#### 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 <u>Memorandum of Understanding concerning</u> <u>Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (Saiga spp.)</u> and the associated <u>Medium Term International Work Programme</u>; (2) support exchange of information throughout the range and beyond, and assist the identification of necessary future actions; and (3) support the implementation of CITES Decisions 18.270-18.274 on Saiga antelope (Saiga spp.).

Please complete sections as appropriate and **return to the CMS Secretariat.** E-mail: <u>cms.secretariat@cms.int;</u> Fax: (+49 228) 815 2449

Project:						
Country:	China		Turkmenistan			
	Kazakhstan		Uzbekistan			
	Mongolia		International	Х		
	Russia					
Organisation / Contact details: Saiga Conservation Alliance						
<b>Duration of project:</b> from2016			to	_2020		
Location(s) of main activity: International						
Sub-species:	Sub-species: Saiga tatarica tatarica*		<i>x</i>			
Saiga tatarica mongolica *		x 🗌				
Areas of work:						
Anti-poaching		Х	Habitat restoration			
Population monitoring		Х	Protected area management			
Ecological research		Х	Training & capacity-building	Х		
Education and awareness		Х	Law enforcement	Х		
Alternative livelihoods		Х	Trade issues	Х		
Socio-economic research			Captive breeding	Х		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> 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 <u>Recommendation 9.4</u> where *S. t. tatarica* is referred to as *Saiga tatarica* and *S. t. mongolica* is referred to as *Saiga borealis*.

Range mapping		Reintroduction/release	
Habitat research	Х		

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

## **Project Summary:**

#### Anti Poaching

SCA allocated the eight financial awards under this category, under the auspices of our Young Conservation Leaders award, Small Grants Programme and Award for Excellence in Saiga Conservation.

#### **Population monitoring**

SCA allocated the five financial awards under this category, under the auspices of our Young Conservation Leaders award, Small Grants Programme and SCB bursaries.

#### **Ecological research**

Much of this related work pertains to the disease outbreak in Kazakhstan in 2015; three publications and two data-sets have been published, and English summaries of Russian language documentation of mass mortality events in saiga antelope have been made available through the Saiga Resource centre. Four financial awards were issued under this category, through our Young Conservation Leaders, Small Grants Programme and SCB bursaries.

## **Education and awareness**

SCA allocated five financial awards under this category, under the auspices of our Young Conservation Leaders award and Small Grants Programmes. We continued to support our key activities of Saiga Day celebrations and Steppe Wildlife Clubs, while continuing to expand both numbers of clubs, and community members whom these events reach. We have introduced new events, such as Day of Protected Areas and day of Migratory Species, and moved some events online in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Additionally, we took our Mural activities to the remaining two range states.

We continued to raise awareness amongst the general public and donors around saigas, taking part in four, yearly Wildlife Conservation Expo events, in the USA.

Under our obligations pertaining to the CMS MoU we continue to meet our obligations through publishing Saiga News in six languages and hosting and updating the Saiga Resource Centre website.

#### Alternative livelihoods

Throughout the reporting period we combined embroidery and business training with information on saiga conservation, so that the women acted as multipliers of the conservation message to deter male family members from becoming poachers.

#### Habitat research

In 2020 we launched the scoping phase of an ambitious new long-term programme, The Resurrection Island Programme is a transboundary programme (Uzbekistan/Kazakhstan) in the former Aral Sea region. Ecological surveys have been carried, out but social surveys are on hold due to Covid-19.

## Training & capacity-building

Over the reporting period we continued to run our Small Grants Programme, and awarded this 9 times to groups and individuals working in the range states. We also continued to run our Young conservation Leaders programme, and supported 5 young people/groups during this time. Finally, we also held two international Teacher Training workshops, for environmental teachers and leaders of our Steppe Wildlife Clubs.

## Law enforcement

Under this category we recognised outstanding work in law enforcement pertaining to saigas through our Award for Excellence in Saiga Protection financial award.

## **Trade issues**

Under this category we supported the PhD work of Hunter Doughty, the publication of one of her research papers, and another by Meryl Treng. Both focussed on issues around saiga horn consumption.

