

This time, in Sanjiangyuan to keep the beautiful big cat

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September 29, 2019 is an unforgettable day.

After years of ecological observation and filming in the wild, the day finally had the honor of witnessing and photographing it – the hidden and strange big cat in the forest – the money leopard.

In Qinghai Yushu Sanjiangyuan Ansai National Park, the average elevation of more than 4000 meters, a good ecological environment and rich terrain breeding a wide variety of highland flora and fauna. But without a wealth of field observation experience, it is still difficult to see large predators at the top of the food chain, such as snow leopards, money leopards, brown bears, and so on.

We've been filming snow leopards here for a few days without any gain, and just as we were on their way home on the evening of September 28th, there was the welcome news from the local herders that animals with suspected money leopards had hunted a yak of herders. This is undoubtedly a great news, wild money leopard that is a meetable and undemandable, like a legend of the existence of animals, it is strange, extremely astute, in the mountains and forest activities never easily exposed to the human sight (the next day's waiting to confirm this). Isn't it the dream of a natural ecological imager to be able to witness and capture its images?



The next morning we set out to the scene of the incident is located in the ravine, the local herders have been waiting in the ditch, the mountain on both sides of the ravine is not too high, but the trees are dense, the bottom of the ditch flowing a small river, the location of the killing of yak is in the hillside forest opposite the river ditch, from our observation point about three hundred meters, although not too close, But I'm satisfied. We looked through a telescope, above a huge rock, between a large forest, a hidden face with

only two eyes looking closely at us, yes, it was it - the money leopard.

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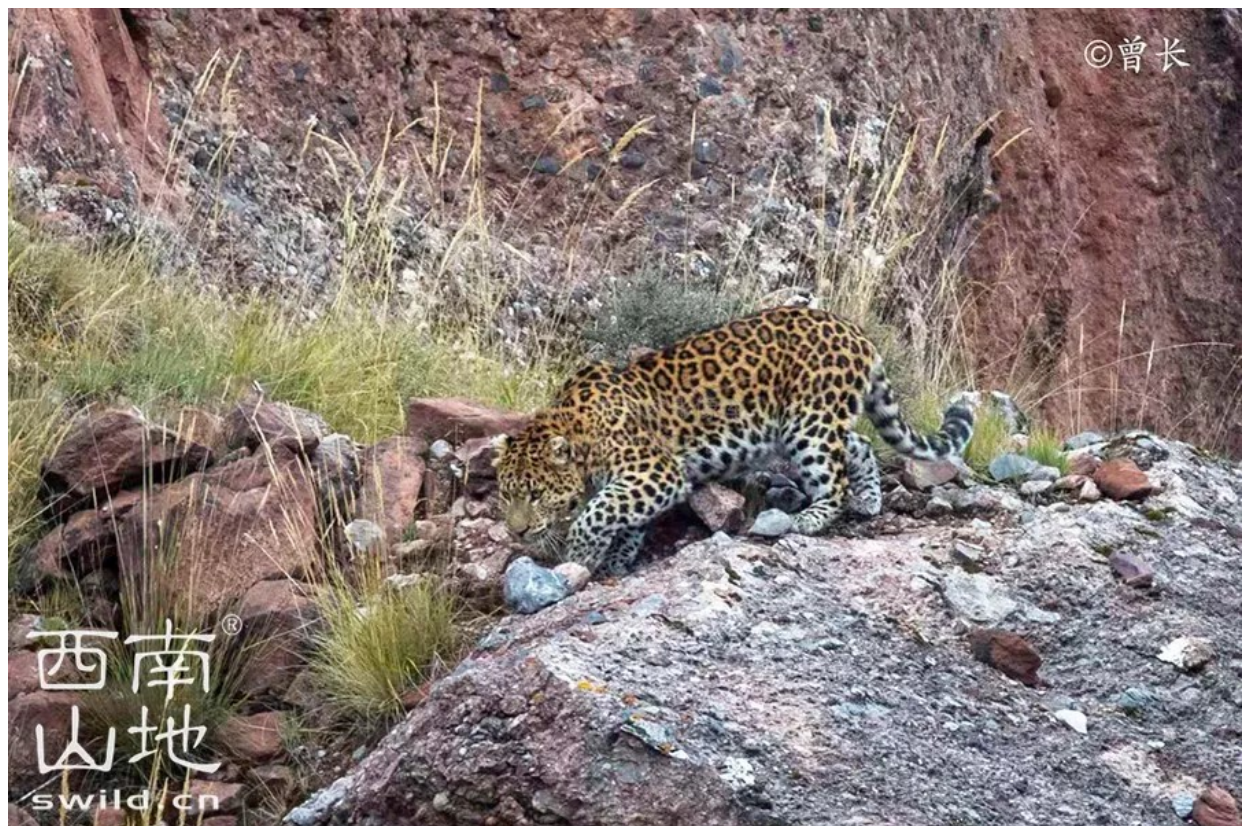
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Money Leopard Carefully Moving Among The Trees Video

In order not to affect the big cat, we quickly set up a hidden tent, let the herders friends leave, and then hide in the tent to continue to observe. It was about eight o'clock in the morning, it was a cloudy day, and soon it was raining in the sky, but our big cat did not seem to be in a hurry to enjoy its prey, hiding in the bushes and not showing up, only occasionally nodding a little to watch our tent. So it won't show up until after four o'clock in the afternoon? To know that we have been in the tent for several hours did not move, small is to use the mineral water bottle to solve, lunch is dry food solution, talk with the intercom whispercommunication, there is no tent, no threat to it, this opportunity and we passed by?



