

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

England & Wales · Charity number 1135851

Details

Other names SCA

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-05-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SAIGA ANTELOPE, AND TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE SAME.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, OVERSEAS.
- China
- Kazakhstan
- Mongolia
- Russia
- Uzbekistan
- Oxfordshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £210,879 | £252,548 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £202,234 | £156,815 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £123,084 | £94,084 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £66,417 | £99,418 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £123,994 | £69,995 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|-------|------------|
| PROFESSOR ELEANOR JANE MILNER-GULLAND MA PHD | Chair | |
| DAVID MALLON PHD | | |
| Dr Anthony Dancer | | 2014-03-11 |
| Dr Waleri Schmunk | | 2023-12-01 |

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135851

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/01/2024 **To:** 31/12/2024

Charity name: Saiga Conservation Alliance (SCA)

Charity registration number: 1135851

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the critically endangered saiga antelope, and to advance the education of the public in the conservation and protection of the same. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p><u>Fundraising, Marketing, and Growth</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of SCA's Administrative Capacity • Public Awareness, Communications, Donor Engagement, and Fundraising <p><u>Engagement of SCA Members & Enhancing stakeholder engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saiga News & Meetings and Events <p><u>Networking and Capacity-building - International</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Awards Programme <p><u>Community Education and Outreach – International</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saiga Day, Day of Migratory Species and Day of Protected Areas, Steppe Wildlife Clubs and Educational Materials <p><u>Research and Conservation – International</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the Anti-Poaching Capacity of Protected Areas in the Saiga's Range • Building a Collaborative Foundation for Evidence-Based Saiga Antelope Conservation - International • Saiga populations in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan • Saiga Resource Centre & CMS MOU Coordination Support <p><u>Research and Conservation – Uzbekistan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and conservation – Uzbekistan (Resurrection Island Programme) |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | Yes, all the trustees have signed off on this report. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | Para 1.20 | <p><u>Fundraising, Marketing, and Growth</u></p> <p>Improvement of SCA's Administrative Capacity Strengthened organisational effectiveness through key staffing changes and the introduction of new financial management systems. Implemented Xero accounting and project management tools with support from AFID and WCN, enhancing donor communication, financial oversight, and staff onboarding across UK and Uzbekistan operations.</p> <p>Public Awareness, Communications, Donor Engagement, and Fundraising Maintained strong levels of unrestricted fundraising and advanced public awareness, communications, and member engagement throughout 2024. Expanded digital outreach across websites and social media, produced impact blogs and newsletters, and participated in international events to amplify awareness of Saiga conservation. Collaborated with partners including WCN and PTES to share key updates and strengthen donor relationships, increasing visibility and support for Saiga protection.</p> <p><u>Engagement of SCA Members & Enhancing stakeholder engagement</u></p> <p>Saiga News & Meetings and Events</p> <p>Saiga News Published <i>Saiga News</i> Issue 29 in six languages and prepared Issue 30 for early 2025 release. The bulletin shared Saiga research, conservation news, and stakeholder updates across range states, bridging local action with international policy. Distributed both online and in print, it remains a key platform connecting governments, scientists, and the public, strengthening global collaboration for Saiga conservation.</p> <p>Meetings and Events Brought together international partners at the 2024 AGM and Strategic Planning Workshop in Samarkand, attended by 25 participants from 10 countries. Hosted and contributed to multiple CMS CoP14 events, including the Saiga Horn Stockpile Workshop, an official side event on transboundary cooperation, and a large networking forum. These gatherings fostered dialogue on governance, trade monitoring, and conservation priorities, enhancing coordination and stakeholder engagement across the global Saiga network.</p> |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p><u>Networking and Capacity-building - International</u></p> <p>Annual Awards Programme — Although the annual awards were paused in 2024 to prioritise institutional development, SCA hosted a prize-giving event in Samarkand to celebrate the 2023 awardees. The ceremony recognised excellence in Saiga protection, research, and youth leadership, honouring contributors from nine countries. By highlighting individual and collective achievements, the programme strengthened professional networks and inspired continued global collaboration in Saiga conservation.</p> <p><u>Community Education and Outreach – International</u></p> <p>Saiga Day, Day of Migratory Species and Day of Protected Areas, Steppe Wildlife Clubs and Educational Materials Delivered extensive community education and outreach across Mongolia and Uzbekistan, engaging over 20,000 children, teachers, and community members through Saiga Day celebrations, eco-club activities, and biodiversity lessons. In Mongolia, screenings, field visits, and social media outreach deepened understanding of Saiga ecology, while Uzbekistan's "Year of the Saiga" events promoted environmental stewardship through creative and cultural programmes. Produced a trilingual <i>Wildlife of Uzbekistan</i> colouring book to inspire environmental awareness among children. These initiatives strengthened local engagement and fostered pride and responsibility for Saiga conservation across range states.</p> <p><u>Research and Conservation – International</u></p> <p>Enhancing the Anti-Poaching Capacity of Protected Areas in the Saiga's Range Supported rangers in the Saigachy Reserve and Aralkum National Park by providing essential equipment, including vehicle refrigerators and spare parts for off-road vehicles. These resources improved the effectiveness of anti-poaching patrols and strengthened protection of Saiga populations. Remaining items have been scheduled for delivery in 2025 to continue building capacity.</p> |
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Para 1.20