## **Captive breeding**

We held a workshop for 30 international delegates to discuss the practicalities of captive breeding of saigas.

We also supported the production, translation and distribution of two publications regarding this topic.

## **Planned Activities:**

## Achievements to date:

#### Anti-poaching

Between 2016 and 2020 the Saiga Conservation Alliance continued to run its Award Programmes: held – Young Conservation Leaders, the Small Grants Programme and the Award for Excellence in Saiga Conservation.

## The Award for Excellence in Saiga Conservation

This award was launched to support individuals or teams working in saiga conservation who have done an outstanding job, or who have gone beyond the call of duty in their dedication to saiga conservation. The winners receive \$1000 each, or in the case of those who have lost their lives a little more depending on available funding.

2015/16 we awarded the following people/groups and programmes

- Experiences of Effective Protection of the Irgiz-Turgai Reserve Mereke Zhubaniyaz, Irgiz Turgay Reserve, Kazakhstan <u>SCA report here</u>
- Use of Informant Networks to Improve the Detection of Wildlife Crime Enkhbat Enkhjargal, Mongolian State Police, <u>information about award</u>.
- Engaging Local Communities as Volunteer Rangers Batsaikhan Baljinnyam, WWF-Mongolia, <u>information about award</u>.

# 2019 we awarded the families of two rangers who tragically lost their lives in the line of duty with the award.

These were the families of:

- Yerlan Nurgaliev
- Qanysh Nurtazinov.

We also awarded two rangers who were both injured in the line of duty:

- Samat Ospanov
- Petr Nitsik

#### Small Grants Programme

This programme is supported by WCN and ensures that there is support for grass-roots conservation, carried out by local people and conservationists, the modest sums allow them to carry out pilot studies or to do novel conservation or education, which wouldn't otherwise receive funding.

The 2019 winner was:

• Mukhit Suttibay with the project "Suppression of the dissemination of ads for buying and selling saiga horns in the Internet space of Kazakhstan". Read about the project here

#### **Population monitoring**

The 2019 Young Conservation Leaders Award

• Aibat Muzbay, 22 years old, Kazakhstan. His project is devoted to the saiga monitoring on farmlands, <u>here</u> you can see the mid-term report.

Small Grants Programme

The 2017/8 funding was awarded to

• Using drone technology to monitor saigas - The Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan. You can read about the award <u>here</u>, number 3. Here is the <u>report</u>.

The 2019 winner was:

• Alexander Putilin with the project "Assessment of the number of new saiga group in the Betpak-dala population" in Kazakhstan. Read about the project here

## SCB bursaries

In 2018 the SCA offered bursaries to support people attending the SCB Asia Section Meeting in Bishkek from 6th to 10th of August for the fifth international meeting "Updating the Conservation of Nature in a Changing Asia", who intended to present on topics relevant to saiga antelope conservation. These bursaries were awarded to:

- A.P. Mezhnev from MNREE RF who presented a poster 'Data on observations of the Saiga Antelope at the periphery of its range in Kazakhstan, Western and Northern parts of the Ural, Northern parts of the Ustiurt and Betpakdala populations'
- A.A. Yachmennikova from AN Severtsov IEE RAS. Presentation 'Using very high resolution satellite Images b. Analysis of high resolution satellite images taken during the cold part of the year can be used to estimate distribution'

Read the participants' report here

#### **Ecological research**

#### Disease outbreak in Kazakhstan in 2015

In response to this terrible tragedy we were able to mobilise our fundraising activities rapidly and to raise money to support a team of scientists to travel to the site of the mass die-offs asap, we worked with other colleagues from the ABCK, RVC, local government and others to carry out an investigation into the causes of the deaths which saw them visiting the saiga calving grounds the following year.

