

## 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](#).

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

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<b>Project:</b> <i>Building a collaborative foundation for evidence-based saiga antelope conservation</i>			
<b>Country:</b>	China <input type="checkbox"/>	Turkmenistan <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Kazakhstan <input type="checkbox"/>	Uzbekistan <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Mongolia <input type="checkbox"/>	International <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Russia <input type="checkbox"/>		
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<b>Duration of project:</b> from 10/01/2022 to 09/30/2027			
<b>Location(s) of main activity:</b> Global. Especially; United kingdom, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China, Malaysia, Singapore and Japan			
<b>Sub-species:</b>	<i>Saiga tatarica tatarica</i> * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	<i>Saiga tatarica mongolica</i> * <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>Areas of work:</b>			
Anti-poaching <input type="checkbox"/>		Habitat restoration <input type="checkbox"/>	
Population monitoring <input type="checkbox"/>		Protected area management <input type="checkbox"/>	
Ecological research <input type="checkbox"/>		Training & capacity-building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Education and awareness <input type="checkbox"/>		Law enforcement <input type="checkbox"/>	
Alternative livelihoods <input 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"/>	

\* 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*.

Habitat research ☐

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

**Project Summary:**

***Building a collaborative foundation for evidence-based saiga antelope conservation.*** The purpose of this project is to strengthen conservation outcomes for saiga antelope by providing opportunities for relevant actors to come together in a sustainable and inclusive network, fostering ongoing learning and evidence generation, and investing in capacity building for long-term sustainability. Specific activities of this five-year cooperative agreement include: (1) two workshops to convene USFWS-funded saiga partners and other relevant stakeholders to build relationships, share information, explore synergies, and identify and fill evidence gaps, (2) assessment of how the USFWS-funded projects contribute to the Convention of Migratory Species Medium-Term International Work Programme for Saiga, (3) a collaborative whole-supply-chain evidence gap analysis and theory of change to catalyze a transformative improvement in saiga status, (4) horizon scan to identify potential new threats to long-term saiga conservation, (5) joint publications and briefings for key stakeholders, including key outcomes and recommendations from the USFWS-funded saiga projects, (6) support for project teams to attend relevant trainings, workshops, and capacity-building activities, in addition to exchanges between countries, to maximize synergies between projects and build communities of practice, (7) support for targeted subject matter expertise and/or specific trainings for individual USFWS-funded projects, (8) development of a communications platform for all project teams, (9) development and maintenance of a dedicated USFWS-portfolio site within the existing Saiga Resource Centre to share project materials, (10) production of articles for the biannual six-language online and in-print newsletter Saiga News to disseminate results of USFWS-funded projects to a wide audience, and (11) portfolio-level monitoring, evaluation, and learning to assess evidence building efforts.

**Planned Activities:**

Specific activities of this five-year cooperative agreement include:

- (1) two workshops to convene USFWS-funded saiga partners and other relevant stakeholders to build relationships, share information, explore synergies, and identify and fill evidence gaps,
- (2) assessment of how the USFWS-funded projects contribute to the Convention of Migratory Species Medium-Term International Work Programme for Saiga,
- (3) a collaborative whole-supply-chain evidence gap analysis and theory of change to catalyze a transformative improvement in saiga status,
- (4) horizon scan to identify potential new threats to long-term saiga conservation,
- (5) joint publications and briefings for key stakeholders, including key outcomes and recommendations from the USFWS-funded saiga projects,
- (6) support for project teams to attend relevant trainings, workshops, and capacity-building activities, in addition to exchanges between countries, to maximize synergies between projects and build communities of practice,
- (7) support for targeted subject matter expertise and/or specific trainings for individual USFWS-funded projects,
- (8) development of a communications platform for all project teams,
- (9) development and maintenance of a dedicated USFWS-portfolio site within the existing Saiga Resource Centre to share project materials,

- (10) production of articles for the biannual six-language online and in-print newsletter Saiga News to disseminate results of USFWS-funded projects to a wide audience, and  
 (11) portfolio-level monitoring, evaluation, and learning to assess evidence building efforts.

**Achievements to date:**

- 1) An initiating workshop to convene USFWS-funded saiga partners and other relevant stakeholders
- 2) An assessment of how the 6 USFWS-funded projects aim to contribute to the Convention of Migratory Species Medium-Term International Work Programme for Saiga
- 3) A collaborative whole-supply-chain evidence gap analysis
- 4) A draft portfolio level theory of change
- 5) Portfolio level engagement with the 2024 CMS CoP including a meeting exploring the emerging need for robust stockpile management protocols, a networking event and participation in an official side event hosted by range state governments
- 6) Beta version of dedicated USFWS-portfolio site within the existing Saiga Resource Centre to share project materials
- 7) Three articles for the biannual six-language online and in-print newsletter Saiga News to disseminate results of USFWS-funded projects to a wide audience

**Reports / Publications / Information material:**

Three articles for the biannual six-language online and in-print newsletter Saiga News to disseminate results of USFWS-funded projects to a wide audience.

One published regarding the inception meeting

Two in print regarding participation in the CMS CoP and the recently concluded collaborative whole-supply-chain evidence gap analysis

**Collaborators:** U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Flora and Fauna, Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan, Wildlife Conservation Society, TRAFFIC International, The University of Oxford

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**Past sponsors:** N/A

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**Other:**