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SUMMER PHILOLOGICAL SCHOOL — 21 UNHABITANTS OF FAR EASTERN TAIGA SOLONGOY

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Solongoy



Solongoy, or Wort (Latin: Mustela altaica) is one of the representatives of the marten family. It belongs to commercial species.

It is found in Central Asia (Mongolia, China), in the east of Central Asia, in the South of Siberia (except Tuva) and in the south of the Far East. Solongoi inhabits mountain landscapes with weak or intensive development of forest vegetation, and also settles in the foothill forest-steppe and steppe. Avoids swampy lowlands. Makes a nest in tree trunks or in other people's small abandoned burrows. Solongoy is not afraid to live near human settlements. The area of Solongoi is focal in nature.

Males are from 21 to 28 cm long with a 10-15 cm tail. Their weight is from 250 to 370 g. The females are slightly smaller, from 21 to 26 cm in length, with a 9-12. 5 cm tail. The weight of the females is from 120 to 245 g.

Its winter fur is pale gray-fawn-ochre. Summer is darker: brownish-gray with an olive tinge.

The solongoi is a very active animal, it is constantly on the move, runs very fast, despite its short legs, swims perfectly and climbs trees, clinging to branches and bark with long and sharp claws.

It feeds on various small rodents and birds, their eggs and chicks, lizards, frogs, snails and insects. Solongoy benefits by exterminating many harmful rodents. But in the hungry winter months, this elusive predator moves closer to human habitation.

The commercial value of Solongoy is small, since its density is small, and the skin of Solongoy is estimated to be no cheaper than columnar.

Resources

- 1. <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mountain_weasel</u>
- 2. https://redbook.su/zhivotnye/solongoj-zabajkalskij
- <u>https://yandex.ru/images/search?pos=35&from=tabbar&img_url=https%3A</u> %2F%2Fwww.biolib.cz%2FIMG%2FGAL%2FBIG%2F164339.jpg&text=c олонгой&rpt=simage&rlt_url=https%3A%2F%2Fplacepic.ru%2Fwpcontent%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F12%2Fi-14.jpg&ogl_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.biolib.cz%2FIMG%2FGAL%2FB IG%2F164339.jpg
- 4. https://ecoportal.info/solongoj/

The Story of Solongoi

Once, Solongoi ran through the forest to get food. It was fast and sharp. The animal collected bugs and rodents. Suddenly he saw a big bear, he hid and was scared. Solongoi ran away and the bear followed him. Solongoi saw the mole's hole and jumped into it. The bear began to dig a hole. The beast began to move away. Solongoi went out and said good-bye to the mole. Solongoi looked around and realized that he was lost. He began to search for the tracks, but the wind covered them with soil and leaves.

The little animal began to try to find its way home. The evening came. He didn't know if he was coming back or not. Solongoi realized that he wanted to sleep. He lay down by the tree and began to fall asleep.

Solongoi woke up. He looked around and went on looking for a house. Suddenly he saw a small hillock similar to his house. He ran up and saw that it was the home of another Solongoi family. The animal walked for a few more minutes and saw its home. Solongoi approached and saw his family. They were all very happy because they were worried about him.

