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

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NATIONAL REPORT FORMAT FOR THE CMS SAIGA ANTELOPE MOU AND REPORTING UNDER CITES

This format is used to gather and summarize information on implementation of the Medium-Term International Work Programme (MTIWP) for the Saiga Antelope under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga* spp.), adopted under the auspices of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS). Based on the reports of the Signatories, progress will be assessed and measures updated to ensure the achievement of the MTIWP targets. The reporting period is 1 November 2015 to [MOS4].

Please complete as appropriate and **return to the CMS Secretariat (cms.secretariat@cms.int) stating “Saiga MOU national report” in the subject line**, keeping in mind that not all sections are relevant to each country.

Please report only activities implemented by the relevant government agencies. Supporting activities implemented by other organizations are reported to CMS through Project Reports.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1. Country name:	
1.2. Is your country a Range State of the saiga?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1.3. Designated Contact Point with responsibility to coordinate MOU implementation (full contact details):	
1.4. Designated CMS Focal Point (for non-CMS Parties please state appropriate contact person):	
1.5. Designated CITES Management Authority: (for non-CITES Parties please state appropriate competent authority):	
1.6. National report submitted by (if different to 1.2):	
1.7. Date submitted:	
1.8. Period covered by the report:	From to
1.9. List of other agencies or organizations that have provided input to this report:	

2. LAW & INSTITUTIONS

2.1. List national policy instruments relevant to saiga conservation (e.g. National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan):	
2.2. List any bilateral/international agreements with other Saiga MOU Signatories relevant to the MOU:	
2.3. Has a national strategy or action plan for saiga been developed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details and attach the Plan:	
2.4. What is the legal status of saiga (e.g. listed in the Red Data Book)?	
2.5. Have there been any changes in the legal status of saiga during the reporting period? Please give details of the change and the reference for the new law/policy.	

2.6. Please provide a brief summary of the provisions of the current legislation with respect to the following activities:	
Hunting of saiga	
Keeping and breeding of saiga	
Possession of saiga parts and derivatives	
Domestic trade in saiga parts and derivatives	
Import, export and re-export of saiga parts and derivatives, and live animals	
Reporting and controlling wildlife disease	
Infrastructure development	
Other	
2.7. Which agencies or departments are in charge of enforcing the legislation?	
Hunting of saiga	
Keeping and breeding of saiga	
Possession of saiga parts and derivatives	
Domestic trade in saiga parts and derivatives	
Import, and (re-) export of saiga parts and derivatives, and live animals	
Reporting and controlling wildlife disease	
Infrastructure development	
Other	
2.8. What penalties are applicable for infringements of the legislation?	
Hunting of saiga	
Keeping and breeding of saiga	
Possession of saiga parts and derivatives	
Domestic trade in saiga parts and derivatives	
Import, and (re-) export of saiga parts and derivatives, and live animals	
Reporting and controlling wildlife disease	
Infrastructure development	
Other	

3. ENFORCEMENT & TRADE

3.1. Do stocks of horns or other saiga products exist in your country?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
If “yes”, please provide details on:							
Size and nature of the stocks							
Source of the stocks							
Age (i.e when the stock was constituted)							
Owners of the stocks							
Stock registration and monitoring system							
Controls of these stocks							
3.2. Have any saiga parts and/or derivatives and/or live animals been legally imported into your country during the reporting period that are not reflected in the CITES annual reports submitted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
If yes, provide details in the following table:							
Specimen (i.e. live, part or derivative)	Quantity	Unit of measure	Date	Origin	Country of last re-export	Source	Purpose
3.3. Have any saiga specimens been legally exported or re-exported from your country during the reporting period that are not reflected in the CITES annual reports submitted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
If yes, provide details in the following table:							
Specimen (i.e. live, part or derivative)	Quantity	Unit of measure	Date	Origin	Country of last re-export	Source	Purpose
3.4. Are there any mechanisms in place at the national level to facilitate inter-agency cooperation in combating wildlife crime, for example to facilitate joint investigations, intelligence-gathering and sharing, and to support CITES enforcement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
If “yes”, please provide details:							

3.5. Has your country collaborated with other countries or participated in any international operations aimed at combating the illegal trade in saiga parts and derivatives?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If "yes", please provide details:			
3.6. What type of support do you believe could improve:			
a) the detection of illegally traded saigas?			
b) the enforcement of related legislation in your country?			
3.7. What happens to confiscated parts and derivatives?		<input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed <input type="checkbox"/> Sold <input type="checkbox"/> Stored <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Please provide details:			
3.8. Has there been any training undertaken for customs and other law enforcement officers concerning saiga during the reporting period?			
Please provide details:			
3.9. Do rangers inside the protected areas (PAs) have the power of arrest?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Please provide details of the arrests undertaken during the reporting period:			
3.10. Which authorities have the power of arrest outside of PAs?			
Please provide name of the authorities and details of the arrests undertaken during the reporting period:			
3.11. What was the funding provided from government sources for saiga-related law enforcement and anti-poaching activities during the reporting period (by year)?			
Customs			
PA rangers			
Authorities outside PAs			
Training			
Equipment			
Other			
Total:			
3.12. Provide details of any legal off take and trade in saiga and saiga products during the reporting period, including the making of a non-detriment finding in the case of export from a Range State (please attach the documentation for this finding):			
Action	Number, weight and type of saiga products	Responsible Agency	Comments
Domestic Trade			
Taking from the wild			
(Please add more rows as necessary)			

3.13. Have any saiga specimens been seized in your country during the reporting period?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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If "yes", please provide the following information for each seizure separately, and to the extent possible:

