



CITES and saiga antelopes at CoP18

Joint CMS-CITES Technical workshop under the MoU
concerning conservation, restoration and sustainable use of the
Saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.)
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Saiga and CITES

- *Saiga tatarica* and *Saiga borealis*: included in Appendix II since 1995
- Since CoP13 (2004): Decisions directed to saiga range States and principal consumer and trading States to support CMS saiga MoU
- CoP14 (2007), CoP15 (2010), CoP16 (2013), CoP17 (2016): Decisions were each time maintained and updated
- CoP17 **Decisions 17.267 to 17.274**: Implementation reported to CoP18 in **document CoP18 Doc. 86**
 - *Directed to the 5 range States of saiga antelope (Saiga spp.), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives (China, incl. Hong Kong SAR; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Singapore; and Viet Nam)*
 - *Directed to the Secretariat and the Standing Committee*



Submitted by the Standing Committee

Implementation of Decisions 17.267 to 17.271

(cfr. detailed Secretariat report to SC70 in document SC70 Doc. 58)

- *Based on information by the Russian Federation and Uzbekistan; and China, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Viet Nam*
- *Based on trade analysis by UNEP-WCMC for 2007-2016, and seizure data for 2015-2017 (annual illegal trade reports and UNODC WorldWISE)*
- None of the Parties reported particular problems or challenges in regulating trade in specimens of saiga antelope
- Legal international trade in saiga parts and derivatives seemed to decline overall in the last decade, with a shift towards trade in finished products, and was largely limited to transactions between a few Asian non-range States
- The number of reported seizures and the amount of saiga specimens involved remained small, with most instances referring to seizures of medicines outside Asia or saiga range States



Implementation of Decision 17.273

- New draft decisions to continue successful collaboration between CITES and CMS on saiga antelope
- The Secretariat to work with Parties to ensure that Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope (MTIWP) 2021-2025 reflect CITES priorities and concerns
 - Incl. legal and illegal trade in saiga specimens; demand reduction; legal frameworks; stockpile management; cross border enforcement collaboration and training; marking and identification of saiga parts and derivatives; engagement between *in situ* conservation and the Asian medicine industry; improved collaboration among saiga range States to implement CITES by further harmonizing their legislation regarding offences involving illegal trade in saiga parts and derivatives; strengthening cross-border enforcement teamwork, especially in the context of regional trade and customs cooperation
- Draft decisions should address concerns with stockpile management and monitoring



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Directed to range States of saiga antelope (Saiga spp.) (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives

18.AA The range States of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, as identified by the Secretariat on the basis of CITES trade data, should **fully implement the measures directed to them in the *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope for 2016-2020 [MTIWP (2016-2020)] and for 2021-2025 [MTIWP (2021-2025)]***, developed in support of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and its Saiga Action Plan.



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Directed to the Secretariat

18.BB Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat shall:

- a) assist the CMS Secretariat in **organizing the fourth meeting of the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding** concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga* spp.), expected to be held in the Russian Federation in 2020;
- b) in collaboration with the CMS Secretariat, **provide inputs as needed in developing a *Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope for 2021-2025 [MTIWP (2021-2025)]***, developed in support of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga* spp.) and its Saiga Action Plan;



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- c) **review, in consultation with the CMS Secretariat, the conservation of and trade in saiga antelope, *Saiga* spp.**, based on available data on legal and illegal trade, materials and outcomes of the fourth meeting of saiga MoU signatories, and stakeholder consultations, and **report any consequent findings and recommendations to the Animals Committee, and to the Standing Committee** in the context of the implementation of Resolution Conf. 13.3 on *Cooperation and synergy with the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)* and the joint CMS-CITES work programme; ~~and~~
- d) **consult saiga range States and major trading and consumer States concerning their management of stockpiles of saiga specimens; review processes and practices; and provide assistance** in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and strengthening stockpile security; and
- e) **report to the Animals Committee and Standing Committee** on the implementation of this Decision, as appropriate.



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Directed to the Standing Committee

18.CC The Standing Committee shall, as appropriate, **consider any findings and recommendations** submitted by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.BB, and **make recommendations as necessary**.

Directed to the Animals Committee

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Directed to saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders

18.DD Saiga antelope range States, Parties, multilateral environmental agreements, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders are encouraged to collaborate in the conservation and restoration of the saiga antelope (*Saiga* spp.), and to **support the implementation of MTIWP (2016-2020) and MTIWP (2021-2025)**.



