

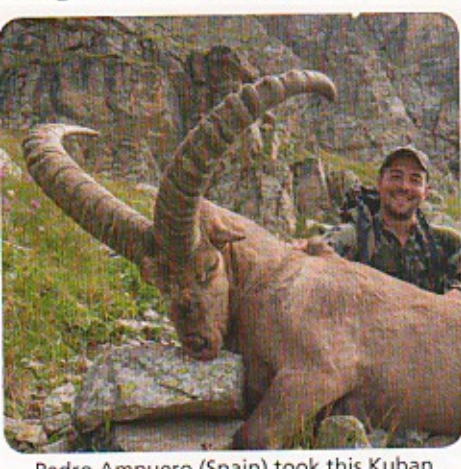
Species: *Kuban (Western) tur & Caucasian chamois*

Date taken: August 2017

Location: Karachayevo-Cherkesiya, Russia

Outfitter / Guide: ProfiHunt – Alexey Maximov

Highlights: We traveled the first week of August to the Caucasus Mountains. The weather was sunny and warm, which in combination with a full moon were not the best conditions for lots of activity during the day. After the first day, we decided to make spike camp on top and use horses since we were making over 1,200 meters/4,000 feet in positive elevation to get to the tur area. Animals were as high as they could be, and we only saw a few billies, only the one I shot was worth it. I passed three other younger billies (7-9 years) and shot this one on the fifth hunting day. We got to 350 meters of the cave where

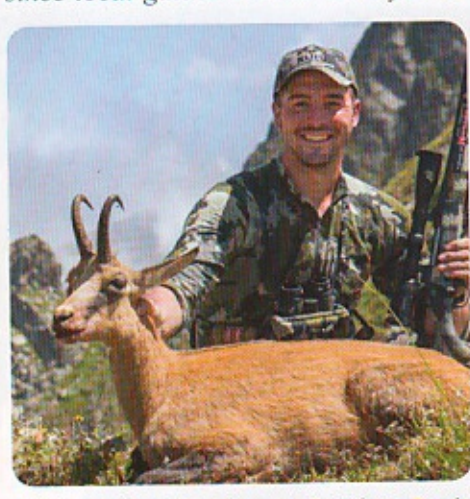


Pedro Ampuero (Spain) took this Kuban (Western) tur from Karachayevo-Cherkesiya, Russia in August 2017. Pedro was hunting with ProfiHunt.

it was bedded, a gorgeous 13-year-old beast.

The chamois population, despite how beautiful the terrain was, is really low, so expect to see only a couple of chamois per day if you can hike. We connected on this mature 6-year-old buck the first day we focused only on chamois. They are lower than tur and we didn't see any during the other hunting days. My uncle came only to hunt for chamois and shot a really old, busted, full of resin, forest buck, on the afternoon of the second day. Organization by ProfiHunt was perfect in all fields and we had an amazing time in Russia!

Suggestions: If you are heading there in summertime, be ready for warm temperatures and a lot of hiking. Tur are as high as they can be, and will only move really late in the afternoon or early mornings. If you would like an old trophy, pass the young ones, since local guides tend to want you to



This Caucasian chamois was taken from Russia by Pedro Ampuero (Spain), August 2017.

Pedro was guided by Alexey Maximov.

shoot the first mature animal that you see. Bring a spotting scope to judge the trophies yourself.

You have no doubt already noticed that Pedro's Caucasian chamois was selected as the **COVER PHOTO** for this issue of *Slam Quest*. Congratulations on all the trophies, Pedro!