

**Richard Sand** (Denmark) hunted in Kabardino-Balkariya, Russia for mid-Caucasian tur for the second year in a row and had this to report:

*I just came home from Kabardino-Balkariya where I hunted again with Profihunt and my personal guide Alexey Maximov for mid-Caucasian tur. Maybe you will remember that I hunted in the same place in August 2012 and had a very tough hunt with bad weather, rain and clouds for eight days. Last year, even though we walked in the mountains 14 hours every day, only on the very last day did we have a quick chance on a mediocre 9-year-old tur, which I took, and which measures 25" with an SCI score of 126 4/8. This was not at all satisfactory for me, so I immediately booked again to come back this year.*

*The hunting area was a two-hour drive due south of Nalchik and only about 10 miles northeast of Mount Elbrus. We went to the exact same canyon where we hunted in August of last year and hunted the same mountains, as we had seen on the very last day of hunting in August 2012 a very big tur far away and running away after we had shot the mediocre tur, but we could not get to him. So we wanted to try to see if we could find that same big tur again.*

*This time the weather was good, and on the second day we spotted a huge, old mid-Caucasian tur three miles away on a distant mountain in a group*

*of 12 males. The wind was good and we had an excellent stalk for 3 ½ hours, climbing up to where we last saw the tur. When we came to the summit we found the tur bedded down on the other side only 326 meters down in a 70° deep angle. Even though all 12 tur were bunched up very close together, Alexey and I soon agreed on which one was the big one and I just waited until he stood up. I shot him straight through the shoulder and he ran about 50 meters before collapsing and rolling down the mountain. We knew that if he continued rolling he would go down at least 600 to 800 meters into a very deep canyon where it would be dangerous and difficult to retrieve him, but we were again extremely lucky. On the last little grassy slope there was one rock, and that stopped our dead tur 10 meters before the abyss. We climbed down to our dream trophy.*

*The tur was 14 ½ years old and carried a beautiful set of heavy horns with 34" in length and 13" bases with a total green score of over 153 4/8 SCI points, which should bring him easily into the top 5 in the book. We think it was exactly the same huge tur that we saw in August last year.*

*Amazing trophy, Richard. We look forward to the final SCI score and entering this fine tur for our 2015 Trophy Awards. Going back for the big one was a good decision!*



Richard Sand (Denmark) took this tremendous mid-Caucasian tur from Kabardino-Balkariya, Russia in November 2013. Richard was hunting with Alexey Maximov and Profihunt.