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Annual Report 2008



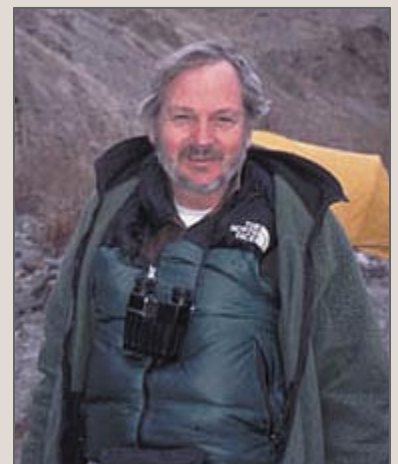
Celebrating the Community in Community-based Conservation

Across much of Central Asia, the livestock of local herders is helping to sustain the rare, endangered snow leopard. With native prey numbers depleted, as much as 30% or more of the snow leopard's diet can consist of domestic sheep, goats and larger-bodied livestock. In effect, the herders are providing a key, if unintended, biological service. We need to recognize this if we are to be successful in transforming the snow leopard from a pest into an asset in the eyes of mountain communities.

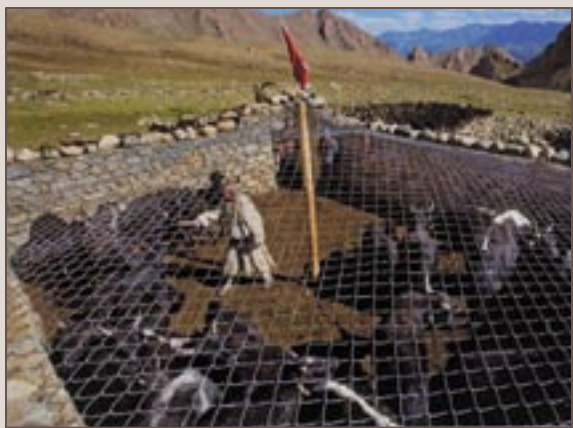
This reality of livestock depredation dovetails with the fact that most of Central Asia's protected areas are too small or too isolated and widely spaced to serve as effective wildlife refuges. The strategy of "landscape-scale" conservation recognizes that habitat loss and fragmentation are major threats to wildlife and that we need to look beyond human-created borders to balance the needs of wildlife and people. To borrow a nice description from the African Wildlife Foundation, "Land means more than a space on a map. It means all of the features and dimensions of a rich wildlife habitat – from mountains to caves, rivers to trees, even small-scale farms and national parks."

In considering what constitutes favorable landscape for snow leopards, we need to go beyond the practice of good western science, which suggests that far more cats live outside than within national parks and

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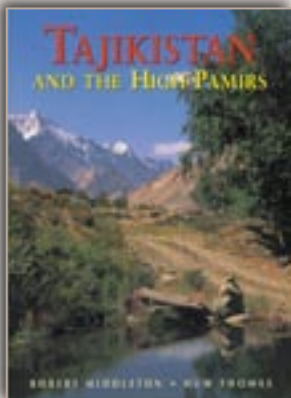
National Geographic



Steve Winter

A predator-proofed corral in Ladakh keeps livestock safe from snow leopard attacks.

National Geographic magazine in June 2008 highlighted the Conservancy's work in their article, *On the trail of Central Asia's most elusive big cat*, by Douglas H. Chadwick. Darla Hillard is quoted in the "How to Help" section, "Our basic approach is to turn the snow leopard from being seen as a pest into a valued asset worth more alive than dead."



Tajikistan and the High Pamirs: A Companion and Guide

This comprehensive guidebook was a collaboration of seven agencies, including the Conservancy's grantor The Christensen Fund. The book was published by Odyssey Books and Guides. Rodney

Jackson wrote the section, "*The Snow Leopard: Phantom of the High Mountains.*"

World Book Encyclopedia



Darla Hillard updated the snow leopard page for the online and print versions of the *World Book Encyclopedia*.

Also, Darla reviewed and curated Enslow Publishers' forthcoming book, *The Snow Leopard* by Elaine Landau, written for students in the second grade.

other nature preserves. We need to consider that local herders often bear the heaviest burden in living with a large predator like the snow leopard. At the same time we must also acknowledge the adaptive capacity of mountain communities, their willingness to share experiences and learn from one another, while drawing upon their unique strengths and traditional knowledge to find new ways of co-existing more harmoniously with wildlife.

Incentive-driven conservation initiatives, Himalayan Homestays for example, show great promise, but high transaction and management costs make scaling up among our biggest challenges.