Building a Collaborative Foundation for Evidence-Based Saiga Antelope Conservation - International

The SCA's USFWS project seeks to unite all stakeholders involved in Saiga conservation, especially those funded by USFWS grants. Coordinated international efforts to reduce illegal Saiga horn trade and strengthen local conservation capacity across China, Japan, Singapore, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, and Mongolia. Activities included supply chain research, consumer behavior studies, ranger training, stockpile management, and law enforcement support. The project fostered collaboration among stakeholders, enhanced professional development for emerging conservation leaders, and built a platform for knowledge sharing to ensure lasting impact on Saiga protection.

Saiga populations in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

Crime Scripting, Social Research, and SMART Patrol System Analysis

Conducted key informant interviews and online market surveys in Uzbekistan to complete crime scripts for each Saiga population, identifying knowledge gaps and priority research questions. Delivered regional training for 30 participants from Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Uzbekistan on social and behavioral research methods, and supported four local social researchers in developing research tools. Assessed and strengthened the SMART patrol system and biodiversity data collection in Saigachy Reserve, including field visits, equipment needs analysis, and practical guidance for rangers. These activities enhanced local capacity to monitor, prevent, and respond to poaching and trade, contributing to long-term Saiga conservation.

Saiga Resource Centre & CMS MOU Coordination Support

CMS MOU Coordination support

Coordinated and collated reports from partner organisations and CMS MoU signatory states, providing a comprehensive overview of Saiga populations, conservation challenges, and ongoing efforts. Supported the completion of the 2021–2024 CMS Saiga MoU and contributed to the development of the next Medium-Term International Work Programme, ensuring cross-border, science-driven strategies guide Saiga conservation priorities beyond 2024.

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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>Saiga Resource Centre Maintained and expanded the Saiga Resource Centre website, fully accessible in four languages, as a central hub for Saiga conservation knowledge. The site hosts over 222 scientific publications, 30 reports, 29 theses, 29 issues of <i>Saiga News</i>, educational materials, videos, photographs, expert contacts, and project maps. These resources support researchers, educators, students, journalists, and conservation practitioners, enhancing knowledge sharing, public awareness, and global collaboration for Saiga protection.</p> <p><u>Research and Conservation – Uzbekistan</u></p> <p>Research and conservation – Uzbekistan (Resurrection Island Programme)</p> <p>Darwin Initiative: Resurrection Island – Enterprise, Conservation, and Development around the Aral Sea Advanced biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods in the Aralkum region, including formal establishment of Aralkum National Park with functional zoning to protect Saiga, caracals, and other species. Engaged local communities through eco-tourism, homestays, and training, while collaborating with industry to integrate biodiversity principles and mitigate impacts of infrastructure projects. Conducted field research, sociological surveys, and scientific studies to inform restoration and management, achieving stable Saiga populations, discovery of new avian colonies, and strengthened regional and transboundary conservation partnerships.</p> <p>PTES: Aral Sea Field Survey Conducted comprehensive surveys of Saiga, birds, mammals, and invertebrates in the Aralkum region using transects, camera traps, pellet analysis, and direct observations. Identified new Saiga habitats, documented 96 bird species (28 recorded for the first time), recorded key mammals and invertebrates, and assessed human impacts, including pipeline-related habitat fragmentation. Findings informed ongoing conservation priorities, were shared with local communities and scientists, and contributed to three peer-reviewed publications, strengthening evidence-based conservation and habitat management for critically endangered Saigas.</p> |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>Study Tour: Barsakelmes Biosphere Reserve, Kazakhstan As part of the Darwin Initiative's "Resurrection Island" project, a delegation from Uzbekistan, including government and conservation representatives, visited Barsakelmes in August 2024 to strengthen transboundary conservation and eco-tourism. Activities included workshops, field visits, collaborative wildlife monitoring, and discussions on sustainable tourism. Outcomes included enhanced Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan cooperation, knowledge exchange on biodiversity management, joint research plans for Saiga populations, and strategies for eco-tourism that support local livelihoods while safeguarding desert ecosystems.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| <p>Achievements against objectives set</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | |
| <p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | |
| <p>Investment performance against objectives</p> | <p>Para 1.41</p> | |
| <p>Other</p> | | |

