

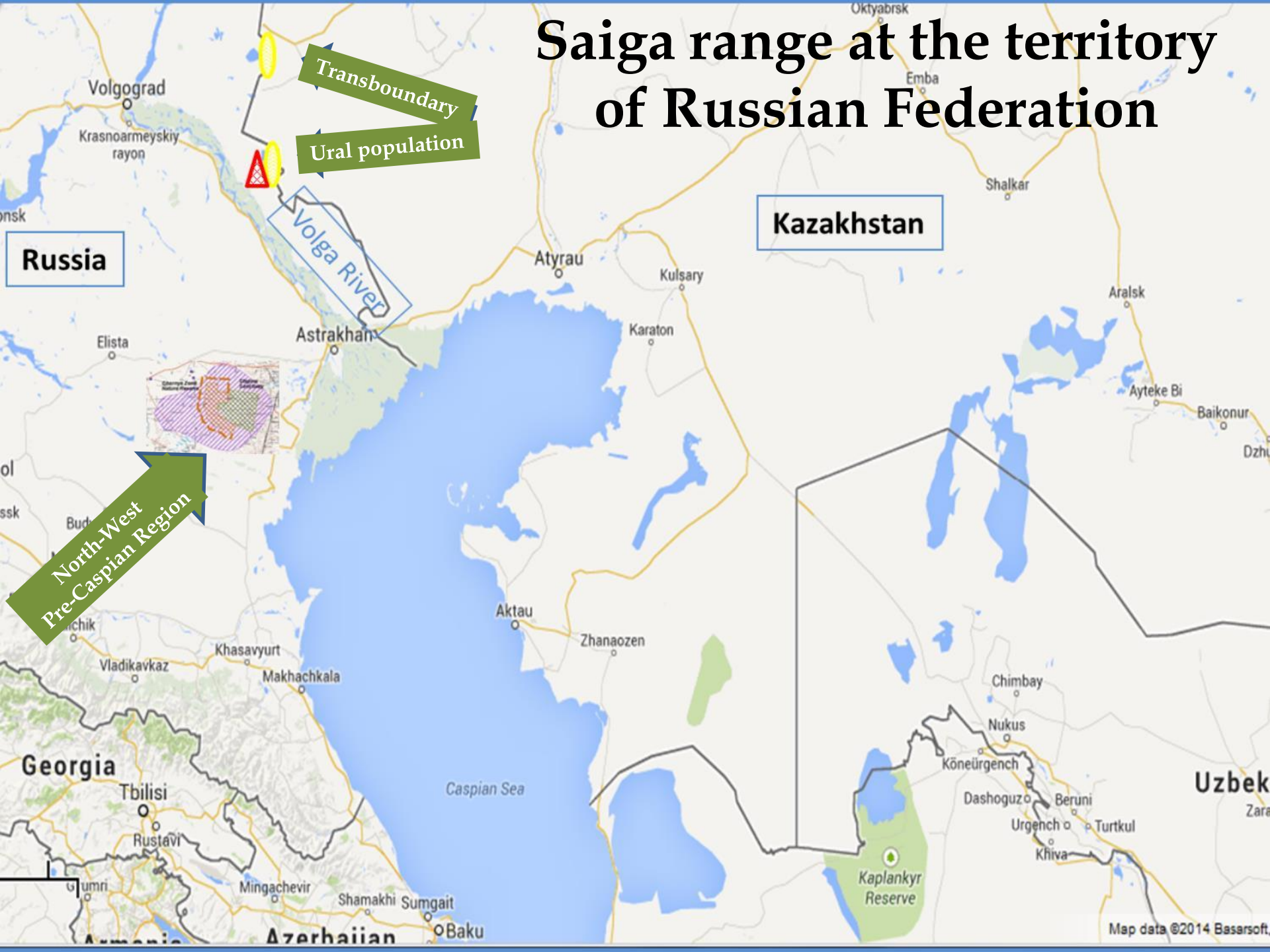
THIRD MEETING OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION, RESTORATION
AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE SAIGA ANTELOPE

Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 26-29 October 2015

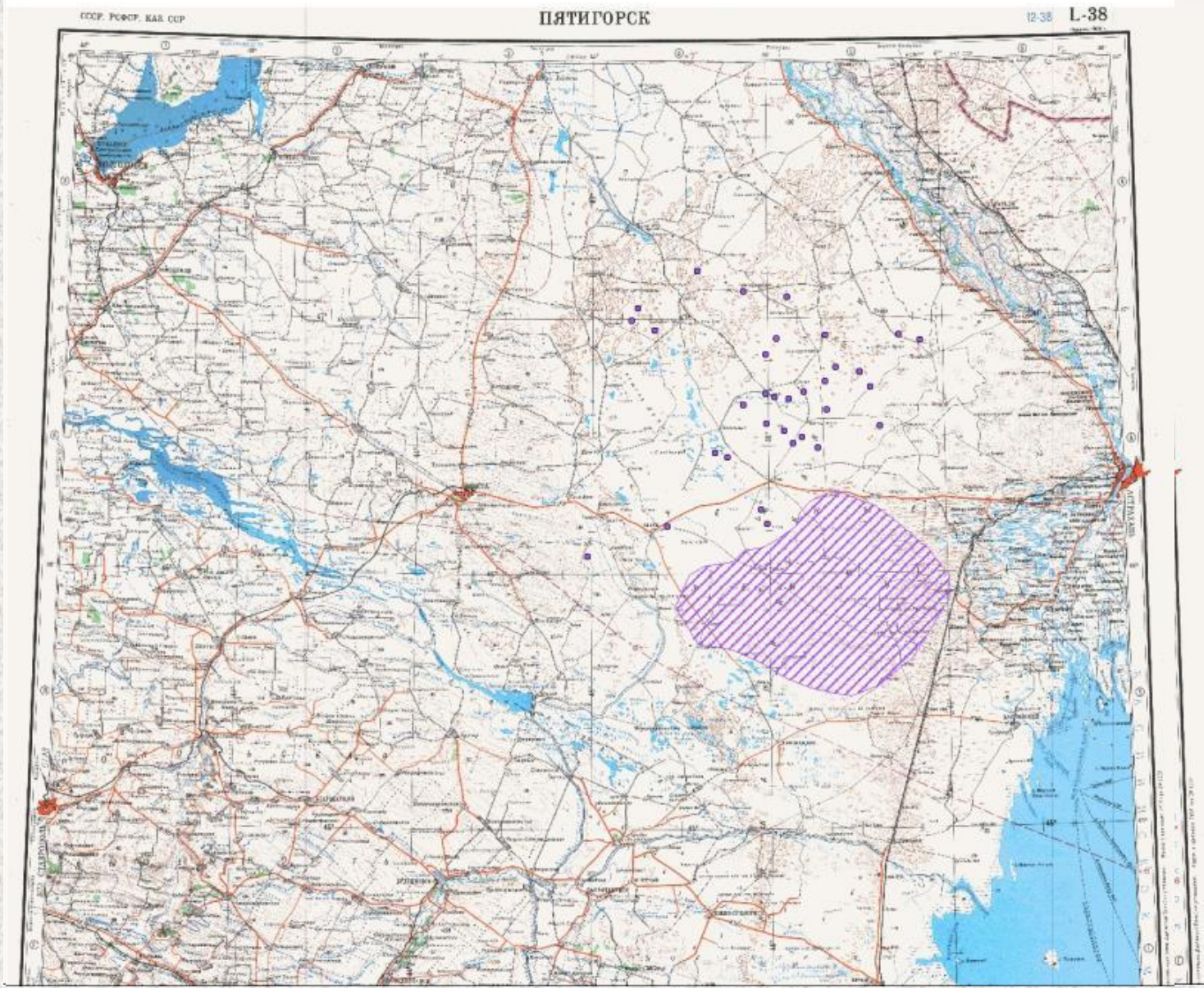


Saiga in the Russian Federation
Brief National Report

Saiga range at the territory of Russian Federation



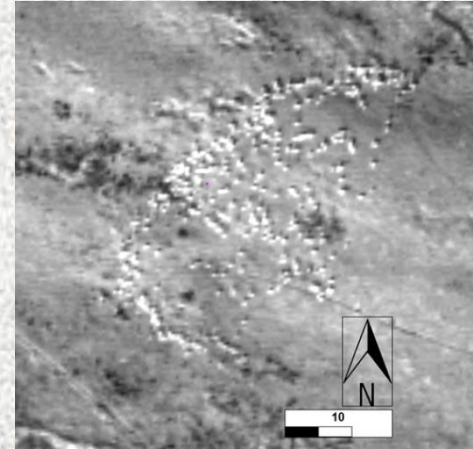
Changes in Saiga range (North-West Pre-Caspian region) from the middle of the last century



