

Ammotragus lervia (PALLAS, 1777)



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Distribution

World: native to North Africa, introduced to USA and Mexico.

Europe: introduction has been attempted in Spain, including the Canary Islands, and a small population has appeared recently in the Czech Republic after an escape from a zoo in 1976.

Geographic variation

About seven subspecies currently recognized. The origin of the European population is unclear.

Habitat

Rocky dry mountains and broken country of the Saharan zone. They are very good climbers and jumpers. Habitats occupied in the Czech Republic apparently inappropriate in the view of the species' requirements.

Population status

Lives in family groups in geographic isolates. Numbers rapidly decreasing in the northern parts of the native range and it has become extinct in certain areas (Egypt). Size of the European population only several tens to hundreds of individuals. The occurrence in the Czech Republic seems only temporary.

Barbary sheep

AL	-	LT	Berberinis avinas
BG	Гривест овен	LU	-
CZ	Paovce hřivnatá	LV	Krēpjaita
DE	Mähnenschaf	MK	-
DK	-	MT	-
EE	Lakklammas	NL	Manenschaap
ES	Arruí	NO	Mankesau
FI	Algerianvuorikauris	PL	Arui
FO	-	PT	-
FR	Mouflon à manchettes	RO	Oaia-cu-coamă
GR	Αμμοτραγός	RU	Гривистый баран
HR	Grivasti skakač	SE	Manfår
HU	Sörényes juh	SI	Grivasta ovca
IR	-	SK	Ovca hrivnatá
IS	Hærusauður	TR	-
IT	Ammotrago; Pecora crinita	YU	-

International legal & conservation status

CITES, Appendix II. EC 338/97, Annex B.
IUCN Red List, Vulnerable.

Other information

Hunted in the Czech Republic.

Literature

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