

**Mike Borel** (CA) submitted this hunt report about his adventure in the Caucasus Mountains of Kabardino-Balkariya, Russia:

**Species** – *Mid-Caucasian tur*

**Date Taken** – September 6, 2012

**Location Taken** – Kabardino-

**Balkaria**

**Country** – Russia

**Outfitter / Booking Agent** – Profihunt

**Guide / Local Operator** – Vladimir Koscheev

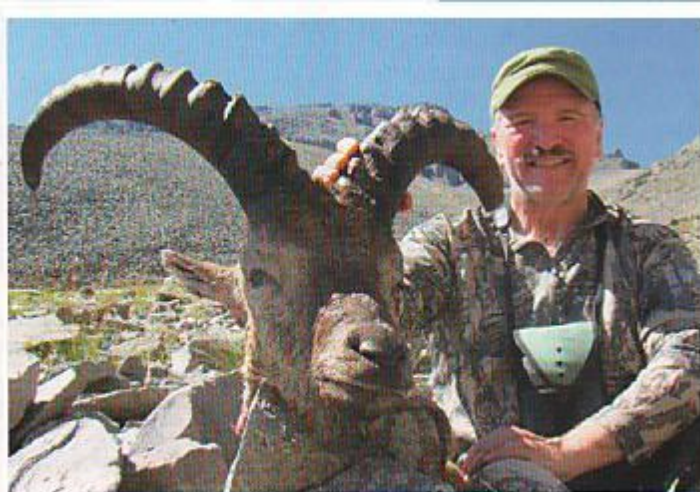
**Guide/Interpreter** - Kameer & Aslon – local guides

**Highlights:** I've now hunted and collected all three of the Caucasus tur, plus the Caucasian chamois. This tur area was more similar to the western area – and definitely Caucasus (i.e. Rugged with a capital R!). Profihunt had it well organized and after a day's delay in Moscow due to Lufthansa losing my bags (and a half-day strike in Frankfurt by the flight attendants), we flew to Mineral'nyye Vody and drove to Nalchik for a night at a delightful "base camp" (which was also being used by most, if not all, of

the other outfitters). The next morning we were off on a two-hour jeep ride to a trailhead followed by a six-hour horse-back ride/lead into an area where we fly camped. I didn't see any other hunters (or humans, for that matter).

We saw tur every day, generally in mixed herds, but some bachelor groups – and mostly 600 to 1200 yards away. Like the other Caucasus hunts, these tur are spooky. Best to make your first shot count, as a second one doesn't appear to be an option. Actually, I blew my 350-yard shot and wounded my billy on day two. Thankfully we caught up with him twice more and ultimately put him down on day four. He's nine years old, with one horn broomed a bit (adds to his character). I haven't had him scored – nothing spectacular – but he's fully mature and he's MINE!

I've hunted with Profihunt before and recommend them without hesitation.



Mike Borel (CA) took this mid-Caucasian tur from Kabardino-Balkaria in September 2012. Mike was hunting with Profihunt and Vladimir Koscheev.