During 2008, the Conservancy's conservation models were utilized in two examples of cross-community collaboration. Herders from Afghanistan's Wakhan corridor visited local villages in valleys bordering Pakistan's Khunjerab National Park. The Conservancy's Pakistani associates, Mr. Karim Ullah Khan and Mr. Sifat Shah, demonstrated the construction of predator-proof corrals and the monitoring of wildlife using camera-traps and other noninvasive techniques. This exchange was supported by the Wildlife Conservation Society under a US-AID project. In the other example,



Barry & Erin Sharaf

the techniques for corral predator-proofing used by the Conservancy in Ladakh, Pakistan and Nepal reached herders in Russia's Altai mountains, via internet and email communication among an expanding network of conservationists. Managers of the Russian program expect wire-meshing of windows, doors and vents will reduce the risk of snow leopards being killed by herders by a factor of 5–10 times.

I believe that we can maximize the momentum of such exchanges by granting community conservation and development funds to those settlements that meet a specified set of criteria, *i.e.* the number of cats and prey animals must increase or remain stable; an ecosystem that is shown to be rich in characteristic species, including the cat's prey; a rangeland that increases in productivity and vigor.

The leaders of our partner communities and local institutions are conservation heroes. Rinchen Wangchuk, Director of SLC-India, has been widely recognized for the success of Himalayan Homestays, which brings ecotourism income to rural settlements in Northern India. Shafqat Hussain pioneered community-based livestock insurance programs in Pakistan, part of the work now being carried out by Ghulam Mohammad of the Baltistan Wildlife Conservation & Development Organization. Please visit our website to read about our other field partners in snow leopard conservation.

Here at home, it is you, our donor-partners who have, time and again, demonstrated your commitment to protecting wildlife beyond our own country's borders. Thank you.

Rodney Jackson, Founder-Director
Snow Leopard Conservancy

Congratulations, Snow Leopard Conservancy-India

SLC-India won a two-year \$60,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to introduce Traditional Himalayan Homestays into the Nubra valley to the north and the Zaskar valley to the southwest of Leh. This already highly successful program will now be in a position to expand, bettering the lives of even more local people.

Collaborative Science for Conservation



Genetics Study

How can we save an animal about which we know so little? How many snow leopards are there? How genetically diverse is a population? This information is absolutely critical for conservation and for measuring long-term success. The Conservancy participated in a pilot study demonstrating how scat analysis, a noninvasive genetic tool, can provide this critical information. The results were published as the cover story in the October 2008 issue of *Animal Conservation* (Janecka, J. E., R. Jackson, Z. Yuguang, L. Diqiang, B. Munkhtsog, V. Buckley-Beason, and W. J. Murphy, "Population monitoring of snow leopards using noninvasive collection of scat samples: a pilot study." *Animal Conservation* 11(5): 401-411). The techniques described will be extremely useful to other big cat conservationists.

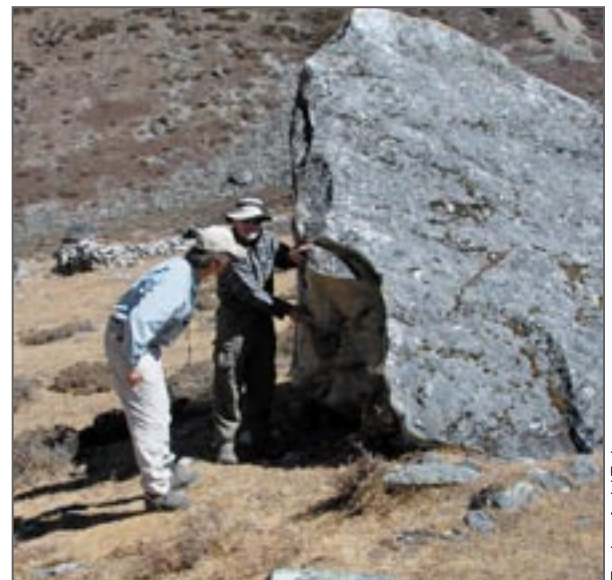
Armed with information from this ongoing study, we will prioritize where best to target scarce resources to safeguard the snow leopard.

Also, we are testing the participation of local communities in scat collection, which requires training in the ability to recognize sign, differentiate snow leopard scat from that of other species and to record pertinent information.