Thank you very much



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Saiga and CITES

- *Saiga tatarica* and *Saiga borealis*: Appendix II (1995)
- International commercial trade in saiga specimens is allowed provided that it is:
 - Legal (Legal acquisition finding)
 - Sustainable (Non-detriment finding)
 - Traceable (Permits and certificates; reporting)
- Range States generally suspended commercial exports; legal trade between consumer countries

Specimens: *live animals and all products and derivatives (trophies, meat, skin, bones, horns, horn shavings, medicines, blood,..) from wild, ranched or captive bred origin*



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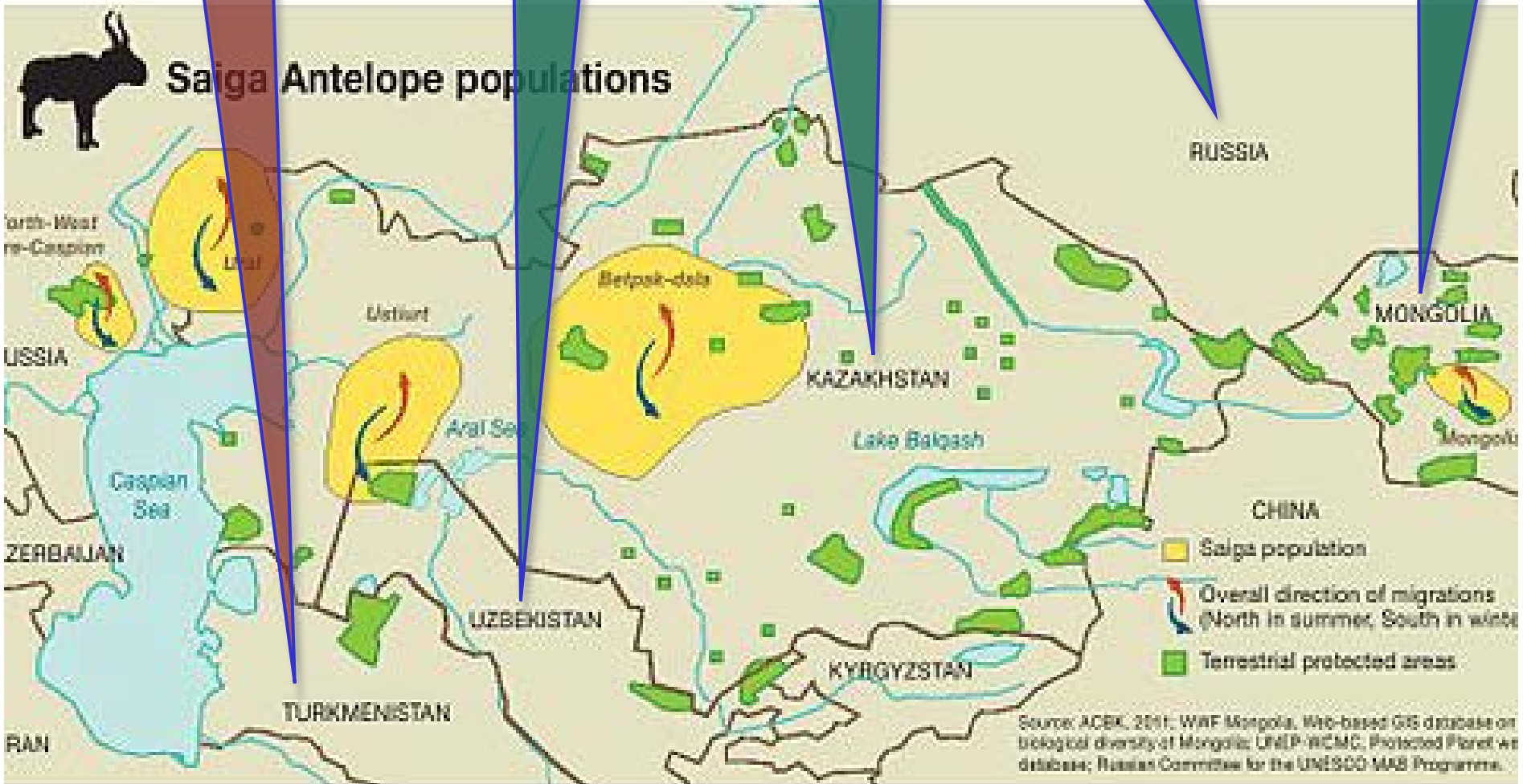
Non-Party

Oct 1996

April 2000

Jan 1992

April 1996



Range and consumer States

- Implement the Medium-Term International Work Programme for the Saiga Antelope (2016-2020) [MTIWP (2016-2020)]
- Provide information to CITES Secretariat on measures taken
- Address illicit trade in saiga horns and derivatives thereof by:
 - a) supporting the development of tools to facilitate the identification, sourcing and determination of age of saiga horns;
 - b) ensuring effective stockpile management;
 - c) promoting training of, and cross-border collaboration amongst, enforcement agencies; and
 - d) tackling new illegal trade channels such as those using social media
- Collaborate to enhance *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation of saiga antelopes; develop joint programmes in support of saiga conservation and restoration; leverage financial and other resources for undertaking these activities



Secretariat and Standing Committee

<p>Directed to the Secretariat</p>	<p>Subject to the availability of external resources, the Secretariat should <u>assist saiga range States and major trading and consumer States</u>, upon request, in ensuring effective stockpile management and monitoring, including the development of inventories and improving stockpile security.</p>
<p>Directed to the Secretariat</p>	<p>Based on information submitted by range States and consumer and trading countries, and in collaboration with CMS, the CITES Secretariat shall <u>report to the Standing Committee</u> regarding the implementation of Decisions 17.267 to 17.271 (SC70, Sochi, October 2018)</p>
<p>Directed to the Standing Committee</p>	<p>The Standing Committee shall consider the report submitted by the Secretariat, and <u>make any recommendations it considers appropriate for consideration at CoP18 (Colombo, May 2019)</u></p>