#### **Publications**

- Our team was able to produce a Standard Operating Procedure as a result of its research, R. Kock (2016) Standard Operating Procedures for detecting and reacting to incidents of health risks for and die-offs in Saiga antelopes and other wildlife in Kazakhstan, Review the document here. This document was used later that year when there was a sudden and unexpected outbreak of PPR in Mongolia amongst saigas and domestic livestock.
- Richard A. Kock, Mukhit Orynbayev, Sarah Robinson, Steffen Zuther, Navinder J. Singh, Wendy Beauvais, Eric R. Morgan, Aslan Kerimbayev, Sergei Khomenko, Henny M. Martineau, Rashida Rystaeva, Zamira Omarova, Sara Wolfs, Florent Hawotte, Julien Radoux, E.J. Milner-Gulland Science Advances 2018 <u>Saigas on the brink: Multidisciplinary</u> analysis of the factors influencing mass mortality events
- E.J. Milner-Gulland, R. Kock Field notes. Natural History (2018): <u>Timely Response to</u> <u>Untimely Death A multidisciplinary effort is needed for multifactorial disasters</u>.

In the Soviet Union, long-term field data collection was well-funded and resulted in vast quantities of data, most of which exists only on paper in libraries or archives. Under two Leverhulme and NERC-funded projects we have used these sources to produce new electronic datasets - on major mass mortality events in the saiga antelope and the chemical composition of Central Asian forage plants.

- The datasets are now available at the <u>NERC Environmental Information Data Centre</u>
- Chemical composition of Central Asian forage plants data set is also available at the <u>NERC Environmental Information Data Centre</u>
- We also produced **English summaries of Russian language documentation of mass mortality events in saiga antelope**, which includes contemporary field observations as well as results of aerial surveys and veterinary investigations. These have been made available at the <u>Saiga Resource Centre website here</u>

## The 2019 Small Grants Programme Funding was awarded to:

• Olga Vorontseva and Babette Fourier with the project "Stepnoi Surveillance" dedicated to surveillance and research of saigas in the Stepnoi Reserve, in Russia. <u>Read about the project here</u>

## 2016/7 Young Conservation Leaders award

• Munkhnast Dalannast, Mongolia, info about the project <u>here</u>. <u>Read about the programme</u> <u>here</u>

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- A.Y. Rodnikova from MV Lomonosov MSU Presentation 'An Individual-based Model of the Population Dynamics of the Saiga Antelope (Saiga tatarica tatarica) in the North-West Precaspian (Russia)'. More <u>here</u>
- Munib Khanyari from Bristol University. Who took part in holding a symposium. 'The symposium on Central Asian Ungulates and their Health' Read about his experience <u>here</u>

#### **Education and awareness**

Small Grants Programme 2017/8 Funding was awarded to:

- "The Saiga Trail" for pre-schoolers in Russia Inzhieva Gerel Davaevna, part of the national Preschool Educational Institution, Russia You can read about this here, number 1.
- Education and outreach to local communities Vladimir Kalmykov leads a dedicated team of rangers in the Stepnoi Sanctuary in Kalmykia, Russia. You can read about this <u>here</u>, number 2.

## The 2019 Young Conservation Leaders award:

 Kaundak Aikumys, 15 years old, Kazakhstan. Her project is devoted to raising public awareness among local people about saiga conservation. Here you can see several pieces of her mid-term report – <u>1</u>, <u>2</u>, <u>3</u>

2016/7:

- Utalina Batima Bermuhambetovna, Kazakhstan, info about the project here
- Aitbaeva Aigul' Maratovna, 27 year old, Kalmykia, Russia, info about the project <u>here</u> <u>Report here</u>

## Educational outreach to children and communities

The SCA continues to provide funding and support to our in-country partners who carry out several festivities each year, such as **Saiga Day**, **Day of Protected areas** and **Day of Migratory Species**. These festivities are run through our network of Steppe Wildlife Clubs, also run in-country, but supported financially by the SCA.

- **Steppe Wildlife Clubs.** These clubs have been running for over 10 years now, and in 2020 we have a total of 24 Steppe Wildlife Clubs operating in Uzbekistan, Russia, and Kazakhstan, 12 new clubs have opened in the last year and in 2019 these clubs were key in putting on Saiga Day festivals.
- Saiga Day. These festivities have been running for over 10 years and continue to rise in popularitys, with new activities and participants being added yearly. In some villages it has become a celebration for the whole community to attend. In 2019 in Uzbekistan 4 festivals Saiga Day attended by over 900 children. Russia 6 Saiga Day festivals Saiga Day attended by over 500 children. Kazakhstan 11 Saiga Day festivals were attended by around 1000 children.