Identifying Corridors

Dr. Som Ale is focusing on techniques for identifying, evaluating and ranking landscape-level corridors for snow leopards. We are fortunate to have this talented Nepalese scientist on board with the Conservancy through a post-doctoral position at the University of Minnesota. As Rodney describes in his letter, the parks and reserves set aside and protected for snow leopards are small and far apart. And, the animal may not recognize man-made boundaries around these safe havens. They need to travel far and wide to find prey and potential mates. Snow leopards are creatures of habit and follow well-established routes. Our job is to identify those routes and corridors. Rodney and Dr. Kevin Johnson completed a preliminary survey of a major section of the region between Mt. Everest and Langtang National Parks in Nepal. Once we know the routes the snow leopards use, we can target the best places and communities in which to focus our efforts.

The program is a collaboration of the Conservancy, ESRI (the leading GIS software company), WWF-Nepal and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development based in Kathmandu.



Teering, Amici Treks

Dr. Rodney Jackson and Dr. Kevin Johnston in Nepal

Satellite Telemetry Study

We placed a satellite telemetry collar on an adult male snow leopard in the Gobi-Altai area of Mongolia. Dr. B. Munkhtsog and the team named him Togoldor meaning very great or amazing in Mongolian. Togoldor has been remotely tracked since September. His position is plotted every seven hours providing invaluable information on movements, habitat use and home range size. This information will continue to pour in until September 2009. The collar will drop off and be collected for additional data. A more dramatic, animated map can be viewed on the Conservancy website. Six local herders were present at the capture, and they were thrilled to have their photo taken with Togoldor. This is a new perspective for the herders. We hope that bonding took place and that they will now feel protective towards "their" cat.



GPS Locations for Adult Male Snow Leopard 21 Sept - 31 Dec 2008

Togoldor

Community-Based Conservation

Pakistan

A strength of the Snow Leopard Conservancy is our connection with partners who implement community-based conservation programs whether or not we are able to be there. The Conservancy provides financial support and technical assistance, but it is the communities themselves who manage and carry out the programs.

Khunjerab Village Organization (KVO)

The seven KVO villages are located in prime snow leopard habitat near Kunjerab National Park. As in most rural areas in the central Asian mountains, people's livestock is their wealth. This year, major efforts were concentrated on pasture improvement, livestock management and snow leopard conservation. Workshops were held in Morkhun and Nazimabad to address these issues. A rotational grazing plan was put in place, and shepherds were hired for all seven settlements to reduce daytime predation, using a matching fees program. Livestock health and insurance programs were expanded.

The predator-proofed corrals built in previous years served as models for northern Pakistan and the Wildlife Conservation Society Afghanistan program.

"Posh Hilga is one of nine corrals predator-proofed through 2007. Ten percent of construction costs were provided by the KVO, 20% by the community, and 70% by Snow Leopard Conservancy. There was not a single depredation incident in 2008, the first year the corrals were used. The people are very happy with the project results."

KVO 2008 Report



KVO

Predator-proof corral being built in Posh Hilga

Project Snow Leopard, operating under the newly formed Baltistan Wildlife Conservation and Development Organization (BWCDO)

Our conservation partner, Project Snow Leopard, is under the supervision of Dr. Shafqat Hussain, Professor of Anthropology, and National Geographic Society Emerging Explorer. This community-based NGO has been highly successful. With Conservancy funding BWCDO has:

- Established a Snow Leopard Conservation Committee.
- Conducted awareness-raising workshops.
- Helped construct a trail to the high pastures, reducing transit time from 7 hours to 3 hours.
- Predator-proofed two summer corrals and two winter corrals.
- Initiated a livestock insurance program in Kanday Valley.
- Conducted wildlife status surveys.
- Set up and maintained camera traps.
- Sponsored Bilal Anvar, a local M.S. degree student, to conduct a snow leopard food habits study and collect scat for our Texas A&M partner.



BWCDO

Yaks in the Karakoram Mountains

Tajikistan

"... a small jewel of a country perched between Afghanistan and China."

Tajikistan and the High Pamirs: A Companion and Guide

During Rodney's June visit to Tajikistan, he followed up on small grants provided by the Conservancy to three communities for activities linked to the protection of snow leopards, ibex and Marco Polo sheep. He also worked with the Tajik Academy of Sciences on a special project, led by German biologist Stefan Michel, on scat surveys and the training of local people in basic ibex and snow leopard monitoring. Rodney then trained biologists from the Institute of Zoology and the Ramit Zapovednik Protected Area in camera-trapping.

The Conservancy sponsored an eight-day Training of

Trainers for Naturalist Guides for a class of sixteen tourism officials, tour operators and guides. This was a collaborative effort with the Mountain Societies Development Support Programme of Tajikistan and the Ecosystem & Conservation Society of Sikkim. The training was led by Rinzino Lepcha, Sikkimese community specialist, who also serves on the SLC-India board.



