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(with my excuse  
for my bad  
english.....)

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Dear Dr. Shoemaker.

Many thanks for your letter Sept. 5, 1988  
and my excuse for the delay to answer.

Many thanks also for the leopard studybooks.  
Obviously, 272-495 leopards for the whole  
of Burundi. <sup>is too much</sup> Let us remember that 90% of

Burundi is cultivated (or cattle - areas)  
It is awfully difficult to see leopard  
but it seems, however, that the Felidae  
very nocturnal, is able of some adaptation  
to anthropic areas. - Actually, there are  
no more than 2,000 wild ungulates

(except bushbuck) <sup>TRAGELAPINS</sup> in the whole of Burundi  
but leopard could live on cattle, goats  
and the best way would be to question  
the peasants. (where leopards occur)

In Ruwoba Park, I never saw herds  
of this Felidae and there are few animals  
in Congo-Nilic crete..

So, I should suggest that 120 as  
indicated by WILSON, could be a  
good estimation.

Do not hesitate to contact me if  
you wish more information (also  
for other species and other countries)  
Sincerely yours