



CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION, RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE SAIGA ANTELOPE

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NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT FOR THE SAIGA ANTELOPE MOU AND ACTION PLAN

This national reporting format is designed to 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](#) by the MOU Signatories. It has been endorsed by the First Meeting of the Signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (Almaty, 25-26 September 2006). Reports on implementation will support exchange of information throughout the range and assist the identification of necessary future actions by the Signatories. The format has been designed to support the needs of the Range States, the MOU and CMS. Information gathered will also support the implementation CITES Decisions [14.91 \(Rev. CoP16\)](#), [14.93 \(Rev. CoP16\)](#) & [16.95 to 16.101](#).

Please complete as appropriate and **return to the CMS Secretariat**, keeping in mind that not all sections are relevant to each State.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Range State name:
1. 1.2. Designated Focal Point with responsibility to co-ordinate MoU implementation (full contact details):
1.3. _____ Date submitted: dd/mm/yyyy
1.4. _____ Period covered by the report: From dd/mm/yyyy to dd/mm/yyyy
1.5. List of other agencies or NGOs that have provided input to this report:

2. CMS MoU

2.1. Has the MoU been signed? Yes No N/A

2.2. Date signed: dd/mm/yyyy

2.3. If the MoU has not been signed, what is the target date for signing?

3. SAIGA POPULATIONS

3.1. Are Saiga present all year or seasonally? All year Seasonal

3.2. If seasonal, list the months of occurrence [e.g., 3-10, 11-2]

3.3. Current total population estimate.

3.4. Overall population trend Up Down Stable Mixed Unknown

3.5. List main subpopulations (if applicable) with estimated size and trend.

3.6. Is there a national recording system/database for Saiga? Yes No

3.7. Name of agency/agencies maintaining records/database.

3.8. At what intervals is the population monitored? Annually Seasonally Ad hoc N/A

3.9. What proportion of the population is monitored?
 >75% 50-75% 10-49% <10% None N/A

3.10. List agency/agencies carrying out monitoring.

3.11. Methods used to carry out monitoring. Aerial Ground Vehicle
Mixed

3.12. If mixed, please give details by subpopulation/area.

3.13.
Date of most recent monitoring effort: dd/mm/yyyy

3.14. Does monitoring cover:

population size? Yes No

sex/age structure? Yes No

reproductive rate? Yes No

3.15. What measures have been taken to standardise monitoring methodology with other states?

3.16. What is the status of Saiga in the national Red Data Book/Red List?

4. HABITAT

4.1. What proportion of Saiga habitat has been lost [.....%] or degraded? [.....%]

4.2. What efforts have been made to restore degraded habitat and to what extent have these been successful?

4.3. Is Saiga habitat intact or fragmented?

Intact Moderately Fragmented Severely fragmented

4.4. List any significant physical barriers on Saiga migration routes: (e.g. pipelines, roads, railways, canals).

4.5. Is the impact of proposed developments in Saiga range assessed? Yes No

4.6. How is this enforced?

4.7. What percentage of Saiga range is covered by protected areas? [.....%]

4.8. List all protected areas in Saiga range, together with IUCN management category, area (hectares), seasons/months when Saiga are present, estimated number of Saiga present, and whether these include rutting/calving areas.

Name	Size (ha)	IUCN category	Months Saiga present	Estimated numbers	Rutting	Calving

4.9. List any other protected areas that have been proposed or identified?

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4.10. List key areas of Saiga range lacking any protected areas.

5. POPULATIONS SHARED BETWEEN RANGE STATES

5.1 What transboundary initiatives have been taken for Saiga populations shared with neighbouring States or that migrate to other Range States?

5.2 List any transboundary protected areas.

5.3 List any transboundary protected areas that are planned.

6. LAWS, INSTITUTIONS & TRADE

6.1. List Government agencies active in Saiga conservation and management and their functions related to Saiga.

6.2. Has a national strategy or action plan for Saiga been developed? Yes No
[Details]

6.3. What is the legal status of Saiga?

6.4. Provide details and references of relevant legislation.

6.5. How does current legislation regulate

- hunting of Saiga?
- keeping and breeding of Saiga?
- possession of Saiga parts and derivatives?
- domestic trade in Saiga parts and derivatives?
- import and (re-) export of Saiga parts and derivatives, and live animals?

