



MARKHOR

Capra falconeri

SPECIES QUICK FACTS

SIZE

The Markhor stands 2 to 3.5 feet in height at the shoulder and 4 to 6 feet in length.

WEIGHT

An adult Markhor can range between 75 and 240 pounds in weight.

FOOD HABITS

The diet of the Markhor consists of various leaves and grasses.

HABITAT

The Markhor is found in sparsely forested regions at high mountainous elevations.

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

The markhor is only found in the high mountains of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

FUN FACT

The Markhor will stand on its hind legs to reach high standing vegetation.



The Markhor has tightly curled, corkscrew-like horns that are present in both sexes. These horns can be up to 64 inches in length. The Markhor is most active in the early morning and late afternoon. While the adult male is typically solitary, female and young Markhor will live in groups of up to nine animals. During the breeding season, males will fight with one another to win breeding rights. When they fight, the males will lock their horns together, twist, and pull to make the other male lose its balance.

