

**Kuban (Western) tur (August 2018):** After my wife shot her Kuban tur, Ali went out spotting for another group. After 45 minutes he returned, and we made a quick move because time was running out before darkness. Just before dark we found the group and I took a steep downhill 108-meter shot. The tur fell straight down. It was a very nice 14-year-old male. We were completely broken from all the climbing. We quickly made some photos and went back to spike camp. It was already dark, and it was a really long and difficult hike with only our headlights. Ali and Ivan did a great job keeping us moving. This was definitely my hardest hunt ever. The next day we had a day of rest in camp. The weather was very bad, so we stayed in the tent all day. The next day we rode back with the horses and got ready for the Caucasian chamois hunt.

**Caucasian Chamois (August 2018):** After moving from the Kuban area to the chamois area, the weather changed also: nothing but rain. The first day we spotted some chamois high in the mountains after the fog lifted for a few minutes. The plan was made to approach them from above. My guide kept in contact by radio with Ivan who was standing below. This way we could find the chamois. When we found the group, they were lying down, so we had to wait for them to stand, which they finally did. When



This Gobi ibex from Mongolia was taken by Connie De Jong (Netherlands), August 2017.

the biggest one stood broadside, I squeezed the trigger, but the chamois didn't give a sign that she was hit. She ran down in the valley and I quickly took my second shot which dropped her dead. Because of the rain it was very dangerous with the slippery grass on the rocks, but we finally reached where she had fallen. After taking some photos of the beautiful female chamois, we headed down the mountain. Mission complete.



Connie De Jong (Netherlands) took this Kuban (Western) tur on a hunt in Russia in August 2018 with ProfiHunt.



Connie De Jong (Netherlands) with his Caucasian chamois taken in August 2018.