Monitoring of Saiga population



Aerial survey using UAV

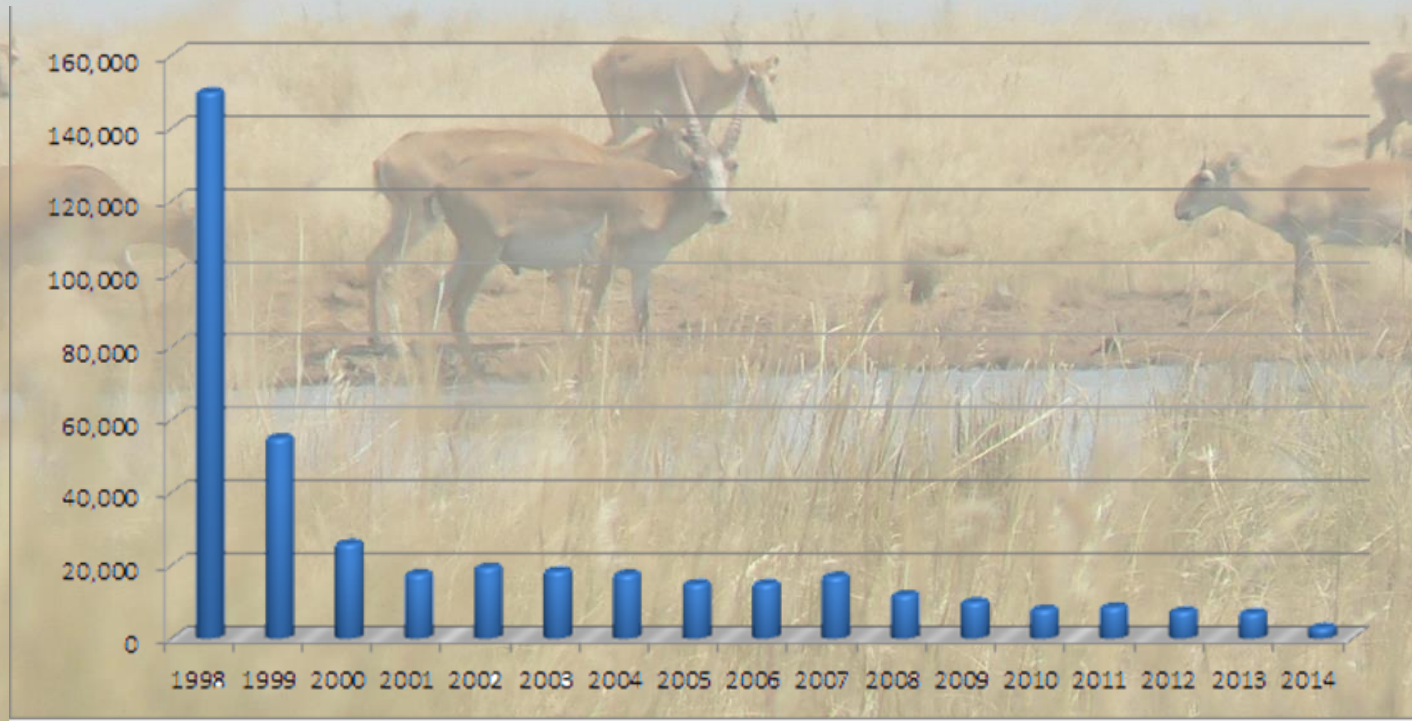


Using high resolution satellite images

Different methods of ground survey

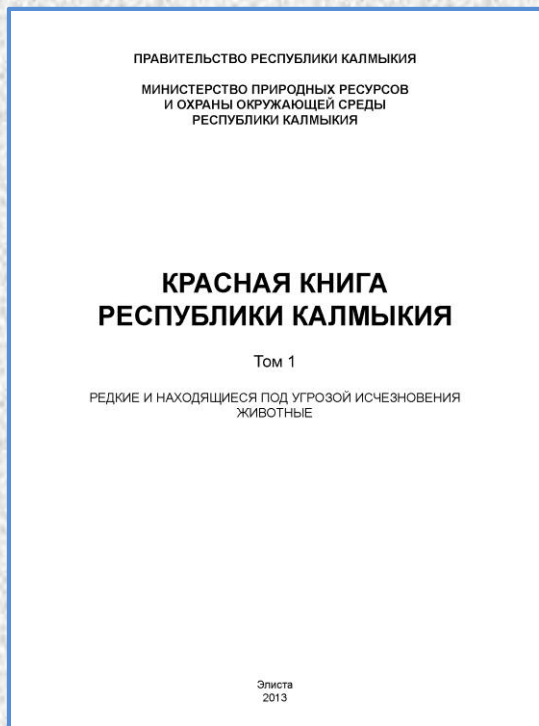


The long-term dynamics of the of the North-West Pre-Caspian region saiga population



