

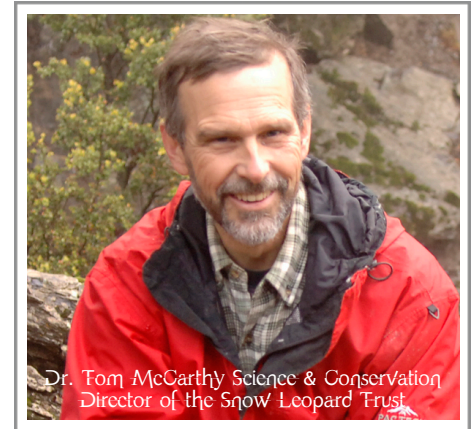
A LOVER OF LEOPARDS

Meet the man helping secure sanctuary for the snow leopard!

Dr. Tom McCarthy began his professional career studying brown bear, black bear, mountain goats and caribou in Alaska in the early 1980s.

A strong interest in international conservation led him Mongolia in 1992, where he took over management of a long-term snow leopard research project.

The 6-year study was the basis for his Ph.D. and he became the first to use satellite radio-collars on the cats. In addition to snow leopards he conducted ground-breaking studies of wild camels and Gobi brown bears, two of Mongolia's rarest animals.



McCarthy became the Science and Conservation Director of the Snow Leopard Trust in 2000 and has since led their extensive science and community-based conservation programs across much of snow leopard range in Asia.

In 2008 he added the position of Director of Snow Leopard Programs with Panthera, a new organization dedicated to saving the great cats of the world.

He has helped establish projects in Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Pakistan. McCarthy also serves as Executive Director of the Snow Leopard Network, a global consortium of more than 200 professionals involved in snow leopard research and conservation.

Highlights of his recent work include development of genetic methods for monitoring wild snow leopard populations, and the initiation of a new generation of snow leopard research using state-of-the-art satellite GPS collars in Mongolia.

This first ever long-term intensive study of the endangered cats. This program, a collaborative program of Panthera and the Snow Leopard Trust, will provide unprecedented scientific information necessary for effective conservation of snow

"It's amazing to be able to be able to see these cats in person. I spent seven years between studies, much of it in snow leopard habitat, and never even saw one. But as Peter Matthiessen wrote years ago, just knowing they're out there is enough."~ Tom McCarthy



Tom McCarthy (ISLT), Jaffar u Din (WWF-Pakistan), Din (Wildlife Watcher, NWFP Wildlife Dept), and Zara McDonald (Felidae Conservation Fund) prepare to place collar on Bayad-e Kohsaar.



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