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Richard
Sand
(Denmark) was
able to reach
the Ovis World
Slam Super 20
milestone with
a Koryak snow
sheep in Russia

on August 30, 2015. Richard always does a great job reporting, so here he is:

I came back a couple of days ago from the Koryak Mountains of northeastern Siberia, Russia. I was able to take a Koryak snow sheep that was 12 or 13 years old and had a beautiful horn shape. This was my 20th Ovis species! I hunted together with my two Danish friends, Torben Wind and taxidermist Kim Højland. You know how far away this area is, and we had bad, bad weather when it was time to fly in, so we waited six days in Tilichiki before we could fly. You cannot possibly know how many games of cards and how many bottles of vodka we drank during these six days. Waiting is terrible, but waiting together with Torben and Kim was a great pleasure, and we had a good time.

The flying time from Tilichiki was two hours by helicopter once we finally had good weather. We camped at longitude 170.00 and latitude 62.12, and hunted extensively throughout the mountain ranges on all sides of camp. We saw very few mature rams, but when the hunt ended we had luckily all shot great Koryak snow sheep in the SCI 145 to 150-point class. In that respect we

were extremely lucky. We hunted more than 12 hours on foot every day, so we covered a lot of ground.

During our hunt in the mountains we found a Koryak snow sheep pickup head that had died only one or two months before we



Richard Sand (Denmark) achieved his Ovis World Slam Super 20 in August 2015 with this Koryak snow sheep from Russia. Richard booked his hunt through Diana Hunting Tours and it was conducted via ProfiHunt.



Richard Sand (Denmark) ran across this Koryak snow sheep pickup head in Russia during August 2015. This ram scored approximately 164 SCI and will be the new world record ... but as a pickup.

came. Skin and blood were still on the head, and this set of horns is the new world record Koryak snow sheep with an amazing score of approximately 164 SCI. I have enclosed photos of this extraordinary ram that looks most of all like a big Dall sheep; horn length 38" and bases 14". A beautiful head, and how I wish that this ram had survived just one or two months more so we could actually have shot him while he was still alive, instead of finding him newly dead from old age. That was a pity, as this is truly a magnificent trophy. I will bring it home and enter it as a pickup in SCI.

This hunt was booked through Diana Hunting Tours in Denmark and conducted via Profihunt in Moscow. Once again, Profihunt did a fantastic job. With us we had personal guide Alexander Petrushenko from Profihunt, and he was extremely good company all the way and a very skilled guide. The local guides in the hunting area were Alexander and Vladimir from the Palana outfit of Profihunt, together with Anatoly, with whom many others have hunted in the Koryak Mountains. These people were so nice to us, and we had a really good time in camp with hard hunting and lots of fun.