

NATURE AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION UNION GERMANY (NABU)

PROJECTS REPORTING TEMPLATE FOR SAIGA-RELATED ACTIVITIES

This reporting template is designed to collate information on projects carried out by intergovernmental, international non-governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as academics and other experts working on any aspect of Saiga antelope conservation and sustainable use. Information will be compiled into a table for discussion at Saiga MOU meetings. The information will be used to: (1) monitor implementation of the [Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope \(*Saiga spp.*\)](#) and the associated [Medium Term International Work Programme](#); (2) support exchange of information throughout the range and beyond, and assist the identification of necessary future actions; and (3) support the implementation of CITES Decisions 18.270-18.274 on Saiga antelope (*Saiga spp.*).

Please complete sections as appropriate and **return to the CMS Secretariat**.

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Project: Community-based Wildlife Management in the Ustyurt Region with focus on saiga antelope, environmental education for saiga, and related activities.				
Country:	China	<input type="checkbox"/>	Turkmenistan	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kazakhstan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Uzbekistan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Mongolia	<input type="checkbox"/>	International	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Russia	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Duration of project:	from <u>2015</u> to <u>continues</u>			
Location(s) of main activity:				
Sub-species:	<i>Saiga tatarica tatarica</i> *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<i>Saiga tatarica mongolica</i> *	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Areas of work:				
Anti-poaching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Habitat restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Population monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Protected area management	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ecological research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Training & capacity-building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Education and awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Law enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	

* Note that CMS Parties have adopted Wilson, D.E. & Reeder, D.M. (2005) Mammal Species of the World. A taxonomic and geographic reference. Third edition. John Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, USA as taxonomic reference for terrestrial mammals through [Recommendation 9.4](#) where *S. t. tatarica* is referred to as *Saiga tatarica* and *S. t. mongolica* is referred to as *Saiga borealis*.

Alternative livelihoods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trade issues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic research	<input type="checkbox"/>	Captive breeding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Range mapping	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reintroduction/release	<input type="checkbox"/>
Habitat research	<input type="checkbox"/>		

For each box ticked, please provide brief details in the project summary box below

Project Summary: NABU focuses its saiga conservation activities on community-based conservation of the Ustyurt population. The main activities take place in the Kazakhstan part of the range area, but due to the transboundary character the activities are of relevance for Uzbekistan too and may be expanded there in the future. Additionally NABU supports educational activities through the production of didactic materials (animated movies, comics, schoolbook) and is involved in the international discussion on conservation and sustainable use of saiga antelope through the participation of its experts in international meetings under the umbrella of the CMS Saiga MoU (NGO signatory) and the SCA (NABU Federal Working Group Eurasia is institutional member).

Planned Activities:

- 1) Development of community-based saiga conservation of the Ustyurt population in Kazakhstan through community level NGOs and the integration of saiga conservation and sustainable use with other land use (mobile grazing systems);
- 2) Production/update of education materials;
- 3) Participation in international discussions on saiga conservation and sustainable use.

Achievements to date:

- 1) Community-based conservation of saiga antelope in the Ustyurt region is developing, to date:
 - a. Three community-based NGOs established by local villagers, incl. former poachers, in four villages of the Ustyurt region and two more initiative groups are emerging;
 - b. The local NGOs established the Association of NGO in West Kazakhstan “Tabigi Orta” as umbrella organization;
 - c. Voluntary inspection of Tabigi Orta in the process or being established;
 - d. First protection activities by local NGO members, collaboration with Nature Protection Police of Aktobe oblast and Okhotzoprom;
 - e. Monitoring activities together with NGO members.
- 2) Two animated movies, two comic books, one schoolbook (in five languages) – mostly pre 2015:
 - a. Comic book based on second animated movie prepared for printing;
 - b. Schoolbook in process of updating.
- 3) Participation in several saiga related international meetings, in particular Technical Workshop Vilm 2019:
 - a. Contributions on the discussion process with regard to community-based conservation and management and sustainable use/international trade;
 - b. Advice to SCA’s intern drafting a study on sustainable use of saiga on all relevant aspects.

Reports / Publications / Information material:

- https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/sites/default/files/medien/1411/beratungshilfe/info_44-10_en_1.pdf
- Project reports to the Advisory Assistance Program (in German);
- www.nabu.de (in process of being updated, incl. English language version, full link can be provided after update);

Collaborators: Committee for Forestry and Wildlife under the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Nature Resources of Kazakhstan, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan, NGO CINEST, NGO EcoMuseum, Association Tabigi Orta and member NGOs, Nature Protection Police, Okhotzooprom	
Budget available: approx. 50,000 – 100,000 EUR/p.a. depending on fundraising success	
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