

Encyclopedia it has been possible to arrive at confident identifications and so to find correct English names. With the aid of A. G. Bannikov's *Opredelitel Mlekopitayushchikh Mongolskoi Narodnoi Respubliki* (1953) No. 51 in the series "Trudy Mongolskoi Komissii", published in Moscow jointly by the Academy of Sciences of the USSR and the Scientific Committee of the MPR, it has been possible to establish the scientific names of the animals. It emerges that all mammals listed by Bannikov, with the exception of the wolf and a few insectivores, Chiroptera (bats) and small rodents, are now included in the provisions of the game laws.

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Cyprus Protects the Mouflon

The photograph opposite shows the document signed by the Cyprus Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Mr. George Tombazos, and the Chairman of the Survival Service Commission of IUCN, Peter Scott, in which the Cyprus Government accepts ultimate responsibility for a rare animal in its territory, the Cyprian mouflon, or wild sheep. The Cyprus Government was one of nine governments asked by the SSC to accept such responsibility, and the first to accept.

In a letter accompanying the document, the Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, says that "the Cyprus Government spares no efforts in taking all the necessary legal and other measures for the protection, preservation and multiplication of the Cyprian mouflon". Its habitat in the mountainous north-west of the island has been declared a Game Reserve Area; no hunting is allowed, and game guards enforce the law and have cut poaching to a minimum.

SURVIVAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Morges, Switzerland



ACCEPTANCE OF ULTIMATE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR RARE WILDLIFE SPECIES

Whereas

certain species of wild animals and plants have now become so rare and endangered in their natural habitat that their continued existence for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations of mankind is a cause of concern to the whole world, and

Whereas

the care of such endangered species is best placed in the hands of the nation in whose territories a stock can most easily be maintained in perpetuity

Whereas

a world list of nations accepting such responsibility for endangered species has been drawn up

BE IT HEREBY KNOWN THAT

The Government of Cyprus

has agreed to accept responsibility for ensuring the survival of the wild species named hereunder and in order to fulfil this purpose, has undertaken to establish such national parks or equivalent reserves and to take such other measures as may be appropriate for the continued existence of such species.

CYPRIAN MOUFLON *Ovis orientalis ophion*

(GEORGE TOMBAZOS)
Minister of Agriculture & Natural Resources
CYPRUS

Signed Per Sca