strengthen the recommendations of the TRAFFIC report and I would be available to Skype

No, I do not have any information to discuss further.

Other (please specify)

10. Would you prefer to remain anonymous?

Yes

No

Other (please specify)

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2. Detailed observations of the Area

Please complete the following questions for detailed information on the area of your work. For percentage questions, please ensure the total adds up to 100! **Please note that you can take the survey again (using the same link) if you have more than one area to report from.**

11. Roughly, in all the time you have worked there, please estimate the total number of incidents of snow leopard killing or removal that you have personally confirmed by observation or by involvement in the outcome in your area.

- 0
- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-30
- >30
- >50

12. Roughly, in all the time you have worked there, please estimate the total number of incidents of snow leopard killing or removal that you have learned of through reliable informants in your area

- 0
- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21-30
- >30
- >50

13. Roughly, what proportion of the incidents you reported in previous two questions represent the total likely number of snow leopard killings in your area (in other words, please estimate the proportion of total killings you feel you have detected)

- <10%
- <25%
- <50%
- <75%
- <90%
- 100%

14. What are the ways in which snow leopards are killed or removed in this area? Please tick numbers as 1-7 in order of most common to least common. Use NA if it doesn't occur, to your knowledge.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	N/A
Snare	<input type="radio"/>							
Steel trap	<input type="radio"/>							
Shoot	<input type="radio"/>							
Club	<input type="radio"/>							
Poison	<input type="radio"/>							
Electroshock	<input type="radio"/>							
Live capture	<input type="radio"/>							

Other (please specify)

15. Roughly, as best you understand, what percentage of killings or capture that you know of do you attribute to the following causes?

Definitions. **Retaliatory Killing/Human Wildlife Conflict** The snow leopard was captured or killed in the act of or to prevent it from killing livestock. **Non-targeted hunting** (typically snares, but could be other method) snow leopard probably not deliberately and intentionally hunted. **Targeted hunting** means you think hunters were seeking to catch snow leopards for trade.

Note: Put proportion in each box so that they add to 100. For example, you could put 25 for each of the four possibilities below; 50 each for two; 100 for one, etc."

Retaliatory Killing/HWC	<input type="text"/>
Non-targeted hunting	<input type="text"/>
Targeted hunting	<input type="text"/>
Unknown	<input type="text"/>

16. Roughly, what percentage of the HWC and non-targeted hunting incidents that you know of resulted in the following outcomes?

Note: Put proportion in each box so that they add to 100

Attempt to sell to make some money	<input type="text"/>
Attempt to hide without selling	<input type="text"/>
Unknown	<input type="text"/>

17. Roughly, what percentage of the killings or removals that you know of in this area have entailed any law enforcement or community remedial action?

Note: Put proportion in each box so that they add to 100

Case investigated by authorities but no prosecution	<input type="text"/>
Case investigated and prosecuted by authorities	<input type="text"/>
Case discussed or dealt with at project or community level	<input type="text"/>
No discussion or interdiction	<input type="text"/>
Unknown	<input type="text"/>

18. What percentage of snow leopard HWC incidents in your area would you estimate do NOT lead to an attempt at retaliatory killing?

- <10%
- <25%
- <50%
- <75%
- <90%
- 100%

19. How many cases of snow leopard killing or capture are you aware of that involved more than a single animal (e.g., mother with cubs?)

- 0
- 1-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 20+

Comments

20. If illegal trade occurs in this area, what sort of price range (USD) would the hunter of the snow leopard expect to receive for the following types of products, should he be successful at selling it to a trader?

Whole carcass

Skin

Live animal

Bones (per kg)

Annex 4.2. 2002 expert survey (Annex in Theile, 2003)

ANNEX

Questionnaire on wild Snow Leopard populations, issued to 56 scientists, conservationists and government personnel, April 2002

Respondent's details

Name: Institution: Address: Fax:
 Phone: Email: Date:

Range/country of expertise:

A) Legal status

(Where possible please provide details on the relevant legislation such as title of the law, year of entry into force, etc, and, where possible, bring copies of the relevant legislation with you to the Seattle meeting.)

1) Is the Snow Leopard listed in your national Red Book or considered a protected species in your country ?

Yes No Don't know

2) Is hunting, possession, sale and/or purchase of Snow Leopards or their parts prohibited by law in your country? If so, under which laws and/or regulations is the Snow Leopard protected?

Hunting is prohibited by law?	Yes / No.	If yes, which law?
Possession is prohibited by law?	Yes / No.	If yes, which law?
Sale is prohibited by law?	Yes / No.	If yes, which law?
Purchase is prohibited by law?	Yes / No.	If yes, which law?

