

# The Saiga Conservation Alliance

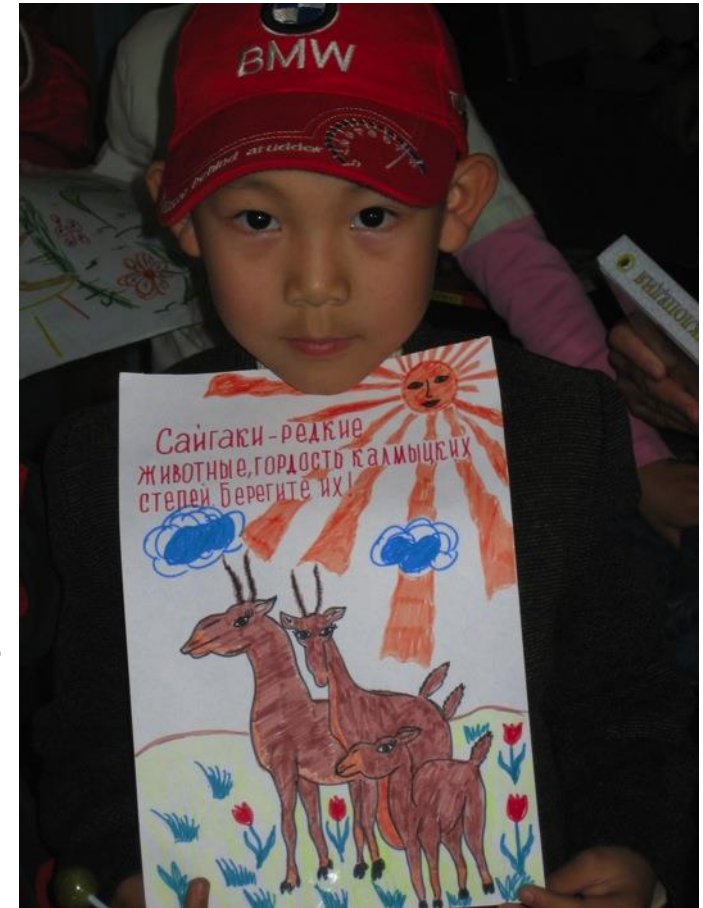


UK-registered charity 1135851

Signatory to CMS Saiga MOU since 2010

# Our way of working

- We are a network of scientists and conservationists **working collaboratively, freely sharing our expertise and enthusiasm** for saigas.
- We work **across saiga range states on grassroots projects** informed by **sound science**.
- We **share our work** widely - to those working for saiga conservation, the public throughout the world, governments and the wider conservation community.



# Main activities in reporting period

- Communication and coordination [later]
- Grants for conservation and research
- Awards and recognition of conservation achievements
- Public engagement (especially children)
- Supporting in-country priority actions

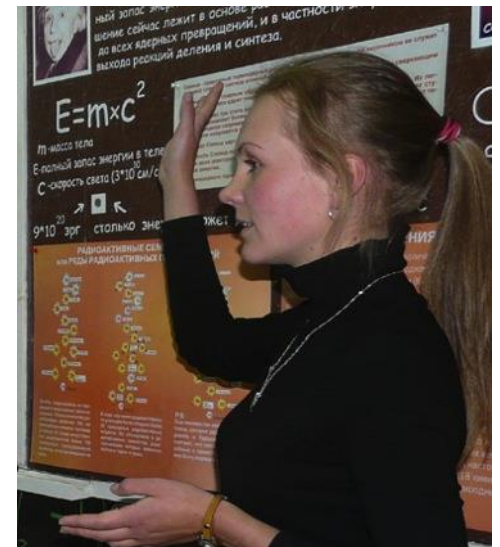


# Small Grants (since 2008)

- To support **individual grass roots conservationists**
- Simple form in English or Russian
- Support and engagement with SCA team
- Conserving saigas **in the wild** supporting CMS MTIWP
- \$2,000 or \$20,000 for a 1 year project
- Not for salaries or parts of big projects
- Supported **29 projects** in **5 countries**, awarded **\$97,177**
- Range of topics: **research, protection, education**



