

Why Amur leopards are Nearly Extinct

It is relatively known that Amur leopards are the rarest big cats. They are classed as critically endangered. Did you know that they have spots like fingerprints and they live happily in the far east of Russia. So, what causes their extinction?

The main reason is the villages surrounding the forest where the Amur leopards live. The villagers can easily access the leopards' habitat, making poaching a problem - not just for the leopards but also for important prey species.

As a result of this, the Amur leopards can't hunt for as much food as they need. This food is not only vital for their health but also gives them energy.

As a consequence, the numbers descended and many of them died of starvation. Sadly, there are now only one - hundred left in the wild; the exact number is not known.

So that is why the only Amur leopards you see today are in museums, nature documentaries and fact books.

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