

LEOPARDS



Read the text and fill in the gaps. Remember, there are two extra.

the Red Data Book

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habitat

breeding

protected

extinction

Long ago leopards were widely spread in the Caucasus. But because of hunting, their number dramatically decreased at the beginning of the 20th century. In some places, leopards disappeared completely. Researches conducted in 2005 show that there are only several leopards left in the Caucasian region. The main reason for their _____ is hunting, reduction of their feeding area, and total disappearance of their _____. Caucasian leopard is listed in _____ of the Russian Federation.

In order to protect this species, the Russian Academy of Sciences, together with WWF Russia, created a recovery programme. It includes rehabilitation and _____ of a group of leopards. When specialists are sure that the leopards feel good and safe on the territory of the Caucasian reserve, they let animals free into wild nature. This place in Sochi was chosen because there are huge _____ areas rich in food.