



HYBRID IBEX  
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## Ziegenmischling ( G ); Chevre melangé ( F )

These ibex are a cross-breed between the "Kri-Kri Ibex" and a "Feral Goat". They live in the wild, many of these populations have been feral for centuries.

**DESCRIPTION** ( male ) Shoulder height about 32 inches ( 81 cm ). Weight 100-140 pounds ( 45-64 kg ). Males grow a large, shaggy chin beard. Females are on average 20 % smaller. The Hybrid Ibex browses on leaves, twigs and weeds and is therefore a highly destructive feeder. Able to climb trees and feed in the branches. They are diurnal and all their senses are good. These are sturdy, powerful animals with an outer coat of long, coarse hair and an undercover of fine wool. The coloration is very specific for these animals: yellowish-clear

tan body colour, with an distinctive "black cross" going from the front limbs across the center of the body towards the hind legs.

### **Warning:**

"Hybrid Ibex" that show a different coloration or have more than two skin colors will be

classified by SCI as "Feral

Goat ( Europe )." The Hybrid Ibex have a distinctive horn formation: they rise upward and backward from the skull, then spread sideways in a tight homonymous spiral.

**BEHAVIOR** Social herd animals. Females and young in good-sized herds that tend to remain in the same area. Old males in separate groups of 3-4, and may wander considerable distances, especially during the rut. Goats will breed all year, but main activity is in the fall. Breeding is promiscuous, with males of all ages participating, no harem formation, and little fighting among males. The young are born five months later, normally one but occasionally twins. Both sexes are able to breed when less than a year old.

**DISTRIBUTION** Islands off the coast of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania and Greece.