	Year	Horns/meat/live specimen	Quantity (number of horns, kg of meat or number of carcasses)	Date of the seizure	Country of origin	Country(ies) of transit	Final destination
A							
B							
C							

3.14. In connection with the seizures listed above, please provide, for each case (referring to the same letter as above), the following information:

	Means of transport	Method of concealment	Location of incident	Detecting agency
A				
B				
C				

3.15. In connection with the seizures listed above, please provide also for each case (referring to the same letter), the following information about prosecutions and criminal convictions:

	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons prosecuted	Criminal offence (e.g. poaching, illegal possession, attempted illegal export, illegal sale, etc.)	Number of persons convicted	Penalties
A					
B					
C					

(Please add more rows as necessary for each table)

4. SAIGA POPULATION STATUS*

* **IMPORTANT:** Please fill in this section of the report for each saiga population in your country

4.1. Please name the population(s) in your country and, if possible, provide a map of each population's distribution around the country:						
4.2. Population status:						
Estimated total size during the reporting period (please list when and how this was estimated, e.g. aerial survey)	Estimated % of observed adult males (date and method of estimation)	Estimated trend during reporting period (increasing, decreasing or stable)				
4.3. Please estimate how the land covered by the saiga population is used (please indicate on the map):						
% under human settlement	Indicate on the map and name extraction sites (e.g. gas, minerals)	Other land use modes (e.g. % agricultural land, major infrastructure sites)				
4.4. List any significant physical barriers - current and planned - in saiga habitat: (e.g. pipelines, roads, railways, canals), and indicate on the map:						
4.5. What conservation measures have been undertaken to mitigate impacts from infrastructure (e.g. planned or established PAs, off-setting)?						
4.6. List and map all existing PAs in the population range:						
	Name	Size (km ²)	National category	Number of rangers	Number of cars	Number of motorbikes
A						
B						
C						
(Please add more rows as necessary)						
4.7. Are calving areas covered by existing PAs (if yes indicate which ones, if not indicate areas where the calving occurs)?						
4.8. Are rutting areas covered by existing PAs (if yes indicate which ones, if not indicate on the map areas where the rut occurs)?						
4.9. Does patrolling of saiga habitat occur outside PAs?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

							<input type="checkbox"/> No
Please provide details (name of organization(s) undertaking patrols, frequency, capacity (how many vehicles)):							
4.10. What are the main constraints to effectiveness of these patrols?							
4.11. Rate the impact of the main current threats to this saiga population in your country:							
	Zero	Low	Medium	High	Very High	Unknown	
Hunting for meat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting for horns/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Habitat loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Livestock competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fragmentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Demographic factors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Barriers to migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.12. Have there been any major disease outbreaks identified in a saiga population in your country during the reporting period?							<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details and attach reports:							
4.13. Have there been any extreme events reported over the reporting period with a negative impact on saiga (e.g. climatic)?							<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", please provide details:							

Please put repeats of this section of the report for each saiga population in your country

5. MONITORING OF SAIGA POPULATIONS

5.1. Is there a national monitoring system for saigas?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.2. Name of agency/agencies carrying out monitoring:	
5.3. Is there a national database of the results of saiga monitoring?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5.4. Name of agency/agencies maintaining database (including contact person and full contact details, or link to the database):	
5.5. What monitoring methods are used? (Please add implementing agency and period to each entry)	

Population	Aerial survey	Ground survey	Participatory monitoring	Satellite monitoring (collaring)	Expert opinion	Disease surveillance	Other (specify)
5.6. Are there any standard monitoring protocols?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, please attach as an annex:							
5.7. What measures have been taken to standardize monitoring methodology with other countries?							
5.8. Please attach the reports of monitoring exercises during the reporting period as an annex to this document							
<input type="checkbox"/> Attached							
5.9. What are the possible improvements of the monitoring of the saiga population?							
5.10. Is there a need for further capacity-building for the monitoring of the saiga population?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If "yes", please provide details on needs for capacity-building:							

6. CAPTIVE BREEDING

6.1. Does your country operate captive breeding facilities for saigas (including zoos)?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
6.2. List existing captive breeding facilities:							
Captive breeding establishments (name, locality, managing agency)	Size	Males	Females	Calves	Origin of the stock (which wild population it has been taken from and when)		
6.3. Give details of any cooperation with captive breeding facilities, including in other countries?							
Please provide details:							
6.4. Have any captive-bred animals been transferred to other countries during the reporting period?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If "yes", please provide details:							

6.5. How many wild animals have been caught for captive breeding during the reporting period?					
Number	Age/sex	When	Where	Where transferred to	Agency/organization leading operation
6.6. Have any captive-bred animals been released into the wild during the reporting period and if so, how?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “yes”, please provide following details, number/sex/date/locality:					
6.7. Are any releases planned in the future?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “yes”, please provide details:					
6.8. Are any new captive breeding centres planned?					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If “yes”, please provide following details:					

7. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

7.1. Please provide details and attach examples of educational and publicity materials and programmes that have been taking place, e.g. target audiences, type of material:	
7.2. Is any information available on the Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Please provide links:	
7.3. List any surveys carried out to assess public attitudes to saiga over the reporting period:	
Please provide following details: date; organization; brief results :	

8. RESEARCH

8.1 Please provide a list of references of the scientific research on saiga related issues conducted over the reporting period (if available attach the copy or link to the publications):

8.2 Which areas from Medium-Term International Work Programme (MTIWP) have been addressed through this research?

Implementation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Anti-poaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Sustainable Use and Trade	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Human Factors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Awareness	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Protected Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Captive breeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please provide brief overview of relevance:

Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Please indicate topics:

9. ACTION

Which priority measures to conserve or restore saigas does your country wish to take in the future?

10. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Please list all the attached documents: