

# Amur Leopard - Habitat



**Habitat:** Amur leopards live in the temperate forests of Far Eastern Russia, experiencing both harsh winters with extreme cold and deep snow, and hot summers.

**Location:** The Amur leopard is the northernmost of all leopard subspecies. Its historic range extended throughout northeastern (“Manchurian”) China, the southern part of Primorsky Krai in Russia and the Korean Peninsula. This range shrank dramatically during the 20th century, due primarily to habitat loss and hunting. The Amur leopard probably went extinct in the wild in South Korea in the late 1960s, although some recent, unconfirmed reports suggest that a few leopards may remain in and around the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea. There are likely still leopards in the rugged northern region of North Korea near the Chinese border.

**Competition:** Although in other regions it seems leopards do not do well in areas where they share territory with tigers, this is not the case in Russia. Studies have indicated that an increased tiger population in the Southwest Primorye area has not adversely affected the leopard population.

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