Tajikistan "Training of Trainers" workshop

Russia

The Conservancy continued its collaboration with the Altai Assistance Project, the Foundation for Sustainable Development of Altai, Steve Gulick and others in developing anti-poaching techniques and monitoring snow leopard populations in protected areas of Russia's Altai Republic.

Community-Based Education

India Education Program

SLC–India, in partnership with Kalpavriksh, continues to expand this thriving program.

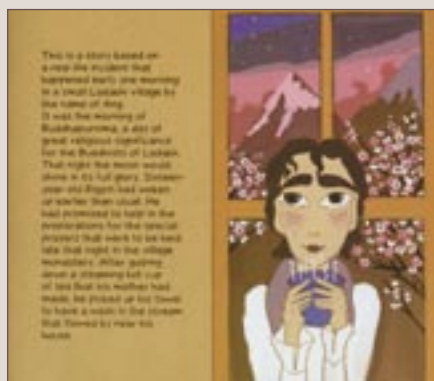
- SLC–India partnered with World Wildlife Fund–Leh to expand to the remote Changthang area, located in the high plateau near the border with China. (See photo at right.)
- In 2008, the number of students served by the India Education Program has more than doubled. It now includes over 800 students in 14 schools in Ladakh, Zaskar, Nubra and Changthang areas.
- SLC–India now has one full-time and 3 part-time local people on the staff who are trained to conduct the education program.
- A library has been established in Leh with books and magazines about wildlife. Included in the library is *The Ghost of the Mountains*. (See box below.)



SLC–India

Changthang Conservation Education Workshop

A Local Conservation Hero



The Ghost of the Mountains
by Sujatha Padmanabhan

The Ghost of the Mountains by Sujatha Padmanabhan is based on a true story that happened to Rigzin Tundup, who worked for SLC–India. Several years ago, young Rigzin returned to his home village of Ang. Upon arrival he faced a crisis situation. The villagers were angry at a snow leopard for having killed many livestock. They were about to kill it in retaliation. Rigzin used a cool head, and this young man convinced the villagers not to take the life of the cat. The author of the book was inspired by this incident and created an equally inspiring storybook for children. Sujatha Padmanabhan works with Kalpavriksh, a partner of the Conservancy. The book will be available soon for purchase on our website.



Rigzin

“We have taken over a planet where every creature has a right to be. Our earth isn’t ours alone and this is the simple story conveyed with telling effect.”

Paromita Pain’s review in *The Hindu*

The Children of Hemis Care

Kids in the India education program have thrown themselves into a combination cleanup and anti-litter recycling campaign, assisted by Kalpavriksh and SLC–India’s Jigmet Dadul (photo bottom right). They want the beauty of their park and villages to shine, and “The Snow Leopard Capital of the World” to remain pristine.



All photos SLC–India

Junior Ranger Program, Nepal

Peace returned to Nepal in 2008, with the nation’s transition into a democratic federal republic. This is good news for the future of education and so much more. The Conservancy’s Education Coordinator, Nagendra Budhathoki, has been redesigning and refocusing the Junior Ranger Program, with separate sections for elementary and middle school students.



Webmaster Terrell Hillard added a “Just for Kids” section to our website. This, plus the exposure from the National Geographic article in June 2008, have helped boost traffic on the Conservancy website by 25%.

Measures of Success

Living Proof

These photographs confirm that snow leopards are reproducing in Hemis National Park, demonstrating the effectiveness of our programs. The camera-trap image on the left is the world's first photo of a mating pair, obtained in 2008. On the right is the world's first photo of a snow leopard mother and cubs, taken in 2004.

SLC-India



SLC-India



Power of Community Networking

As this report points out, it is local communities who are and who will be the future of the snow leopard. Our approach is to assess individual situations and see where we can act as a catalyst for changing the attitudes and behavior of those who share the landscape with the snow leopard.

There has been notable progress. You may have noticed in our Annual Report 2007 a photo of Rinchen Wangchuk of SLC-India sharing his experience in community-based ecotourism with representatives of our partner MUSE visiting from Spiti valley. Ishita Khanna, Director of MUSE, reported, "The exposure to Ladakh was extremely useful. SLC-India has involved the local communities to provide tourism related services and to participate in conservation activities. The various activities and initiatives undertaken by SLC can easily be replicated in Spiti." This year, we report that Ecosphere Spiti, a collaboration that includes MUSE, has received the WildAsia 2008 Award for Responsible Tourism.

Ghulam Mohammad, General Manager of Project Snow

...spreading conservation programs from village to village, from valley to valley...