Financial Review

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| <p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p> | <p>Para 1.21</p> | <p>Total income for 2024 was £210,879 with total expenditure of £252,548 Cash funds decreased accordingly from £191,632.19 at the end of 2023 to £149,962.93 at the end of 2024. None of the SCA's expenditure relates to the payment of personal expenses for Trustees and the SCA remains fortunate that all trustees are willing to cover all such costs themselves.</p> |
| <p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p> | <p>Para 1.22</p> | <p>Reserves are held in order to continue to pay salaries of SCA core personnel and to be able to carry out our core programmes for a period of 6 months</p> |
| <p>Amount of reserves held</p> | <p>Para 1.22</p> | <p>£30,000</p> |
| <p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p> | <p>Para 1.22</p> | |
| <p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p> | <p>Para 1.24</p> | |
| <p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p> | <p>Para 1.23</p> | |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution adopted 20th August 2009 |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Association |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Positions advertised, interviewed for and appointed by existing Trustees |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustee | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Saiga Conservation Alliance |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1135851 |
| Charity's principal address | The Garden Cottage, Park Corner, Nettlebed, Henley-on- Thames. RG9 6DR |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | E.J. Milner-Gulland | Chair | | |
| 2 | David Mallon | | | |
| 3 | Anthony Dancer | Honorary treasurer | | |
| 4 | Waleri Schmunk | | | |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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| | | |

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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| E.J. Milner-Gulland | |
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

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| Chair | |
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Date

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| 31/10/2025 |
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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | No (if any) 113581 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-24 | To | Period end date 31-Dec-24 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants & Donations - Darwin | £14,961 | - | - | 14,961 | - |
| Grants & Donations - FFI | £46,576 | - | - | 46,576 | - |
| Grants & Donations - General | £1,500 | - | - | 1,500 | - |
| Grants & Donations - USFW | £43,716 | - | - | 43,716 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | £35,805 | - | - | 35,805 | - |
| Interest & Banking compensation | £3,013 | - | - | 3,013 | - |
| Returned payment | £9,307 | - | - | 9,307 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 154,879 | - | - | 154,879 | - |

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 154,879 | - | - | 154,879 | - |

A3 Payments


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|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | £8,759 | - | - | 8,759 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff) | £33,641 | - | - | 33,641 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | £1,087 | - | - | 1,087 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Donor engagement | £1,677 | - | - | 1,677 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Foreign payment charges | £1,685 | - | - | 1,685 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - New finance system | £818 | - | - | 818 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | £3,033 | - | - | 3,033 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme | £1,224 | - | - | 1,224 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme and awards | £7,665 | - | - | 7,665 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | £8,024 | - | - | 8,024 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - USFWS | £30,325 | - | - | 30,325 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - WCN | £2,061 | - | - | 2,061 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - USFWS | £51,407 | - | - | 51,407 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Darwin | £1,602 | - | - | 1,602 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Ptes | £30,414 | - | - | 30,414 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £3,338 | - | - | 3,338 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - WCN | £9,788 | - | - | 9,788 | - |
| Sub total | 196,548 | - | - | 196,548 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

| | | | | | |
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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |

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|------------------------------------|----------|---|---|----------|---|
| Total payments | 196,548 | - | - | 196,548 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 41,669 | - | - | - 41,669 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 191,632 | - | - | 191,632 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 149,963 | - | - | 149,963 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 149,963 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 149,963 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 25-Feb-26 | |



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Saiga Conservation Alliance

**On accounts for the
year ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity
no (if
any)**

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

04/03/2026

Name:

Neil Handley

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Senior Manager - Lloyds TSB. Formerly an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address:

6 Caesar Close

Baston

Peterborough, PE6 9PN

Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

The lateness in the submission of the accounts has been caused by changes to key personnel in the UK and the difficulties in communicating with people in the field to obtain the correct documentation to validate two transactions. However, I am satisfied that the Trustees have put procedures in place which will avoid a repetition of this in the future.



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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | No (if any) 113581 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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Section A Receipts and payments

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 154,879 | - | - | 154,879 | - |

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| International - Research and conservation - WCN | £2,061 | - | - | 2,061 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - USFWS | £51,407 | - | - | 51,407 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Darwin | £1,602 | - | - | 1,602 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Ptes | £30,414 | - | - | 30,414 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £3,338 | - | - | 3,338 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - WCN | £9,788 | - | - | 9,788 | - |
| Sub total | 196,548 | - | - | 196,548 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Total payments | 196,548 | - | - | 196,548 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 41,669 | - | - | - 41,669 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 191,632 | - | - | 191,632 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 149,963 | - | - | 149,963 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 149,963 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 149,963 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 25-Feb-26 | |

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135851

Accounts



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01/01/2023 **To:** 31/12/2023

Charity name: Saiga Conservation Alliance (SCA)

