

Barbary sheep, oryx, and Persian ibex 19.31.12 NMAC

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Barbary sheep: 2021 harvest

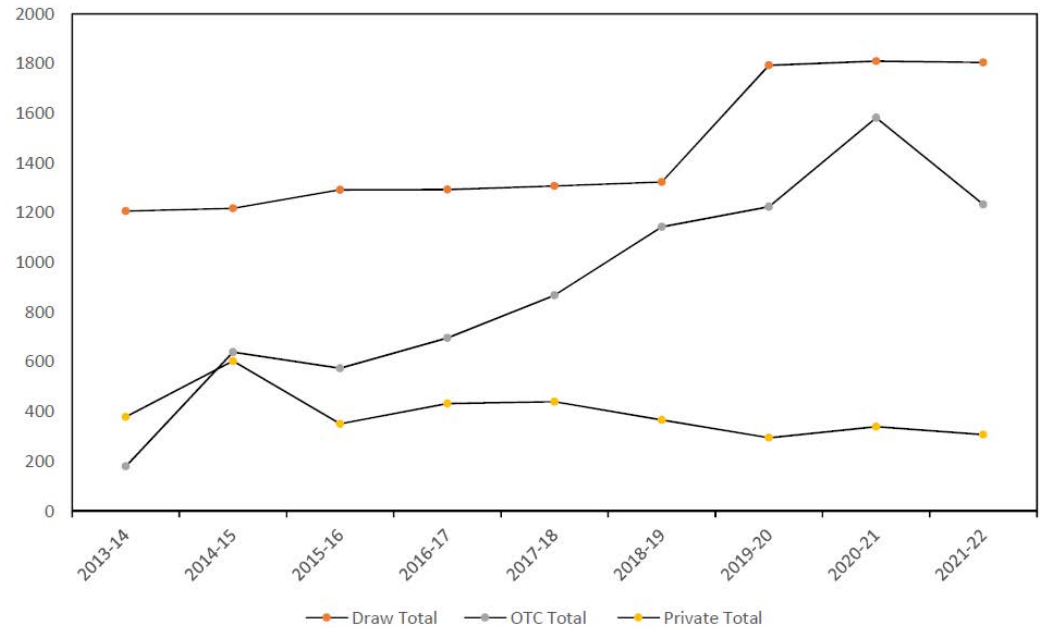


- Licenses sold: 3347
- 85% reporting
- 42% overall success
- Harvest
 - male: 726, female: 239
- Satisfaction rating: 3.5