Leopard (Pakistan), reports that the Kanday Community Fund now totals Rs. 23,840. This is a remarkable sum accumulated from the contributions of the villagers themselves to provide an insurance program for their livestock. As a consequence of the new predator-proof corrals and the insurance program, no snow leopards have been killed in retaliation for livestock depredation, but the herders have captured snow leopards on four camera-trap images. In addition, the ibex have started moving to the valley and nearby pastures, indicating that the wildlife is feeling more secure and comfortable near human populations. In spite of political problems in the area, our programs are not only continuing, but spreading and thriving.

These collaborations epitomize the ideals for which the Conservancy strives, that is, local communities adopting and spreading conservation programs from village to village, from valley to valley until all of rugged Central Asia is covered with a vast network of communities who see themselves as stewards of their own habitat as well as that of the snow leopard and its prey.



Jigmet Dadul, SLC-India

A Homestay guest is welcomed in a Ladakhi home.

Himalayan Homestays, created by the Conservancy and its partners, includes Ladakh, Zaskar and Spiti in India. Carefully designed tourism can play a role in assuring that rural communities have the opportunity to earn income while practicing biodiversity conservation. Tourists enjoy the rare experience of trekking where a snow leopard has walked and the chance to interact on a one-to-one basis with families who recognize the snow leopard as an asset.

Himalayan Homestay Program Awards and Recognition

- **Ashoka Changemaker Awards** honored Himalayan Homestays among its finalists. Ashoka and National Geographic convened a Geotourism Summit in Washington, D.C., and SLC-India's Jigmet Dadul attended on behalf of Rinchen Wangchuk.
- Ecosphere Spiti won the prestigious **WildAsia 2008 Award for Responsible Tourism**.
- **The Guardian** newspaper listed Homestays among the top ten fair trade holidays worldwide and selected our Winter Quest for the Snow Leopard (www.karmaquests.com) as one of the Ten Best Cold Wildlife Holidays.
- **National Geographic** featured Homestays in the June 2008 story, *On the trail of Central Asia's most elusive big cats*. The Conservancy assisted the writer, Doug Chadwick, and the photographer, Steve Winter, in producing the article. Steve's stunning photos won him National Geographic's Photographer of the Year award and the World Press' First Prize for Nature Stories. The "How to Help" section of the article has spread public awareness of both the Homestays and our corral predator-proofing program.

"I'm sure about one thing, that I'll find a smiling host when I get to stay in one of these Homestays, because he has found a way to co-exist with nature & respect everything it has to offer."

A visitor from Mumbai

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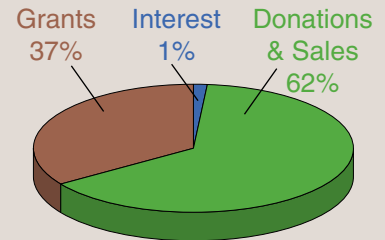
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ESRI for computers and GIS software
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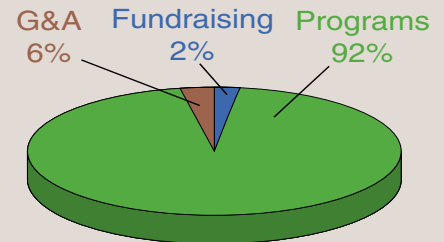
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Janet Williams, In Memory of Pomi

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Australian Himalayan Foundation
Untamed Art Gallery, Lake Tahoe

Appreciation for Outreach

Since 1981, the Rolex Awards for Enterprise has regularly highlighted our work in their web and print publications.

The 2008 Indianapolis Prize, for which Rodney Jackson was a finalist, publicized the Conservancy's accomplishments.



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How You Can Help

- \$25 allows Angmo, SLC-India's Education Coordinator, to rent pack horses to carry educational materials for one school visit in Ladakh or Zaskar, India.
- \$100 covers the cost of one village-based conservationist to collect and deliver snow leopard scats for one season.
- \$200 buys equipment for a village-based nature guide like Rigzin Tundup. (See box on page 5, *A Local Conservation Hero.*)
- \$400 buys a remote camera setup, so a community in Nepal can help monitor snow leopards along a potential habitat corridor.
- \$1000 predator-proofs a community corral in Pakistan, like Posh Hilga, saving up to five snow leopards. (See photo on page 4.)
- **Matching Donations:** Does your employer make matching donations? Some donations have been matched by Bank of America, Harder + Company, IBM and Microsoft.

Sharing Technical Information

Our snow leopard camera-trapping handbook in Chinese was widely distributed in 2008. PDF versions in English and Chinese are now on our website.

Russian and Mongolian translations are now complete and will be distributed in 2009.

All versions will be online for the use of the general public.



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