Charity registration number: 1135851

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
|---|----------------|---|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the critically endangered saiga antelope, and to advance the education of the public in the conservation and protection of the same |

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| <p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p> | <p>Para 1.17 and 1.19</p> | <p>In 2023, the Saiga Conservation Alliance (SCA) focused on several key activities aimed at furthering its charitable objectives, all of which were designed to contribute to the public benefit. These activities included efforts in fundraising, marketing, and growth, as well as significant improvements to the organization's operational efficiency and administrative capacity.</p> <p>SCA actively supported anti-poaching efforts in key saiga habitats, providing essential equipment and training for rangers in Uzbekistan. These efforts helped to enhance biodiversity monitoring and the implementation of SMART patrolling systems.</p> <p>SCA expanded its engagement with local communities across Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia, primarily through the 26 Steppe Wildlife Clubs and Saiga Day celebrations, which reached over 1,600 participants. These events focused on raising awareness about biodiversity and saiga conservation through hands-on activities, especially engaging youth in rural areas. Educational materials were also distributed, promoting environmental awareness in English and Uzbek.</p> <p>SCA's marketing efforts included producing impact blogs, hosting public speaking events, and creating tailored content for major donors to boost engagement and donations. Campaigns such as #CameraTrapTuesday, along with coordinated efforts through the website and social media, helped increase awareness of saiga conservation and fostered a wider audience, including children, donors, and the global conservation community.</p> <p>The annual publication of the Saiga News bulletin in six languages continued to serve as a critical platform for disseminating research, conservation updates, and promoting international collaboration among stakeholders. It is widely distributed both in print and online.</p> <p>SCA worked to foster international collaboration through its Annual Awards Programme, supporting young conservationists and small conservation projects across saiga range states. Additionally, the Saiga Inception Meeting hosted in Oxford provided a platform for strategic discussions on saiga conservation, habitat restoration, and cross-border cooperation.</p> <p>SCA contributed to a 2023 report on the sustainable use of saiga antelopes, exploring ways to balance population recovery with regulated hunting and non-consumptive uses like ecotourism. Notably, the IUCN Red List assessment reclassified Saiga tatarica from Critically Endangered to Near Threatened, recognizing substantial population recovery, but also underscoring ongoing threats like poaching, disease, and habitat degradation.</p> <p>In Uzbekistan, SCA ran a successful ecotourism skills training program, culminating in the launch of a new tourist trail and homestay business in Muynak. These efforts contributed to local economic development and poverty alleviation while promoting sustainable conservation practices.</p> |
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| | | SCA's diverse activities in 2023 were closely aligned with its purpose of promoting saiga conservation and biodiversity protection for the public benefit, particularly in key saiga range states. These activities also contributed to capacity building, local community engagement, and fostering international collaboration. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | Yes, all the trustees have signed off on this report. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p><u>Fundraising, Marketing, and Growth</u></p> <p>Improvement of SCA's Administrative Capacity</p> <p>In 2023, SCA underwent key personnel changes. Long-serving trustee Anna Lushchekina retired, and Waleri Schmunk joined as a trustee. To improve efficiency, SCA adopted new financial recording practices and started using Xero for financial management. Project management tools and trackers were also introduced to enhance donor care and communications.</p> <p>Public Awareness, Communications, Donor Engagement, Fundraising and Growth</p> <p>In 2023, SCA made significant progress in fundraising, marketing, and communications. Key initiatives included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Blogs: Highlighting project activities to engage the audience, increase website traffic, and boost donations and mailing list sign-ups. • Public Speaking: SCA representatives raised awareness about saiga conservation at events like the Deserts Conference and WCN Expo. • Content Production: Content created for major donors (e.g., Whitley Fund for Nature, PTES, WCN) amplified SCA's conservation message. <p>SCA expanded its online outreach, targeting a diverse audience, including donors, children, and the global conservation community.</p> <p>Key campaigns, such as #CameraTrapTuesday, highlighted ongoing field projects, research, and Steppe Wildlife Club activities. The ongoing development of the SCA website also enhanced coordination with social media, promoting public engagement. SCA proactively celebrated national and international awareness days related to saiga conservation with special guest blogs including but not limited to World Ranger Day and World Veterinary Day.</p> <p>Saiga News & Events</p> <p>Saiga News is an annual bulletin published in six languages (English, Russian, Chinese, Uzbek, Kazakh, Mongolian), reaching conservationists, governments, and the public. It bridges the gap between local and international conservation efforts and covers key topics. The bulletin features</p> |
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research updates, Saiga hero profiles, and articles, distributed both online and in print. In 2023 we published two issues.

