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Animal Fact Sheet

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Chiru (Tibetan Antelope)

Pantholops hodgsonii

The chiru is being killed for the fineness of its underwool. Shahtoosh — literally "king of wools" — has fibres of around 7 to 10 microns, finer than cashmere, fine enough that the finished shawl can…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Antilopidae
Habitat: High-altitude plateau and steppe
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 25-39 kg
Scientific name: Pantholops hodgsonii

Did you know?

- Despite living in such remote areas, the Chiru population declined drastically due to illegal hunting for their prized wool, leading to significant c…
- The Qinghai-Tibet railway was built with dedicated wildlife underpasses specifically so that migrating chiru could still reach their calving grounds,…

What I learned

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