

BECEITE IBEX SPAIN, Linares de Mora APRIL 2010 MECHISLAV KLIMOVICH



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Capra pyrenaica hispanica

The Beceite ibex is one of three categories established for record-keeping purposes by splitting Mediterranean ibex (subspecies *hispanica*) into geographical groups based on horn size and shape. (The other two are southeastern Spanish ibex and Ronda ibex.)

DESCRIPTION This is the largest and darkest type

with the largest horns.
Typically, the horns are straighter than in Gredos ibex and have a spiral turn of less than 180



degrees. Horn thickness remains constant for half the length, then decreases toward the tip, which is not as thin as in the Gredos race. While this is the typical Beceite horn conformation, other horn shapes may be found in this region and even in the same herd.

DISTRIBUTION Mountains of Beceite and Tortosa in northeastern Spain.