Saiga Meeting (Oxford, UK, March 2023)

SCA hosted the Inception Meeting and panel event for a new programme, funded by USFWS: “Conserving Wildlife in the Central Asian Steppes”, with participants from USFWS programme and various conservation organisations working on saiga trade and conservation. Discussions covered topics such as:

- Conservation strategies: Habitat restoration and anti-poaching.
- Scientific research: Saiga populations and climate change impacts.
- Policy and collaboration: Cross-border cooperation and integrating research into policy.

The event fostered collaboration and laid plans for workshops and a detailed action plan for saiga conservation.

Annual Awards Programme

SCA promotes international collaboration through its Annual Awards Programme, consisting of:

- YCL (Young Conservation Leaders)
- SGP (Small Grants Programme)
- ESP (Excellence in Saiga Protection)

Our 2023 Award Winners were:

- YCL: [Mekhriban Saparbayeva](#) (Uzbekistan), [Mao Jing](#) (China)
- SGP: [Aibat Muzbay](#) (Kazakhstan), [Bayarmaa Chuluunbat](#) (Mongolia)
- ESP: [Arman Kuzhakhmetov](#) (Kazakhstan), [Olonbaatar Gaanbat](#) (Mongolia)

Community Education and Outreach – International

Saiga Day, Day of Migratory Species and Day of Protected Areas, Steppe Wildlife Clubs and Educational Materials

Saiga Day 2023 was celebrated in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia, with activities organised by Steppe Wildlife Clubs, raising awareness about saiga conservation.

- Uzbekistan: 900 participants

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kazakhstan: 200 participants • Mongolia: 500 participants <p>Activities included poster competitions, cycling marathons, tree planting, and lessons. These events engage rural communities and encourage youth participation in conservation.</p> <p>Steppe Wildlife Clubs</p> <p>SCA supported 26 Steppe Wildlife Clubs in 2023. These clubs promote biodiversity and environmental awareness through hands-on activities, fostering stewardship in local communities across Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia.</p> <p>Educational Materials</p> <p>Educational resources in English and Uzbek were distributed to 400 people across various events, promoting environmental education in saiga range states and the Aral Sea region.</p> <p>Educational materials are available for conservationist to download from Saiga Resource Centre</p> <p><u>Research and Conservation – International</u></p> <p>Enhancing Anti-Poaching Capacity in Saiga Range</p> <p>Core funding in 2023 supported rangers in key saiga habitats, leading to significant improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saigachy Reserve (Uzbekistan): Equipment provided included camera traps, tents, and uniforms. Rangers received biodiversity monitoring training, implemented SMART patrolling, and received ecological education. • Aralkum National Park (Uzbekistan): Similar equipment and training were provided, with additional technical support for PA zoning and management plan development. <p>Building a Collaborative Foundation for Evidence-Based Saiga Conservation</p> <p>This USFWS-funded project seeks to unite stakeholders in saiga conservation, especially those funded by USFWS grants. The goal is to amplify conservation efforts, foster supply chain</p> |
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| | | <p>cooperation, and provide a training platform for future saiga conservation experts.</p> <p>Kazakhstan Saiga Conservation and Management Strategy</p> <p>The SCA has been supporting the Government of Kazakhstan in developing its Saiga Conservation and Management Strategy, including a field visit by the SCA's Chair of Trustees as a member of an International Expert Group, in May 2023.</p> <p>CMS MoU Coordination Support</p> <p>Since 2006, the Saiga Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has fostered a global network of saiga conservationists and researchers, including all range states and major NGOs. The MoU facilitates collaboration and strategy development, but engagement from non-range countries involved in the saiga horn trade remains limited. Strengthening these ties could enhance conservation efforts.</p> <p>At the fourth MoU meeting in September 2021, signatories confirmed that two NGOs — ACBK and SCA — would continue providing technical and logistical support to coordinate MoU activities and the Medium-Term International Work Program (MTIWP) 2021–2025. This activity continued in 2023, including maintenance of the Saiga Resource Centre and production of the report mentioned below.</p> <p>Sustainable Use of Saiga Antelopes</p> <p>The 2023 report on "The Sustainable Use of Saiga Antelopes" was created for the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS), with an authorship team from across the saiga range states, convened and led by the SCA. Funded by Germany's Federal Ministry, it explores potential strategies for sustainable use, aiming to restore saiga populations to levels that could allow regulated hunting.</p> <p>The report summarises population theory and saiga ecology, sustainable harvest strategies, and institutional structures for managing saigas in Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and China. It emphasises a precautionary approach due to saigas' high productivity but vulnerability to environmental shocks. Involving local communities in management and exploring non-consumptive uses like eco-tourism are key recommendations. International collaboration is essential for sustainable management.</p> |
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| | <p>IUCN Red List Assessment – Saiga tatarica (2023)</p> <p>In 2023, the IUCN Red List reclassified Saiga tatarica from Critically Endangered to Near Threatened, thanks to a 1,100% population increase, especially in Kazakhstan. By May 2022, the global population reached over 1.32 million, with 98% in Kazakhstan. However, uncertainties remain due to potential mass mortality events (MMEs), illegal poaching, habitat degradation, and climatic factors.</p> <p>Saiga populations in Russia and Uzbekistan remain depleted, and global collaboration remains critical to securing the species' future.</p> <p>SCA colleagues were involved in reviewing and assessing the classification and publicising this conservation milestone.</p> <p><u>Research and Conservation – Uzbekistan</u></p> <p>Ecotourism Skills Training</p> <p>From 18 to 21 December 2023, SCA-Uzbekistan hosted a skills training program on ecotourism in Nukus, Karakalpakstan, attended by over 20 stakeholders, including tour operators and officials. Participants explored the design of eco-touristic routes, legal frameworks, and marketing strategies. A new tourist trail was piloted, and a homestay business was launched in Muynak, contributing to local poverty alleviation and sustainable development.</p> <p>Progress in Protected Area (PA) Delineation and Zoning</p> <p>Significant progress was made in establishing protected areas (PAs) in Aralkum, with the Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan approving the zonation in 2023.</p> <p>Technical Support and Biodiversity Conservation</p> <p>SCA-Uzbekistan is developing a Biodiversity Management Plan for the newly established Aralkum PA, supported by land cover classification and ground-truthing surveys. Several scientific publications are in preparation, based on these findings, highlighting the project's research-driven approach.</p> <p>Capacity Building and Industry Engagement</p> |
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| | | <p>Between April and September 2023, biodiversity monitoring expeditions conducted by the Institute of Zoology in Uzbekistan (together with SCA colleagues) provided critical data for conservation. Industry collaboration, including partnerships with SANEG and UzKorGas, ensured alignment with the "No Net Loss" principle in development projects. Further training sessions in September 2023 engaged local professionals in conservation practices.</p> <p>Research Publications</p> <p>A research paper on local perceptions of natural resource usage was published in the journal Land Use Policy in 2023, emphasising the importance of considering community perspectives in conservation and sustainable use efforts. (Alikhanova et al. 2023), and co-authored by SCA team members.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Total income for 2023 was £202,234 with total expenditure of £156,815. Cash funds increased accordingly from £146,213 at the end of 2022 to £191,632 at the end of 2023. None of the SCA's expenditure relates to the payment of personal expenses for Trustees and the SCA remains fortunate that all trustees are willing to cover all such costs themselves. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | Reserves are held in order to continue to pay salaries of SCA core personnel and to be able to carry out our core programmes for a period of 6 months |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £30,000 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution adopted 20th August 2009 |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Association |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Positions advertised, interviewed for and appointed by existing Trustees. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Saiga Conservation Alliance |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1135851 |
| Charity's principal address | The Garden Cottage, Park Corner, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames. RG9 6DR |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | E.J. Milner-Gulland | Chair | | |
| 2 | Anna Lushchekina | | Resigned in September 2023 | |
| 3 | David Mallon | | | |
| 4 | Anthony Dancer | Honorary treasurer | | |
| 5 | Waleri Schmunk | | Appointed on 03/10/23 | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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| E.J. Milner-Gulland | |
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**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