Due to Covid-19 traditional in-person Saiga Day festivities were cancelled in 2020 and instead, Saiga Day (May 2020) went online. Activities included joint contests across countries and challenges bringing together all countries for the first time – like 'saiga mask challenge', as well as some actions initiated by children themselves, eg. Writing and reciting poems or showing their own wood crafts. Though it was sad that the traditional celebration was impossible, this situation contributed to more coverage of Saiga Day on the internet including establishment of new channels of communication between kids in the range countries (like Telegram channels, Facebook groups etc).

The numbers of participants were as follows:

- Russia 6 Steppe Clubs and more than 110 school children took part. More here
- Uzbekistan 4 Steppe Clubs and about 300 kids participated actively (posted their work) and about 1000 kids took part overall (commenting, posting, voting, etc.) took part. <u>More here</u>

• Kazakhstan – 5 Steppe clubs and about 150 kids took part. More here

## Day of Protected Areas (Feb 2020)

This was celebrated in Russia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, by open lessons held by conservationists for rural schoolchildren. These lessons explained the importance of Protected Areas, their history and the relevance for wildlife and, consequently, for their everyday life. During these open lessons kids had some quizzes, learned how to operate a camera trap, guessed which animals were captured by camera traps, etc.

Read more here: Uzbekistan Russia Kazakhstan

## Educational murals

For the past 6 years we have supported Rory McCann, a wildlife artist and educator, to paint murals in rural villages in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in saiga territories. During these trips he works on involving the community in the process, with the aim of engaging everyone in the work that SCA does and the importance of preserving the local fauna and flora.

- Russian Mural 2016 Rory went to Kalmykia to paint a mural in a school in the town of Yashkul where we support a Steppe Wildlife Club for teenagers. Read about this trip <u>here</u>
- Mongolian Mural 2017 Rory visited a local community in the saiga's range to paint a mural and involve local children and their community in the process. Read about the trip <u>here</u>

## Awareness, Social media and web activity:

#### The Saiga Resource Centre

The SCA is tasked with the maintenance of the Saiga Resource Centre website as an obligation under the Saiga MoU.

The website has seen a total overhaul, in part funded by the CMS, which saw it migrated to a new platform, which is more user-friendly and easy to navigate and maintain. The site has been extensively updated with a new photo and video library, an updated publications and reference section, a refreshed and updated education section, easier to find saiga experts and conservationists, and a new and improved searchable section where we upload all issues of Saiga News in all languages, this lists all articles within an issue, hyperlinking to them, and is fully searchable.

#### Saiga News

Under the Saiga MoU the SCA responsible for the dissemination of scientific news pertaining to saiga research as we as sharing pertinent news and information of interest to the Saiga community.

During the reporting period there have been issues of Saiga News published all of which have been produced and distributed either in hard copy of digitally to key stakeholders, in Chinese, English, Kazakh, Mongolian, Russian and Uzbek.

All issues of Saiga News can be found on the Saiga Resource Centre website here to view the headlines in English and to view the PDFs of each language. For headlines in each language please swap to the language version of the website:

Saiga News - Issue 21, Autumn 2016 Saiga News - Issue 22, Autumn 2017 Saiga News Issue 23 - Summer 2018 Saiga News Issue 24 - Summer 2019 Saiga News Issue 25 - Winter 2019/2020 Saiga News Issue 265 – Autumn 2020 – currently nearing completion

## Wildlife Conservation Network Expo

This is a yearly event held in San Francisco, USA, and as one of the NGO partners the SCA attends each year. The week-long event comprises training sessions as well as donor and outreach events, culminating in a day-long <u>Exhibition</u> where the SCA is invited to speak to over 200 donors.

- 2016 Lena took part in a panel discussion around the Illegal Wildlife trade
- 2017 Olya Esipova spoke about the challenges faced by saigas view it here
- 2019 EJ Milner-Gulland gave an update on her work 30 year career in saigas conservation, as well as our new Resurrection Island programme <u>view it here</u>
- 2020 Olya Esipova gave an update on our saiga programmes.