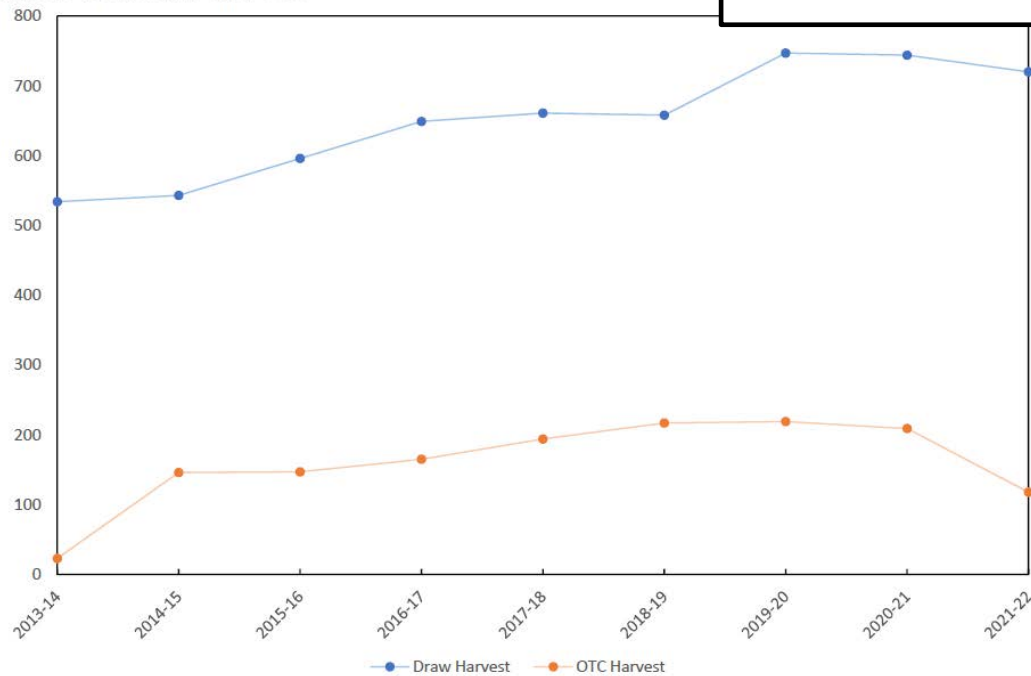


Barbary sheep

Total Amount of Licenses Sold



Harvest Total: Draw and OTC



Barbary sheep



- Proposed changes:
 - Do not combine (29/30 & 32/36/37)
 - Increase rifle hunts (5 → 8)
 - Increase draw licenses by 18%+
 - Include all of GMU 34 in OTC
 - Open all GMUs (outside of SE core areas) to OTC license holders
 - Increase McGregor hunts & add F-IM designation



Proposed Barbary sheep hunts

<i>Hunt area</i>	<i>Current licenses</i>	<i>Proposed licenses</i>
GMUs 32, 36, 37	825	850
GMUs 29, 30	925	1100
McGregor Range	40	170
GRAND TOTAL	1790	2120



Barbary sheep public feedback

- Hosted 4 hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings (78 attended in person, 74 tuned in virtually)
- 70 official public comments

Subject	Number of comments
Oppose combining units	20
Oppose increase in licenses	9
Support GMU 34 OTC	8
Support going from 5 to 8 hunts	6
Support license increase	6
Support F-IM designation	5
Support increase McGregor	6
Oppose going from 5 to 8 hunts	3
Oppose GMU 34 OTC	3
Support opening more GMUs for OTC license	3
Other	10



Oryx: 2021 harvest

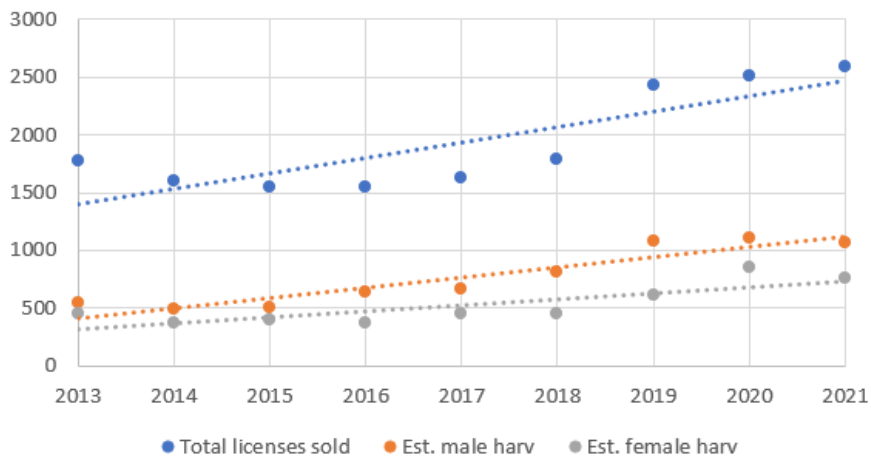


- Licenses sold: 2585
- 92% reporting
- 74% overall success
- Harvest
 - male: 1064, female: 753
- Satisfaction rating: 4.2