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| Chair | |
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Date

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| 25/10/2024 |
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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | | No (if any) 113581 |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-23 | To Period end date 31-Dec-23 |


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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants & Donations - Darwin | £4,743 | - | - | 4,743 | - |
| Grants & Donations - General | £577 | - | - | 577 | - |
| Grants & Donations - PTES | £20,000 | - | - | 20,000 | - |
| Grants & Donations - FFI | £57,255 | - | - | 57,255 | - |
| Grants & Donations - USFW | £32,736 | - | - | 32,736 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | £79,871 | - | - | 79,871 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WfN | £0 | - | - | - | - |
| Interest & Banking compensation | £1,633 | - | - | 1,633 | - |
| Returned payment | £5,419 | - | - | 5,419 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 202,234 | - | - | 202,234 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 202,234 | - | - | 202,234 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | £10,726 | - | - | 10,726 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff) | £26,018 | - | - | 26,018 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | £17 | - | - | 17 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Donor engagement | £1,262 | - | - | 1,262 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | £129 | - | - | 129 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - New finance system | £714 | - | - | 714 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | £6,026 | - | - | 6,026 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme | £5,804 | - | - | 5,804 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme & awards | £2,980 | - | - | 2,980 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | £2,622 | - | - | 2,622 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - USFW | £34,312 | - | - | 34,312 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | £2,280 | - | - | 2,280 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve anti poaching | £2,412 | - | - | 2,412 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - USFW | £21,669 | - | - | 21,669 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Darwin | £1,455 | - | - | 1,455 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Ptes | £14,113 | - | - | 14,113 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £24,277 | - | - | 24,277 | - |
| Sub total | 156,815 | - | - | 156,815 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |