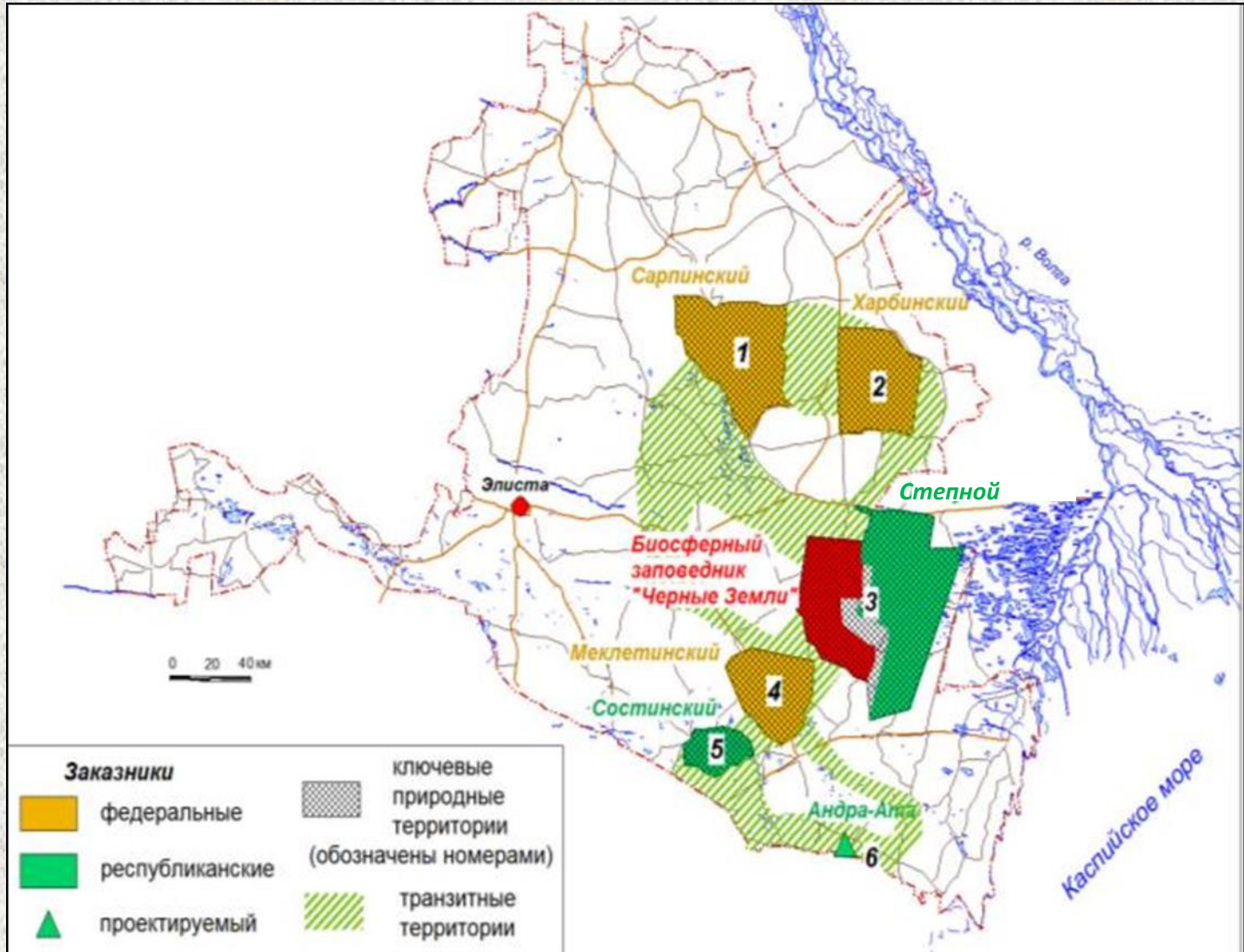
The population is in critical conditions!