The pace of the king is down



He ran up to the top here and looked around

"Moved, appeared", can not remember who in the intercom came to the sound, although very small, but we all like a chicken blood, and then only heard the shutter clatter, leaving the big cat's initial activity on the rock image, although only a short score, but how can we let it go ...



After almost a day, the beautiful big cat finally carefully made its first appearance, how shy are you?

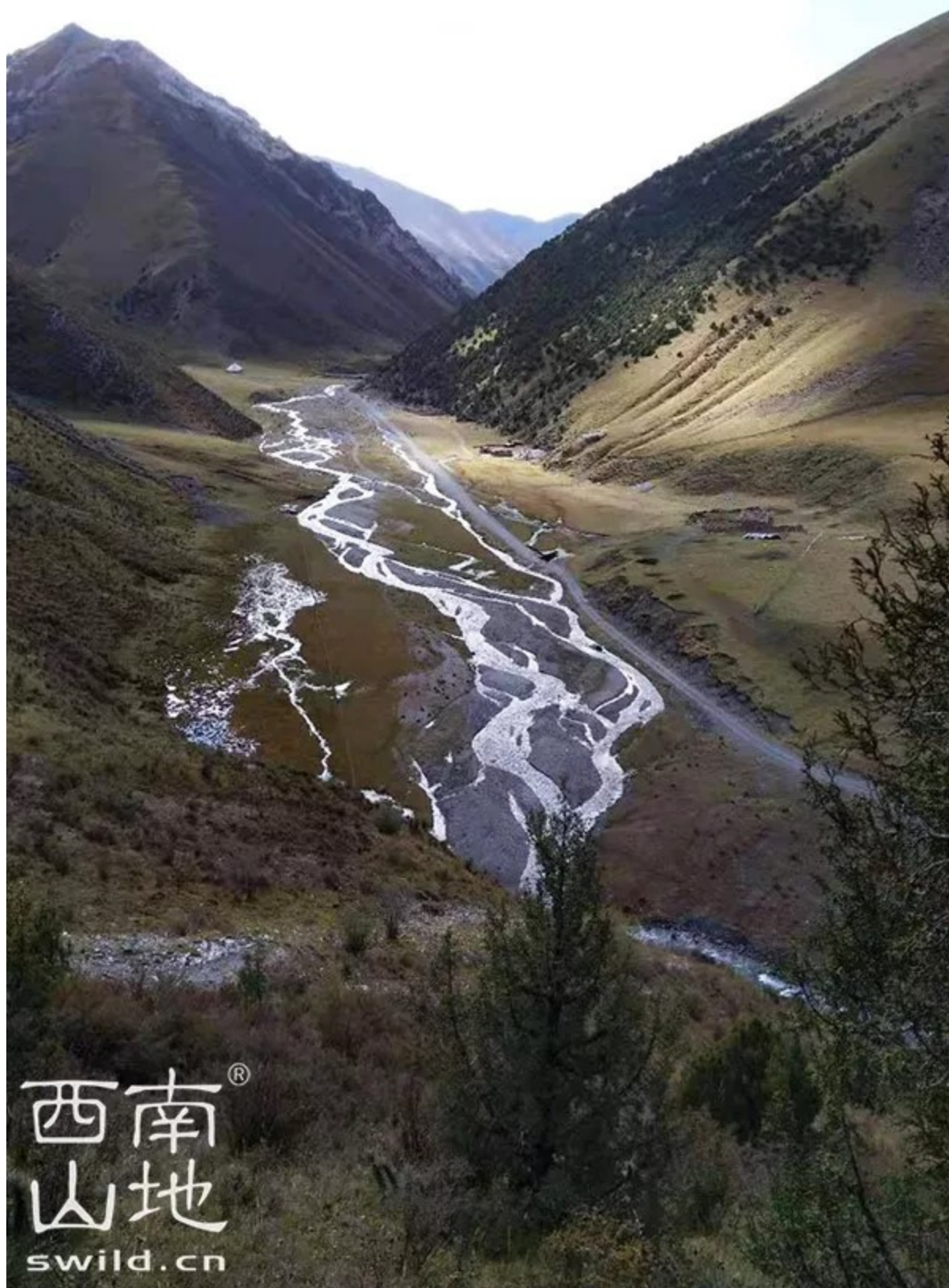
But the big cat still did not eat his food, but turned to a farther higher place to find a stone to lie there to continue to observe us and its prey, patience is very good, to a moment later it has been half past six o'clock, because the crow magpies and the mountain slugs on the big cat prey harassment it slowly down, This has the back of the series of precious lenses ...



Observe your prey - "You'd better not touch my cake"

This is a lucky and unforgettable day, and I would like to thank the local government of The Mountains and Ansai, as well as our pastoral friends, for their strong support and assistance, and these precious images also include your contribution to the conservation of the environment. May these beautiful creatures of nature live and breed in our blue planet forever and peacefully...

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