

Just 70,000 to 100,000 Tibetan antelope remain

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(AFP) The number of the endangered Tibetan antelope has fallen from about one million a century ago to between 70,000 and 100,000, Xinhua news agency quoted People's Congress member Abdulla Abbas from Xinjiang province as saying. Abbas called for strict protection of a new base for Tibetan antelope breeding in the western part of Kunlun Mountains in Xinjiang, where about 4,000 to 4,500 female antelopes have given birth to lambs. *"We should take prompt measures to protect the new breeding place, since it has not been under any protection yet,"* said the university professor on the sidelines of the National People's Congress.

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