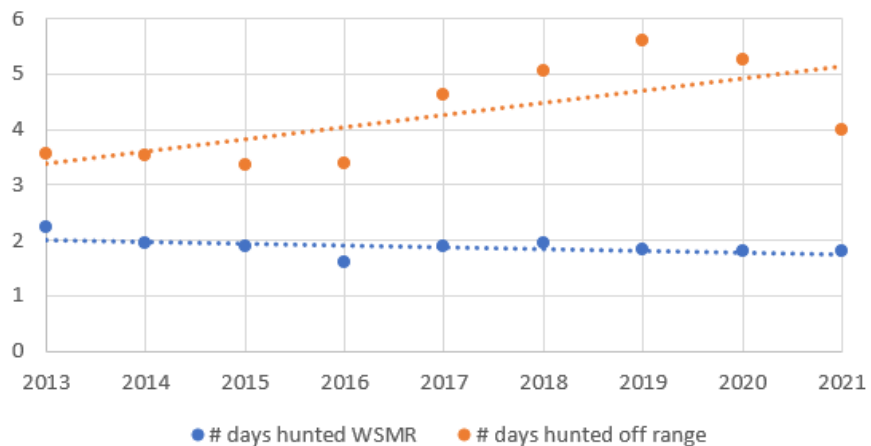


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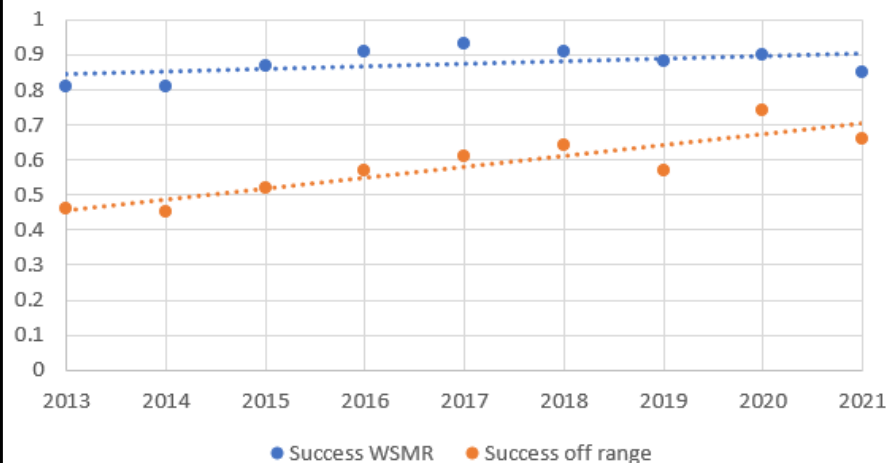
Oryx licenses and harvest through time



Effort (number of days hunted through time)



Oryx success rates through time



Oryx

- **Proposed changes:**
 - Increase off-range licenses by 20%
 - Shift season structure & slight increase in licenses on WSMR
 - Once-in-a-youth designation for on range hunts
 - Change designation of Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunt to allow any veteran to apply



Proposed oryx hunts

<i>Hunt area</i>	<i>Current licenses</i>	<i>Proposed licenses</i>
WSMR	835	910
Off-Range	1000	1200
McGregor Range	100	100
GRAND TOTAL	1935	2210



Oryx public feedback

- Hosted 4 hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings (78 attended in person, 74 tuned in virtually)
- 70 official public comments

Subject	Number of comments
Support veteran change (to "any veteran")	7
Support increased licenses	5
Opposed to increase in off range licenses	4
Support once in youth designation	4
Opposed to any increase in licenses	3
Support shifting seasons on WSMR	2
Oppose once in youth	1
Other	3