## Social Media

- **Twitter** 48% increase in followers over the period total followers 752
- Facebook @Savesaigas- increase in followers over the period to total followers 3352
- Instagram saiga\_conservation 324 posts made over the period, total followers 1407
- <u>Saiga-conservation.org</u> 179 posts made over the duration and a growth in new visitors of 97%

Our social media outreach has been consolidated, updated and expanded over the period, resulting in a large increase in new visitors, increased engagement and more donations through social media-related activities such as Facebook birthdays and fund-raisers.

## YouTube:

- Saigas of Ustyurt (<u>Karakalpak</u>, <u>Russian</u>, <u>English</u>)
- Saiga mural in Russia (<u>Russian</u>, <u>English</u>)
- Saiga Craft Women's Empowerment (<u>link</u>)

- Saiga film Center for Wildlife biodiversity Conservation in Taskalinsky, Kazakhstan (<u>link</u>)
- Saiga in captivity in Kazakhstan (<u>link</u>)
- Saiga anthem (<u>link</u>)
- Season's greetings (<u>Russian</u>, <u>English</u>)
- Saigas are straight out of Star Wars (with Russian subtitles) from Animalogic (<u>link</u>)
- Saiga speed art from Animalogic (<u>link</u>)
- Saigas drinking at watering hole shot in "Black Lands" Reserve, Russia (<u>link</u>)
- Defenders Stepnoi Reserve (<u>link</u>)
- Saiga clip (<u>link</u>)
- Aibat Muzbay Usturt KZ 2019 (link)
- Nukus Saiga Day (<u>link</u>)
- Saiga Day Vozrozhdenie Steppe club Liman 2020 (<u>link</u>)
- Saiga's superpowers Earth Day Animal Videos from Unboxals! Saiga Antelope! (link)
- "Stepnoi Reserve June 2020" (link)
- "Saiga the antient antelope" shot by IFAW in Russian was translated to English, provided with English subtitles and posted to YouTube (link)

Small Grants Programme 2016 Funding was awarded to:

- Vladimir Kalmykov. Russia. 'Public Outreach an important tool in improving the protection of saiga inhabiting in the North-West'. <u>Report here</u>.
- Bibigul Sarsenova, Kazakhstan. 'Review and analysis of public attitudes to the problem of conservation of the Ural saiga population'. <u>Report here</u>.
- Catherine Ochirova, Pyurvenova Boskhomdzhievna and Hope Yurevna (group) Russia. 'Development of the brochure "Saiga – living heritage of ancestors'. <u>Report here</u> Read about their projects here.

## Alternative livelihoods

In remote regions of Uzbekistan high unemployment and few job opportunities mean that poaching saiga for their meat and horn can become an attractive livelihood option.

Our 'Kuralai' embroidery projects give women the opportunity to learn new skills in sewing as well as business and marketing. The potential to earn a sustainable wage and provide a consistent income to the family home will enable women to purchase more expensive meat, hence stopping the demand for saiga poaching.

Throughout the reporting period we combined embroidery and business training with information on saiga conservation so that the women acted as multipliers of the conservation message and deter male family members from becoming poachers.

This programme ran for the majority of the reporting period, but was placed on hold in 2019 due to an increased number of eligible women moving from Uzbekistan to Kazakhstan.

You can find out more about the programme <u>here</u>

## Habitat research

## Resurrection Island Programme

<u>Some activities</u> have been undertaken in <u>preparation for our new long-term Resurrection Island</u> <u>project.</u> Particularly, project team members visited the former island, collected data about animals; including two new endangered species (caracal and corsac) for these islands, collected questionnaire data on saigas, interviewed some people from an adjacent area to collect general data and to pilot our questionnaires for our social survey.

Muynak is the biggest town in the Resurrection Island area, and this year we also started to involve local kids from this town for the first time. One Steppe Wildlife Club was set up (15 students) who successfully joined Saiga Day celebrations online.