Makset Kosbergenov - UZ



Vera Voronova - KZ

# Anti-poaching awards (since 2014)

- To recognise excellence in anti-poaching work for saigas by an individual or a team
- Recognising very hard and dangerous work
- Award of \$1000 plus a certificate

2015 – Major Enkhbat - MN



2014 – Irgiz-Turgay reserve - KZ



# Young Conservation Leader awards (since 2014)

- To engage young people in the range states in saiga conservation actions related to the MTIWP
- Grant of \$1000 plus mentoring and access to the wider SCA network

Aigul' Aitbaeva -RU



Sergelen Erdenebaatar - MN



Olga Esipova - UZ



# Public engagement – children In Uzbekistan, Russia, Kazakhstan

- Saiga Day
- Steppe Wildlife Clubs
- Murals, cartoons, videos
- School books, leaflets
- Songs, sporting events
- Camps, art competitions
- Teacher training and materials
- Exchange of best practice
- Links between clubs, countries

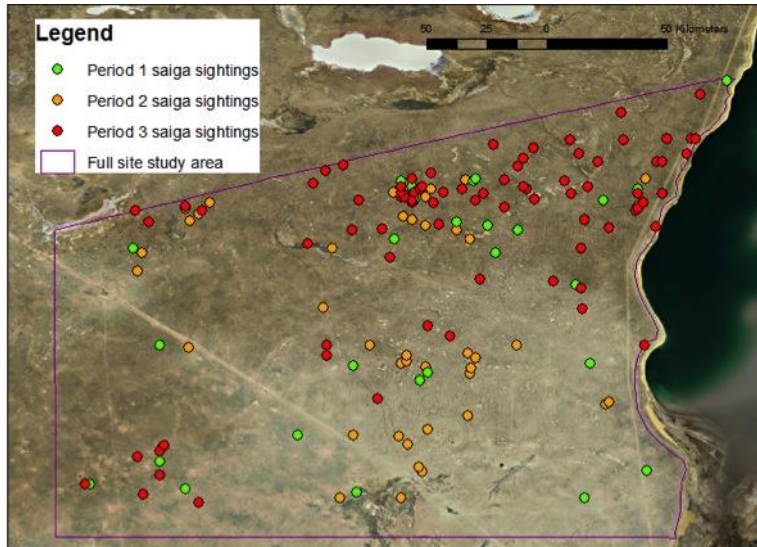






# Uzbekistan programme

- **Education** – training teachers, cartoons, schoolbooks, videos, mural
- **Public awareness** – Saiga Day, Steppe Wildlife Club
- **Alternative livelihoods** – Embroidery project
- **Saiga monitoring** – participatory monitors, scientific expeditions
- **Supporting government** – designation of Saigachy reserve, ranger training, offsetting
- **Research** – evaluating saiga programme, monitoring knowledge and attitudes, saiga distribution and ecology



# Russia

- Supporting the **Stepnoi reserve**: anti-poaching, eco-tourism, public awareness, monitoring
- Supporting the **Centre for Wild Animals**: participatory monitoring, Yashkul' breeding centre, Saiga Days and educational work
- **Small grants** to several other people (e.g. V. Nostaeva for education, P. Amosov for saiga monitoring, E. Adgishev for linking Buddhism and saiga conservation)



# Kazakhstan

- Working with ACBK on: public awareness, Saiga Days and Steppe Wildlife Clubs, MOU coordination, mass mortality investigation, participatory monitoring.



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# Mongolia

- Supporting young scientists; e.g. helped Bayarbaatar Buuveibaatar to get a WCN scholarship for his studies, and gave small grants for his ecological research
- Supported WWF-Mongolia's work with customs inspectors with a small grant



# China

- Supported WCS-China with a series of small grants for work on market surveys and awareness-raising with public, government, traders and medical practitioners



# International facilitation, local support

- The SCA is a network **open to all** and facilitates international communications with donors and the public
- Helps with sharing **best practice** between people doing similar things in different countries
- Developing and implementing projects that require **international cooperation**
- Building capacity for **conservation leaders** of the future

Come and hear directly from our  
award winners and grant recipients  
*Hotel Uzbekistan, Thursday, 2pm!*