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| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 156,815 | - | - | 156,815 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 45,419 | - | - | 45,419 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 146,213 | - | - | 146,213 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 191,632 | - | - | 191,632 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 191,632 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 191,632 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 29-Nov-24 | |



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Saiga Conservation Alliance

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2023

Charity
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any)

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

29/11/2024

Name:

Neil Handley

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Senior Manager - Lloyds TSB. Formerly an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address:

6 Caesar Close

Baston

Peterborough, PE6 9PN

Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A



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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | | No (if any) 113581 |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-23 | To Period end date 31-Dec-23 |

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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
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| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |

A1 Receipts

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|--|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Grants & Donations - Darwin | £4,743 | - | - | 4,743 | - |
| Grants & Donations - General | £577 | - | - | 577 | - |
| Grants & Donations - PTES | £20,000 | - | - | 20,000 | - |
| Grants & Donations - FFI | £57,255 | - | - | 57,255 | - |
| Grants & Donations - USFW | £32,736 | - | - | 32,736 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | £79,871 | - | - | 79,871 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WfN | £0 | - | - | - | - |
| Interest & Banking compensation | £1,633 | - | - | 1,633 | - |
| Returned payment | £5,419 | - | - | 5,419 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 202,234 | - | - | 202,234 | - |

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 202,234 | - | - | 202,234 | - |

A3 Payments


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|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | £10,726 | - | - | 10,726 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff) | £26,018 | - | - | 26,018 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | £17 | - | - | 17 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Donor engagement | £1,262 | - | - | 1,262 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | £129 | - | - | 129 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - New finance system | £714 | - | - | 714 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | £6,026 | - | - | 6,026 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme | £5,804 | - | - | 5,804 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme & awards | £2,980 | - | - | 2,980 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | £2,622 | - | - | 2,622 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - USFW | £34,312 | - | - | 34,312 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | £2,280 | - | - | 2,280 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve anti poaching | £2,412 | - | - | 2,412 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - USFW | £21,669 | - | - | 21,669 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Darwin | £1,455 | - | - | 1,455 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Ptes | £14,113 | - | - | 14,113 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £24,277 | - | - | 24,277 | - |
| Sub total | 156,815 | - | - | 156,815 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
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|------------------------------------|---------|---|---|---------|---|
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 156,815 | - | - | 156,815 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 45,419 | - | - | 45,419 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 146,213 | - | - | 146,213 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 191,632 | - | - | 191,632 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 191,632 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 191,632 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 29-Nov-24 | |

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135851

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1.1.22 To Period end date 31.12.22

Charity name: Saiga Conservation Alliance

Charity registration number: 1135851

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the critically endangered saiga antelope, and to advance the education of the public in the conservation and protection of the same |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>In order to further our charitable objects the Saiga Conservation Alliance undertakes a diverse range of conservation activities in all the countries where saigas are found and campaigns on behalf of saigas internationally.</p> <p>In 2022 we continued to reach out to a range of stakeholders through online media and publications via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Saiga News, our scientific bulletin about saiga conservation and ecology was published in 6 languages (issue #28)b) Our social media posts on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram plus publications on SCA website and Saiga Resource Centrec) Our Resurrection Island programme in Uzbekistan helped the government designate a new protected area: Aral-Kum National park <p>The SCA is also contracted by the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to coordinate stakeholder engagement in the implementation and monitoring of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on saiga's Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use. We continued to carry out our role within this MoU.</p> <p>We also started a new programme, working in collaboration with USFWS, to support a portfolio of projects aimed at understanding</p> |