Saiga in the Red Data Books



**Following to a decision of the Commission for
Red Data Book of Russian Federation
Saiga will be included into the next issue of it**

Protected areas of different level (federal and regional) at the territory of the North-West Pre-Caspian region which should be integrated into the ecological network for saiga conservation



Transboundary activities

- **2012 - Agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan on protection, restoration and sustainable use of the Volga-Ural population;**
- **2012-2015 – exchange of information between the competent authorities of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan on transboundary saiga movements;**



Transboundary activities

2015 – The First meeting of the Working Group for the coordination of cooperation within the framework of the Agreement has been conducted in the Republic of Kazakhstan

Decisions:

- Operational interaction among competent authorities of Russia and Kazakhstan;**
- Adopt «best practice» methodologies for reliable counting of saiga populations in both countries;**
- Extension of the Agreement on the Betpak-Daka population**



Authorized state organizations

Federal level:




-  **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation**
-  **FSBE «Centerokhotkontrol»**
-  **FSBE «All-Russian research institute «Ecology»**
- **FSBE State Nature Reserve:**
 -  **«Chernye Zemli»**
 -  **«Bogdinsko-Baskunchaksky»**



Authorized state organizations

Regional level:

Subjects of the Russian Federation located at the territory of the North-West Pre-Caspian region:

-  **Service of environmental management and nature protection of the Astrakhan oblast:**
-  **Sanctuary «Stepnoi»;**
-  **Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic Kalmykia;**







Authorized state organizations



Regional level:


Subjects of the Russian Federation located at the territory between the Volga and the Ural rivers:

-  Department of wildlife of the Committee of Natural Resources and Environment of the Volgograd oblast;
-  Committee of Hunting and Fishing management of the Saratov oblast;
-  Department of Hunting and Fishing management of the Samara oblast;
-  Department of Hunting Management of the Ministry of Forestry and Hunting of the Orenburg

Authorized state organizations



Russian Academy of Sciences:

-  **The A.N.Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution (IEE)**

Responsibilities:

- development of scientific bases and recommendations for the conservation and management of Saiga;
- CITES Scientific authority



Legal status

- Game resource;
- Hunting fully and universally banned;
- Criminal responsibility;
- Strictly protected areas of federal and regional level;
- Red Data Books of Republic of Kalmykia, Orenburg and Omsk oblasts.

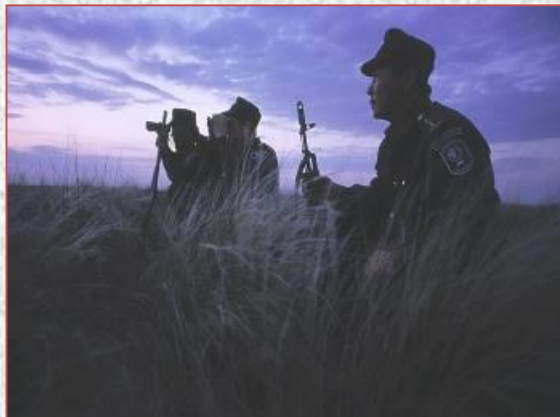
It is necessary: The deepening and intensification of cooperation with the range states, consumer states and the CITES