3) Who is the authority responsible for the implementation and enforcement of these regulations?

(Please provide full name and address if possible)

Authority: Head: Address:

Are regulations being effectively enforced? Is there room for improvement?

4) What kind of fines or penalties can be imposed for violations of relevant laws ? *(Please state under which law, if possible).*

For illegal hunting?	Maximum fine:	Under which law?
For illegal possession?	Maximum fine:	Under which law?
For illegal sale?	Maximum fine:	Under which law?
For illegal purchase?	Maximum fine:	Under which law?

5) Has there ever been a fine imposed for violating laws on hunting, possession, purchase, offering for sale or sale of Snow Leopards? *If yes, please provide details on the individual cases providing as much information as possible, but most importantly: country, year (months), type of violation, action*

taken/fine imposed, source of information, possible source/contact person for further information if needed.

Example:

Country:

Year/Months:

Type of violation:

Fine imposed:

Source of information:

Contact person for further details:

(Please use more space where needed)

B) Killing of Snow Leopards

6) Have there been incidences of direct killings of Snow Leopards in your country?

Yes

No

Don't know

If yes, please rank by importance the most common reason for direct killings of Snow Leopards in your country: (Insert 1 for most important, 2 for next-most important, 6 for least important)

- Killing in retribution for livestock depredation
- Killing because considered general threat or competitor for wild ungulates (argali, ibex, etc.)
- Accidental killing (e.g. in a trap intended to catch other animals, e.g. wolves or other carnivores)
- Incidental killing (i.e. person just came across a Snow Leopard and took the opportunity to kill the animal, but wasn't planning to do so);
- Planned killing (i.e. placing trap in a Snow Leopard territory, etc.) with the incentive to market the animal or parts of the animal (if parts, please specify which parts)
- Others

Please explain your ranking and provide examples where possible:

7) What is the most common method used by poachers to catch/kill Snow Leopards?

Shot with gun

Trap

Using Poison

Other

8) In case of planned poaching of a Snow Leopard, what parts are most often taken by the poacher?

a) Skin

b) Dead animal

c) Live animal

d) Bones/skeleton

e) Others.....

9) In case a Snow Leopard is killed in retribution for livestock depredation, are its parts taken to sell?

a) No, dead body just discarded or ignored

b) Yes, skin is taken

c) Yes, bones taken

d) Yes, skin and bones taken

e) Other.....

10) Has the level of poaching changed over the last decade? Are more (or fewer) Snow Leopards being killed for the purpose of selling them?

- a) Fewer Snow Leopards caught/killed
- b) More Snow Leopards caught/killed
- c) No changes
- d) Don't know

Please explain your response briefly.

11) In your opinion, has there been a change in the motivation of people to kill Snow Leopards over the past decade? *Please explain your response and provide examples where possible.*

12) What prices are paid for live Snow Leopards or Snow Leopard parts (in local currency or USD)?

At local level (from poacher to trader)

Live animal:
Skin:
Skeleton/bones:
Others:

End prices (final buyer)

Live animal:
Skin:
Skeleton/bones:
Others:

Please explain your source of the information (first hand, hearsay etc.) and provide references where possible.

13) Have prices changed in recent years?

- a) Lower prices in the early 1990 were:
- b) Higher prices in the early 1990 were:
- c) No changes
- d) Don't know

14) Who are the potential buyers of Snow Leopard products? Are these mainly local people or are most Snow Leopard pelts or other products sold and transported outside their country of origin?

Mainly local people

Mainly traded outside the country

15) If most pelts or parts are sold outside the country, where are the parts traded to (cities, region, countries)?

16) Is this trade in pelts or other parts well-organized, or not really structured?

17) Have Snow Leopards or their parts been offered in public, for example through advertisement in local newspapers or offered at local markets? *If yes, please provide examples.*

18) Do you have any other comments, or any particular suggestions for discussion at the trade session at the Seattle meeting?

Thanks you very much for completing this questionnaire.



Annex 4.3. 2013/2016 Case questionnaire

TRAFFIC Questionnaire - Snow Leopard poaching and trade cases 2000 to 2016

Name of Person providing this information:

Country:

Date of detection / seizure	Place of detection	Province	Description of offence eg, poaching, trade, smuggling	Enforcement agency involved (if any)	Description of items observed or recovered eg carcass, skins, bones, live, etc	Quantity	Persons Arrested	Persons convicted	Penalty received	Place of origin of snow leopard	Notes about case, as much detail as you know