



Apennine Chamois (*Rupicapra pyrenaica ornata*)

Size: Head and body length, approx. 125 - 135 cm; shoulder height, 70 - 80 cm

Weight: Males average 30 kg; females average 20 kg **Habitat:** Prefers alpine meadows, forested valleys and lower slopes in mountainous regions **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,100



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Living on the edge. The Apennine chamois has been to the very brink of extinction, as populations fell to a few dozen in the 1940s. It is a great leaper and runner, and extremely sure-footed; its hooves are hard on the outside and soft and elastic on the inside, with third and fourth toes that can spread up to 90 degrees to help on steep slopes. Males make use of their marvelous horns, too, in aggressively defending their harems

during breeding season. Though numbers have climbed back thanks to strict protection, this species is still at risk due to low genetic variability and competition for food and space.

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