



Tatra Chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra tatrica*)

Size: Body length, 107 - 137 cm; shoulder height, 70 - 80 cm **Weight:** 25 - 60 kg

Habitat: Steep, rocky mountainous areas, including alpine meadows and woodlands

Surviving number: Estimated at 850



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High life. The Tatra chamois makes its home in the rugged Tatra Mountains, where it nimbly forages for grasses, herbs, leaves, buds, shoots, bark and fungi. For most of the year, adult males are solitary, leaving flocks of females and young to their own devices. Every autumn, however, there is an epic clash as males battle for mates and drive young males from the flocks.

This cycle of life is being seriously threatened by poaching, habitat disturbance and loss of genetic integrity due to interbreeding with the introduced Alpine chamois.

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