



## CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CONSERVATION, RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE SAIGA ANTELOPE

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING  
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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT

*(Prepared by the CMS Secretariat)*

1. As a general rule the CMS Secretariat acts as the Secretariat for Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) concluded under CMS auspices. The CMS Secretariat acts as Secretariat for the Saiga Antelope MOU pursuant to MOU paragraph 11. It also acts as the Depository of the MOU (MOU Paragraph 10).
2. This note provides a brief overview of the Secretariat's responsibilities as depository and provides a summary of the status of signatures to the MOU and the Secretariat's recruitment efforts since the Second Meeting of Signatories (MOS2) to the MOU in 2010. Section 2 refers to the list of designated contact points (CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.7).

### Status of Signatures and Recruitment Efforts to Date

3. The CMS Secretariat undertakes a number of activities as the MOU's depository. The primary activity is to keep track of the status of the MOU. It keeps the original version of the MOU on file, it notifies the signatories of new signatures and it transmits certified copies of the MOU to the various Signatory States and organizations that have signed the MOU.
4. To date the MOU has five Signatories - Kazakhstan, Mongolia, the Russian Federation, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Mongolia signed the MOU as full Signatory on 10 September 2010 after the MOS2 had agreed for the MOU to be expanded to cover Mongolian saigas (*Saiga borealis*). Prior to this Mongolia was not a formal Range State to the MOU and had thus signed with the status of a Cooperating Organization. With the signature of Mongolia in 2010, all current *Saiga* spp. Range States are Signatories to the MOU.
5. In addition to the current five Signatories, eight governmental and international non-governmental organizations actively working on Saiga conservation issues have signed the MOU

as Cooperating Organizations. These are: Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK), Fauna & Flora International (FFI), Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS), International Council for Game & Wildlife Conservation (CIC), Saiga Conservation Alliance (SCA), Species Survival Commission of IUCN, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and WWF International. SCA and ACBK signed the MOU at MOS2 in 2010 and currently provide technical coordination of the MOU's implementation.

6. One additional non-governmental organization, NABU (Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V./ Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union), has expressed interest in signing the MOU as a Cooperating Organization by sending a formal request to the Secretariat on 2 September 2015. The request is annexed to the present document and was transmitted to the Signatories on 10 September 2015. The addition of new Cooperating Organizations is considered an amendment of the MOU, which requires the consensus of Signatory States in conformity with paragraph 9 of the MOU. A decision in this regard is expected to be made at the forthcoming Third Meeting of the Signatories.

7. By adding its signature to the MOU, Cooperating Organizations demonstrate their support for the implementation of the MOU and the Medium-Term International Work Programme. Some of the attributes that might be considered in determining whether an organization should be invited to sign the MOU include: (1) a long-term interest in the particular species; (2) a demonstrated commitment towards the MOU; and (3) a regional presence or influence, including good relations with Range States, other organizations active in saiga conservation and experts in the agreement area.

### **List of Designated National Contact Points**

8. MOU paragraph 5 invites Signatories to designate a competent authority as a contact point for all matters relating to the MOU's implementation and to communicate the name and address of the authority and appointed person to the Secretariat. The Secretariat has updated the List of Designated National Contact Points, based on the information received from the Signatories. This document is uploaded as an Information Document (CMS/Saiga/MOS3/Inf.7) on the MOS3 page of the CMS website.

### **Action requested:**

The Signatories are requested to:

- (a) Consider and take note of the Secretariat's brief report concerning the status of signatures and recruitment efforts.
- (b) Decide on the acceptance of the NABU-Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V as Cooperating Organization.
- (c) Invite other organizations meeting the criteria listed in paragraph 7 above, to express their interest in signing the MOU as a Cooperating Organization.

- (d) Take note of the provisional list of designated national contact points.
- (e) Provide updated contact information at the meeting, in writing, if it has not been already forwarded to the Secretariat.

**ANNEX I, ENGLISH ONLY**



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### **Proposal for the Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union (NABU) to join the CMS Saiga MOU as a cooperating organization**

Founded in 1899, NABU is one of the oldest and largest environment associations in Germany. The association encompasses more than 560,000 members and sponsors, who commit themselves to the conservation of threatened habitats, flora and fauna, to climate protection and energy policy.

NABU's main objectives are the preservation of habitats and biodiversity, the promotion of sustainability in agriculture, forest management and water supply and distribution, as well as to enhance the significance of nature conservation in our society.

About 37,000 volunteers play an active role in practical nature conservation work, with great success: this is something that is special to NABU. These active NABU members look after more than 110,000 hectares of valuable protected reserves in Germany. NABU also has volunteer groups working on an international level to conserve nature and combat poverty in Africa, Eurasia and the Caucasus. This work is supported by professionals at our regional offices and at our national headquarters in Berlin, who take care of public relations, project development and management and political lobbying.

NABU has a long-standing commitment for saiga conservation in Kazakhstan focusing so far mainly on environmental education. Projects of the NABU Working Group "Eurasia" have raised awareness and knowledge about the ecology and importance of saiga, and helped to create a positive image of saiga *inter alia* through a schoolbook, targeting especially the ages of 9-13 year old children living in communities close to saiga habitat. The saiga schoolbook has been published in Russian and Kazakh language. Together with other education activities it has helped to reduce the acceptance of poaching, improve the image of saiga, integrate civil society stakeholders in saiga conservation and promote creativity in conservation efforts. NABU has also produced a 15 minutes animated cartoon through a competition in Kazakhstan, highlighting the situation of saigas. The cartoon is being broadcasted nationally in Kazakhstan as well as regionally on TV and for education purposes.

Furthermore, NABU is implementing projects for biodiversity conservation in Central Asia since the 1990ies, focusing on combating poaching of snow leopards, improving protected area management, transboundary conservation and cooperation as well as sustainable land management. NABU is also planning to increase its engagement for saiga conservation beyond environmental education and aims to actively and more formally contribute to saiga conservation in the

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long term. NABU wants to demonstrate its commitment to saiga conservation by signing the MOU as a cooperating organization.

NABU is committed to the aims and implementation of the MOU and pledges to support the MOU throughout its activities, to participate in Saiga MOU meetings and to provide support to such meetings as well as through supporting and implementing relevant conservation projects in line with the Medium-Term International Work Programme.

NABU offers its expertise and experience in international biodiversity conservation and its large network and good relationships with international partners, donors and countries.

Herewith we ask the CMS Secretariat and the signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope to permit NABU to sign the MOU as a cooperating organization, and thereby to officially become part of the international saiga conservation efforts under this important MOU.

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