

**Richard Sand** (Denmark) submitted a report about his December 2011 hunt in Spain that completed his Capra World Slam, but he has also written about his August 2012 hunt for mid-Caucasian tur. Here are those two reports:

*I hereby enclose a photo of the Cantabrian chamois I shot in the beginning of December in the Los Ancares area of northwestern Spain – north of Portugal. The hunt was arranged by **Fernando Saiz**, and I hunted with **Nacho Arias**. The hunt was perfectly arranged.*

*As you can see, we had terrible weather, so it took me two trips and six days in snow, rain and fog before Nacho luckily spotted this fantastic Cantabrian chamois of 8" x 3". As you know this is the smallest wild goat in the world. The weight was 26 kg with stomach and 21 kg without stomach! This was an 8-year-old buck, which I shot at 250 meters in rain and storm. I love to hunt in Spain!*

*I just came back from Kabardino-Balkariya after eight days hunting for mid-Caucasian tur with **ProfiHunt**. On this trip I had **Alexey Maximov** as my personal guide, and he did a fantastic job once again.*

*Hunting mid-Caucasian tur is always tough. Hunting them in*

*August is nearly impossible. The hot weather made all the tur stay all day in the shadow of caves and on the vertical rocks in the timber, so they were impossible to find. They were only out at night-time. We walked 14 hours every day to cover as much area as possible, but another factor that makes hunting these tur in August very difficult is the fact that you will have between four and eight hours with thick fog because of the melting water from glaciers on Mount Elbrus. This makes visibility zero. That spoiled two of the three chances for tur we had.*

*Finally on the last day we spotted a representative tur skylined on one of the highest mountains many miles away, and after four hours walking we were happy to bag this tur. It was not the trophy I wanted, as I wanted a tur of 11-12 years old, but it was a representative trophy. Nine years old and very heavy with both bases being 13 2/8" and a total score of 125 SCI. So a mediocre trophy, but it was the best we could do under these circumstances, and I have already booked to come back next year later in the season. Apart from the difficult hunting conditions this is a great and true mountain hunt that I really, really enjoyed and the mediocre result could not spoil my joy.*

*If I count correctly this brings me up to 16 sheep now and 14*

*Capra, so I have now crossed both the Ovis World Slam and the Capra World Slam within the last 15 months.*

This mid-Caucasian tur was indeed Richard's 14<sup>th</sup> species of Capra. Richard reached his Capra World Slam with the Cantabrian chamois from Spain in December 2011. We know Richard is a true trophy hunter, and has some of the best of the best in his trophy room to prove it. We applaud

that! However, a mature mid-Caucasian tur fits into the category as a "super trophy" in our humble opinion. Overall, it has to rank



Richard Sand (Denmark) completed his Capra World Slam with this Cantabrian chamois from Spain in December 2011. Richard was hunting with Fernando Saiz.



Richard Sand (Denmark) took this hard-won mid-Caucasian tur in Kabardino-Balkariya, Russia in August 2012. Richard was hunting with Alexey Maximov of ProfiHunt.

as the toughest mountain hunt on the planet when taking ALL reports into consideration.

1. Altay ibex (1982)
2. Alpine chamois (1987)
3. Sulaiman markhor (2000)
4. Mid-Asian ibex (2002)
5. Himalayan ibex (2004)
6. Bezoar ibex (2004)
7. Caucasian chamois (2005)
8. Bukharan markhor (2005)
9. Gobi ibex (2010)
10. Beceite ibex (2011)
11. Kuban (Western) tur (2011)
12. Cantabrian chamois (2011)
13. Mid-Caucasian tur (2012)
14. Mallorcan wild goat (2011)