



Jan Prinsen (Holland) hunted in southern Russia during August 2007 and scored with this Kuban (Western) tur.

*On September 1, 2010, my wife and I flew to Moscow, and the next day further to Mineral-nyye-Vody to hunt mid-Caucasian tur in the Republic of Kabardino-Balkariya in the Nalchik region. From Moscow we were accompanied by Alexey Budin of ProfiHunt, whom I had met in 2007 on our Kuban (western) tur hunt.*

*From the airport we were taken by car to a wonderful hunting cabin in the Chegem Valley at 1,550 meters above sea level. The next day we went 6 1/2 hours on horseback to reach our camping and hunting area. We put up our tents in darkness at 2,850 meters. From this camp we went hunting with Kasbek, Kerim and Aslan, all Balkars, acting as guides. From our camp we saw each morning a group of about 20 turs; females and lambs, but no big males. In this group was a white one. The Balkars believe these to be "of God," and you may not touch them! In Europe there is a widespread belief that a hunter will die within a year after killing a white animal.*

*The hunting we did was between 3,100 and 3,300 meters on rather steep slopes; seldom were they less than 45 degrees and at the end of the week I had lost three kilo's of weight! One day we saw a group of 10 big males, but they were running at 297 meters, according to my rangefinder. As I do lots of driven boar hunting, my experience told me that shooting at these turs would be somewhat overoptimistic, so I did not even bother to raise my rifle.*

*We also had a nice stalk towards a sleeping tur, but I missed my shot from 390 meters, probably because of the strong wind. So I have not been able to take a big mid-Caucasian tur, but will have to be content with a smaller trophy taken at 3,200 meters altitude.*