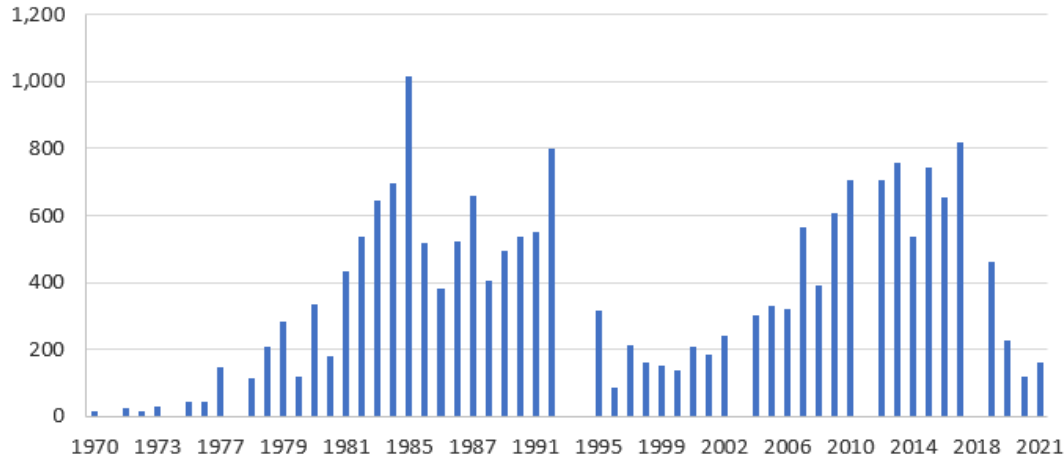
Ibex: 2021 harvest

- Licenses sold: 368
- 93% reporting
- 25% overall success
- Harvest
 - male: 34, female: 5
- Satisfaction rating: 3.0

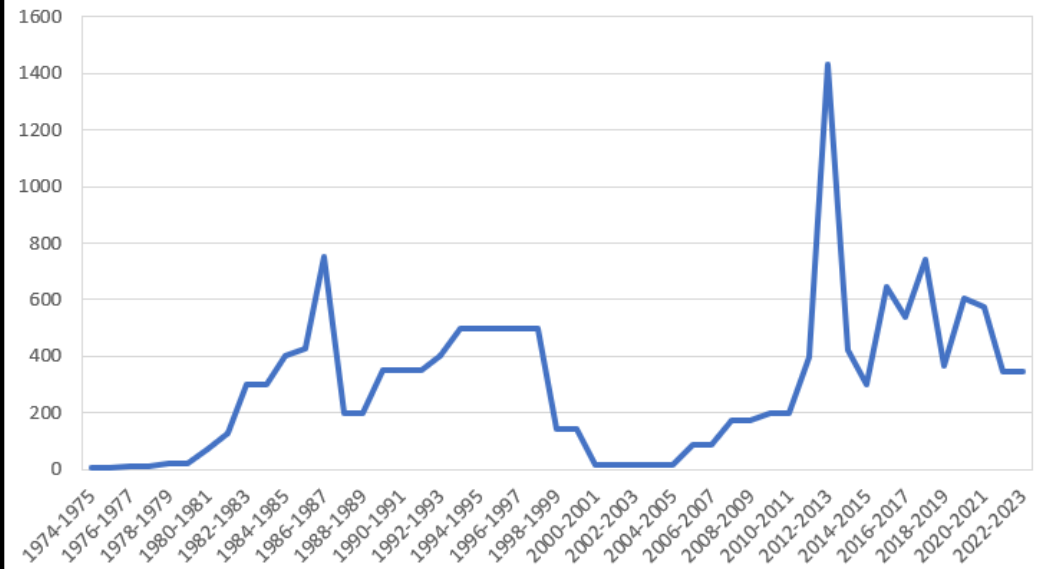


Persian ibex

Ibex: aerial survey observations



Ibex licenses



Persian ibex

- **Proposed changes**
 - Decrease licenses
 - Change F/IM definition to be <20 inches
 - Shift hunt dates
 - Once-in-a-youth
 - Continue to have muzzleloader hunt (only if proposal to remove scopes advances)



Proposed ibex hunts

<i>Hunt type</i>	<i>Current licenses</i>	<i>Proposed licenses</i>
Archery	200	200
Once in a lifetime	25	15
F-IM	25	15
Female/immature	80*	40
Youth	15	5
GRAND TOTAL	345	275



Ibex public feedback

- Hosted 4 hybrid in-person/virtual public meetings (78 attended in person, 74 tuned in virtually)
- 70 official public comments

Subject	Number of comments
No female hunts	10
Support proposals	6
Support license decreases	3
Support once in a youth designation	2
Support of archery licenses	2
Oppose change in F-IM length	2
Other	8



Comment on Proposals:
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