

## Restitution Tatra chamois (Rupicapra rupicapra tatrica Blahout 1971) to the Nízke Tatry Mts (Central Slovakia)

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## **Abstract**

The substitute population of Tatra chamois (*Rupicpara rupicapra tatrica* Blahout 1971) was established between years 1969 – 1976 as afford to rescue this endangered species. There were brought from Vysoké and Belianske Tatry Mts 30 individuals all together, from which 9 adult males and 21 adult females. At the present time, the number of population is around 100 individuals. The paper provides a detailed account of the restitution of Tatra chamois to the Nízke Tatry Mts based on previously unpublished archive materials.

## Key words

Rupicapra rupicapra tatrica, restitution process, established new population, numbers, Nízke Tatry Mts, central Slovakia