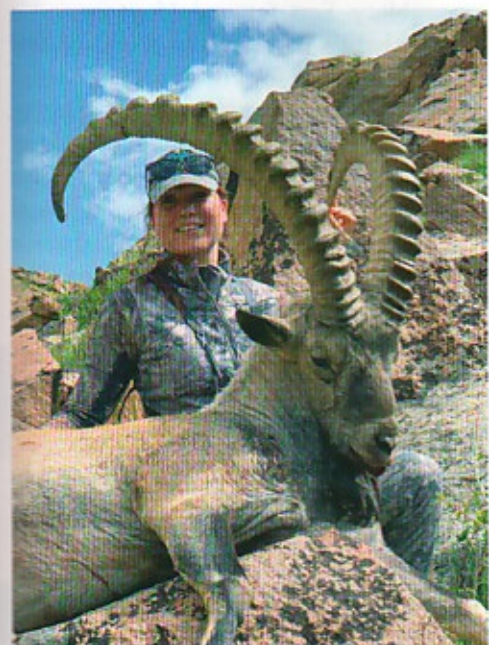


Debby Smit (Netherlands) is up next with a pair of reports from her recent trip to Mongolia for Altay and Gobi ibex, which she booked through ProfiHunt:



Debby Smit (Netherlands) took this Altay ibex in Mongolia in July 2019. She booked with ProfiHunt.

Altay Ibex (July 2019): This is the seventh goat species on my way to the Capra World Slam. After a long trip we finally made it to the base camp. It is amazing how the local people managed to get us there with no real delay. Our flights were canceled and switched several times, but the locals did everything for us in a great way.

After four hours of sleep and a very good breakfast, we went up the mountain by

horses. A few days earlier, two local guides went up to search for ibex. When we came up the mountain, we immediately saw a big group of males. We only had to climb over one mountain and go down the other side to get in a good shooting position. I had many ibex to choose from. My guide said which ones were the best. They were moving, but I saw which one I liked. I took a shot from 200 meters at a big dark billy and he was down. I was very happy with this nine-year-old dark billy.

After we took care of my ibex, we went on to search the group again for my husband, **Connie De Jong**. It was a long stalk, but Connie was able to take a good 10-year-old male. After caping his billy and eating some lunch, we went back to the horses. It was a long way back to camp. The rain and the steep, slippery mountains made it hard work. Several hours later we made it back to camp where our dinner was waiting. What a great people! A big thank you to our translator, the local people, and to **ProfiHunt** for the great hunt and organization. We cannot describe how welcome we felt.

Gobi Ibex (July 2019): After our Altay ibex hunt, we continued for Gobi ibex. Two years ago, I was in Mongolia for a Gobi, but I didn't succeed. ProfiHunt fixed this perfectly. After a long drive we arrived at the Buur Mountains in the south Gobi Province. We went out hunting at midday because there was a festival going on. It was hot and after a short car drive, we began climbing up the mountain. We glassed the mountains around us but only saw



This Gobi ibex was taken in Mongolia by Debby Smit (Netherlands) July 2019.

When we came up, the big ibex had walked away. How was it possible? He did not walk away from us but instead because other ibex were coming in. I was aiming but I needed to go around some bushes to get a clear shot. I was watching the billy while my guides and Connie were concentrating on the other group. They thought the larger billy was already over the top of the mountain. It was a big shock for them when I took a shot at the billy we had gone for. After the shot, the billy ran over the top of the mountain. Everybody was confused. It was a 219-meter shot and he ran away without a sign of being hit. I thought it was a good shot but then I wasn't sure because the guide said it was a miss. We crossed over to where the ibex had last been seen and right over the ridge my ibex was lying down with a perfect shot.

Many thanks to the local family, my guide and translator, our great driver and ProfiHunt. We felt very welcome and had a great time and lots of laughs together.

only females and a few young billies all day.

The next day we planned another stalk on another very high and steep mountain. It was hard climbing but when we came on top it was more than worth it. Wow, what a great view! We started glassing again. For my husband and me, it was difficult to find the ibex. The sun came up and I saw the first animals: a female, two young ones and two young males. Our guides saw a male but as quick he saw it, it disappeared. After a few hours glassing my guide saw a good male lying down in a cave. We planned to go for it. We needed to head back down and go up another mountain.