- 6.6. Which agencies or departments are in charge of enforcing the legislation?
 [Indicate those charged with *in situ* protection, e.g. anti-poaching or surveillance of protected areas, and those charged with controlling legal and illegal trade in Saiga.]
- 6.7. What penalties are applicable for infringements of the legislation?
- 6.8. Provide details of activities undertaken since 2004 to control legal and illegal trade in parts and derivatives of Saiga, including: controls and inspections; seizures and confiscations; and prosecutions.
- 6.9. Do stocks of horns or other Saiga products exist in your country? If so, provide details on: size and nature of the stocks; source of the stocks; owners of the stocks; stock registration and monitoring system; and controls of these stocks.
- 6.10. What happens to confiscated parts and derivatives? Destroyed Stored
 [Details]
- 6.11. Have customs and other law enforcement officers been made aware of legislation concerning Saiga? Have they received training in identifying Saiga parts and derivatives?
- 6.12. Provide details of activities undertaken since 2004 to protect Saiga *in situ*, including: patrolling and surveying efforts; anti-poaching actions; prosecutions for poaching, etc.
- 6.13. What proportion of Saiga range is covered by ranger or police patrols? [.....%]
- 6.14. Are these patrols effective in protecting Saiga?
- 6.15. What resources (personnel, material, financial) are required to ensure effectiveness of the patrols?
- 6.16. Do patrols cover birthing and rutting areas? Yes No Partially N/A
 [Details]

6.17. Do rangers inside and outside protected areas have the power of arrest? Yes No
[Details]

6.18. Why are Saiga poached? Has illegal killing of Saiga increased/decreased/stabilized over the last three years?

6.19. What is the estimated proportion of illegal hunting for horns [.....%]; for meat [.....%]; or for both [.....%]?

6.20. Provide details of the domestic legal/illegal market for Saiga products in your country, indicating its size and nature, and whether it is growing, stable or declining.

6.21. Provide details of the legal and illegal international trade in Saiga products from your country during the last five years.

6.22. Give details of any socio-economic surveys carried out concerning poaching of and illegal trade in Saiga. [details, institution, date, results].

6.23. List any problems in implementing aspects of CITES relating to Saiga.

6.24. Describe initiatives undertaken to facilitate alternative livelihoods in communities within Saiga range.

7. CAPTIVE BREEDING

7.1. Does your country operate capture breeding facilities? Yes No N/A

7.2. List existing captive breeding facilities [locality, name, managing agency].

7.3. How many Saiga are held in total and at individual centres?

7.4. Is reproduction successful? Yes No
[Details]

7.5. Give details of any co-operation with captive breeding facilities in other states?

7.6. Have any captive-bred animals been transferred to other range states? Yes No
[Details]

7.7. Have any captive bred animals been released into the wild? Yes No
[number/sex/date/locality]

7.8. Are released animals subject to monitoring? Yes No N/A
[Details]

7.9. Are any releases planned? Yes No
[Details]

7.10. Are any new captive breeding centres planned? Yes No
[Details]

8. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

8.1. Describe the public's awareness regarding Saiga.

8.2. Describe educational and publicity materials and programmes that have been developed for:

Schools

General public

Press and Media

8.3. Is any information available on the Internet? Yes No
[Details]

8.4. List any surveys carried out to assess changes in public attitudes to Saiga.

9. ECOLOGICAL STUDIES

- 9.1. Have any studies been carried out on habitat requirements? Yes No
[Details]
- 9.2. Is the location of rutting and calving grounds known? Yes No
[Details]
- 9.3. Are migration routes known? Yes No
[Details]
- 9.4. Have any studies into dietary competition with domestic livestock been undertaken? Yes
 No
[Details]
- 9.5. Has any research into disease and pathogens been carried out? Yes No
[Details]
- 9.6. List any recent and ongoing ecological studies, with details of reports or publications.
Yes No
[Details]
- 9.7. Are the causes of natural mortality understood? Yes No
[Details]
- 9.8. What are the main natural predators?
- 9.9. Are there any predator control programmes in the Saiga's range? Yes No
[Details]

10. THREATS

Rate the impact of the main threats to Saiga in your country

	Nil	Low	Medium	High	Very high	Unknown
Hunting for meat						
Hunting for horns/trade						
Habitat loss						
Livestock competition						
Disease						
Climate						
Climate						
Predation						
Fragmentation						
Demographic factors						
Barriers to migration						
Other (Please specify)						

11. ACTION

Which priority measures to conserve or restore Saiga does your country wish to take in the next 5 years?

12. OTHER MEASURES

Please provide details of any other country-specific actions taken that have not been covered yet.