Fight against poaching is intensified recently

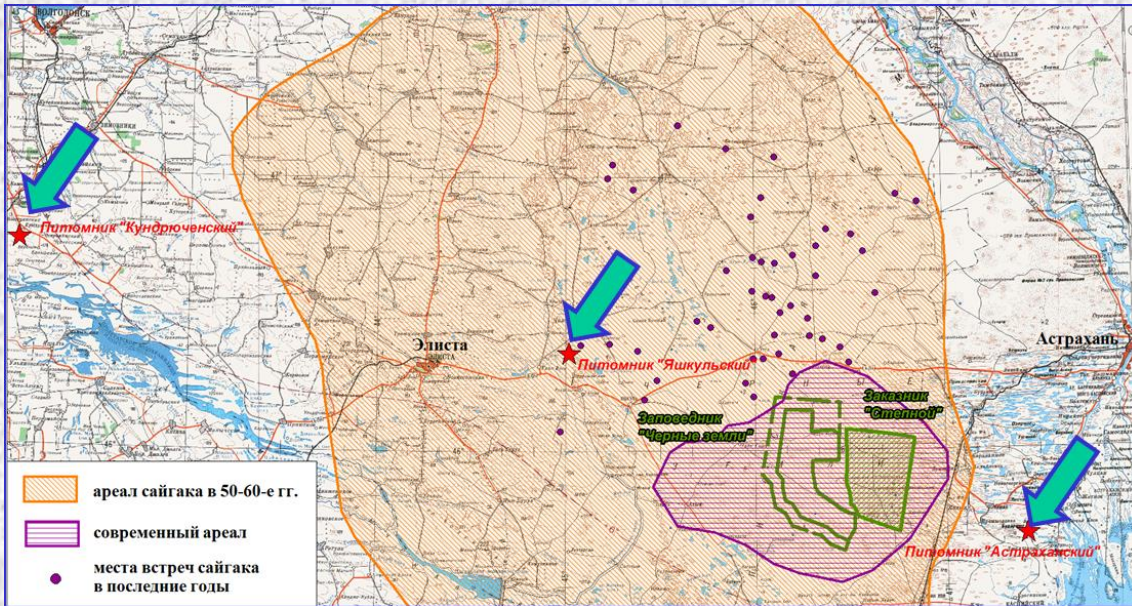


- September-October 2015 – arrest poachers;
- Criminal cases are brought;
- Seized 50 horns;
- Seized 16 motorcycles, and firearms.

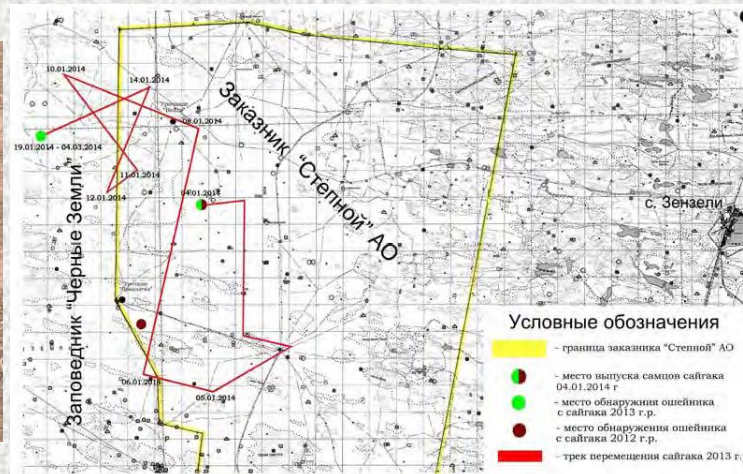


Activities:

Saiga captive breeding: there are three breeding centers:



Release saiga from breeding centers to the Nature



Activities:

Public awareness



За убийство сайгака теперь могут посадить

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От редакции

Ваше внимание привлекает информация о состоянии здоровья сайгаков, обитающих в заказнике «Степани» Астраханской области? Мы рады сообщить, что в настоящее время все поголовье животных находится в хорошем состоянии. В настоящее время в заказнике «Степани» обитает около 1000 сайгаков. В настоящее время в заказнике «Степани» обитает около 1000 сайгаков. В настоящее время в заказнике «Степани» обитает около 1000 сайгаков.

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Challenges

- **Insufficient protection;**
- **There is no regular monitoring especially with use of the modern standard methods;**



- **The lack of attention to saiga in captivity;**
- **The lack of international mechanisms for oppositions of illegal trade**

Priority areas

- Ensuring continuous escort of saigas by mobile specialized groups of rangers;
- Carry out annual population monitoring using appropriate methods;

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- A herd of saiga deer is shown in a natural, grassy environment. The deer are brown and appear to be grazing or resting. The background is a clear, light blue sky.
- Development and deployment of modern methods of monitoring (UAV, remote sensing, tagging by satellite colors) and saiga protection;

Priority areas

- Extension of captive breeding techniques;
 - Developing rapid DNA (or other modern method) analysis for establishment of horns/meat harvesting grounds;
 - **The deepening and intensification of cooperation with the range states, consumer states and the CITES;**
 - **Strengthen and expand public participation in restoration and protection of Saigas.**
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- A photograph of two Saiga antelope deer standing in a muddy, shallow pond. The deer are facing left, with their heads lowered to drink from the water. The background is a blurred natural setting with green foliage and a body of water.



Thank you for your attention