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Snow Leopard Trust

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PICA – Pallas’s Cat International Conservation Alliance

Supported since	2015
By EAZA members	Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Nordens Ark, Snow Leopard Trust
EAZA Conservation Category	Research, Species and Populations, Awareness Raising and Capacity Building
Habitat	Steppe



Area of Tibetan Plateau, Google Maps (2017)

The RZSS formed the Pallas’s cat International Conservation Alliance (PICA) with Nordens Ark Zoo and the Snow leopard trust in 2015 to further develop conservation and research efforts for Pallas’s Cat. It is the first global conservation project for the species and aims to improve knowledge of distribution and monitoring techniques, increase knowledge on basic ecology to aid targeted conservation plans, raise awareness and conservation capacity and design strategies for a global conservation plan. With two of the three founding partners being zoological collections and the ongoing support of PICA by numerous International zoos

from Japan, North America and Europe the project prides itself, as one of many elements, on connecting ex-situ and in-situ conservation and research efforts. With activities including camera trapping research and analysis, threat surveys, education campaigns, field support projects and strategic conservation planning with the IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group PICA is implementing a multi-functional approach. With both a status review and the first global conservation action planning workshop coming in 2018 PICA is set to continue in developing targeted strategies to aid Pallas’s cat conservation.

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