We are seeking funding from Whitely Fund for nature and the UK Darwin award to carry out the following activities:

- The proposal focuses our Resurrection Island programme, specifically:
  - Support of transboundary cooperation between Uzbekistan & Kazakstan on the future of the Aral Sea bed (workshops)
  - Stakeholder dialogues about the project (especially with local communities)
  - Lobbying of relevant governmental and industrial stakeholders and contribution to design of industrial development projects in the Aral Sea region
  - Engagement with tourism sector to develop new sustainability frameworks
  - Participatory design of conservation interventions and support of alternative livelihoods.
  - Support of anti-poaching and saiga conservation actions by government

## Training & capacity-building

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• Munkhnast Dalannast, Mongolia, info about the project <u>here</u> <u>Read about their programmes here</u>

## International Teacher's academy

The idea behind the International Teacher's academy was to bring together teachers and leaders of Steppe Wildlife clubs from across Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia, in order to allow them to share best practice, exchange ideas, to learn from some leading international environmental educators, and to be inspired.

• 2017 The event brought together incredible teachers from across the saiga's range, as well as inspirational educators from San Diego Zoo Global.28 People took part in the event, during which we spent 5 days in workshops and then travelled to the Aral sea to learn more about the history of the environmental disaster, what it meant for saigas, and to relax.

Read more about the event <u>here</u>

• 2018 In March we held our second International Teacher's Training Academy. 20 teachers and Steppe Wildlife Club leaders joined us, and together with a leading environmental education NGO we held workshops and facilitated cross border cooperation and closer bonds and exchange of ideas, the group now has a WhatsApp group and regularly exchange ideas, challenges and thoughts.

#### Law enforcement

The Award for Excellence in Saiga Conservation 2015/16

• Experience of Effective Law Enforcement on the Ustiurt Plateau - Makset Kosbergenov, Gosbiocontrol, Uzbekistan, <u>information about award</u>.

## Trade issues

## Research/Publications:

• Supporting the research of <u>Hunter Doughty</u>, whose doctorate is entitled: Evidence-Based Behavioural Intervention on Saiga Horn as a Traditional Medicine in Singapore. This is due for submission this year.

• Verissimo, Diogo, Tan, Regina, Lee, Janice Ser Huay, Carrasco, L, Oliver, Kathryn, E.J. Milner-Gulland – Plos One (2020) <u>Saiga horn user characteristics</u>, motivations, and purchasing behaviour in Singapore

• M Theng, JA Glikman, EJ Milner-Gulland - Oryx, (2018) <u>Exploring saiga horn consumption</u> <u>in Singapore</u>

## **Captive breeding**

#### <u>Workshop</u>

On August 28-29<sup>th</sup> 2017 we held an <u>international workshop</u> on captive breeding for saiga conservation. Co-hosted by the SCA, San Diego Zoo Global and the Institute of Ecology and Evolution of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The aim of the workshop was to discuss the practicalities of captive breeding for the saiga antelope . A total of 30 participants attended representing each of the saiga range states and from across the globe. The workshop was interactive, with plenaries, working groups and knowledge-exchange sessions. The full report of the workshop can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Publications**

- Prior to the workshop we supported a hoofstock keeper from the UK, Marc Enderby, to visit saiga 3 captive breeding centres, and the Stepnoi reserve, in the range states and to write a <u>'Saiga antelope captive husbandry</u>' report.
- We also supported G. Glazer to produce '<u>An overview of the saiga antelope (Saiga tatarica)</u> <u>in captivity</u>'. This review is intended to collect, compare and analyse available knowledge on the management of the saiga antelope in captivity in Europe and the US for the purposes of saiga conservation.

Both documents were used to inform thinking at the workshop and have been published through our website and networks.

#### **Collaborators:**

Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK) Severtsov Institute of Ecology and Evolution – Russia WWF – Mongolia WCS - Mongolia Institute of Zoology/ Academy of Science - Uzbekistan Ekomaktab – Uzbekistan

#### **Budget available:**

2015 - £112,195 2016 - £121,719 2017 - £98,093 2018 - £88,265

#### **Current sponsors:**

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**Other**: The Saiga Conservation Alliance is the only organisation dedicated to the conservation of the saiga antelope. The Saiga Conservation Alliance is the official coordinator of the CMS MoU under the MTIWP for the Saiga Antelope. As such we manage the Saiga Resource centre Website as well as editing, translation and production and distribution of the scientific publication 'Saiga News', in six languages.