



Mouflon (*Ovis orientalis*)

Size: Body length, 110 - 145 cm **Weight:** 25 - 87 kg **Habitat:** Grasslands, agricultural fields and woodlands **Surviving number:** Unknown; populations declining



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Family ties. The mouflon is closely related to domestic sheep, and still lives in the areas from which its cousins radiated into central Europe and Africa. Males and females separate into unrelated foraging groups and graze on grasses, grains and leaves, coming together only during breeding season. But populations have suffered major declines in the past few

generations as mouflon habitat shrinks and poachers go after meat that is very similar to that of domestic sheep. In this case, a family resemblance is proving deadly.

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