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| | | <p>and tackling illegal trade in saigas along the whole supply chain.</p> <p>We continued to carry out our core activities and public engagement events, such as Saiga day festivities, Day of Migratory Species, Day of Protected areas, as well as supporting our Steppe Wildlife Clubs in the range states.</p> <p>We also continued to provide support to rangers wherever possible.</p> <p>SCA appointed a Project Administrator with a strong background in fundraising and donor engagement, David Hill. In Uzbekistan we hired a programme coordinator, Zebo Isakova and Peter Damerell was appointed to lead the USFWS Project.</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | Yes, all the trustees have signed off on this report. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
|--|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
|--|------------------|---|
| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>“Steppe Wildlife Clubs” – Steppe Wildlife Club program Uzbekistan, Russia, Kazakhstan and Mongolia with a focus on engagement with older teenagers; including sport and community-based ecological projects.</p> <p><u>In Kazakhstan:</u> As we supported events at "Saiga Friends" clubs: lessons were conducted in 3 schools, art classes were conducted for these children to learn new skills. A lecture was held in 1 school, teaching children about the saiga's life-cycle. Elsewhere 23 school children attended an outdoor event in which they took part in a saiga monitoring exercise and learnt new field-skills.</p> <p><u>In Mongolia:</u> Covid restrictions were still in place so we could only take a reduced number of kids on a field trip, about 40 members of SWCs, and kids learnt how to release captive saigas safely to the steppe. Children observed wildlife and rangers gave information/facts about saiga and its habitat.</p> <p>An animation entitled “Pride” was created. This cartoon about saigas is a unique combination of Mongolian folk tradition and storytelling and modern technology. It took about a month to produce and the kids learnt many new film-making skills. The cartoon aims to encourage the public to protect surface water and use it properly. The cartoon reached over 20k people since its release on April 23, 2022.</p> <p><u>In Russia:</u> We supported 7 Steppe Wildlife Clubs which conducted a variety of events and activities including quizzes, games, discussions, and presentations.</p> <p>The project “Animals of our region” encourages children to talk about, and watch presentations about, the saiga and other animals living in their area.</p> <p>Aside from the different classroom activities mentioned above, some SWCs also participated in out-of-school activities such as collecting waste on the steppe, helping with repairs in reserves, and participating in releasing young saigas from a breeding centre into the reserve.</p> |

In total there are now 7 SWCs in Russia (same as last year), 7 SWCs in Kazakhstan (1 more than last year), 10 SWCs in Uzbekistan (4 more than last year), 11 SWCs in Mongolia (same as last year).

In Uzbekistan core socio-educational activities took place in 6 target villages: Nukus, Kyrk Kyz, Jaslyk, Karakalpakia, and Muynak. This year Saiga Day was celebrated in a total of 10 Schools, 4 more than last year. In total, 500 children took an active part in Saiga Day in Uzbekistan this year. There were numerous competitions as well as art exhibitions and a show prepared by children to celebrate the festival. We have also supported Day of Migratory Species events, this is our annual festival in November which was held in 4 villages: Nukus, KirkKyz, Jaslyk and Muynak.

Activities which were conducted in 2022 aimed at improving teenagers' engagement include:

* Saiga Day: successful Saiga Day activities continue, organized primarily by local teachers, engaging the Steppe Wildlife Clubs. Oriented mostly at teenagers as is conducted for middle school.

* We organized an online meeting for our club leaders and educators from 3 new schools in Muynak city to discuss how to organize Saiga Day and other activities relevant to them. The meeting was organized on April 2022, The next online meeting will be held in March 2023. Oriented mostly at teenagers as is conducted for middle school.

* Day of Migratory Species: we supported environmental teachers to organize lessons and lectures about migration and migratory species. Additionally, we provided educational materials and uniforms. Oriented mostly at teenagers.

“Educational materials” – To develop and share educational and awareness materials and methods for improving awareness of saiga conservation in new target areas in the Aral Sea region.

We coordinated the development and sharing of educational materials, specifically in Uzbekistan for public outreach events. All educational materials were uploaded to the [Saiga Resource Centre](#) in English and Uzbek - as

well as being distributed to steppe clubs and during events in the Aral Sea region.

We distributed the new materials to SWC clubs across the range states, materials were distributed among 10 steppe clubs digitally and in printed form, as well as at village awareness events in the Aral Sea region-approximately 400 people.

Awards programmes

"Young Conservation Leaders"

"Small grants programme"

"Excellence in anti-poaching"

These activities were on hold this year due to the situation in Russia/Ukraine and the UK government's position on trading with Russia. This made it impossible to award grants to conservationists working in Russia. SCA decided it was unfair to run this programme when one range state was unable to participate.

"Public awareness" – To raise public awareness more broadly through the production and distribution of educational and information materials.

Saiga News: We continued to publish *Saiga News*, a unique bi-annual publication in 6 languages, distributed online and in hard copy, which acts as a vital communication medium for stakeholders from the international to village level. In 2022 we published issue #27 in [Uzbek](#), [Chinese](#) and [Mongolian](#) and issue #28 has been drafted and will be published in 2023.

Social media: Facebook, website, Instagram and Twitter. As planned we posted regular updates, as well as some short 'from the field' posts with captions to show our audience what's happening on our projects first hand.

Public lectures: We participated in public lectures on saiga conservation and biodiversity of Resurrection Island and Aral Sea region as part of the eco-forum at the electronic music, art and science festival "STIHIA" in May 2022.

In June 2022, SCA Chair, E.J. Milner-Gulland gave the keynote address at DICE Lectures at University of Kent, Canterbury and the Douglas Adams Memorial Lecture at Royal Geographical Society, London, and featured our work for saiga conservation.

Also in October 2022 we organized a public lecture in Kyrk Kyz village jointly with our industrial partner "UzKorGaz Chemical".

"Saiga Resource Centre". To use the Saiga Resource Centre to engage better with governments in saiga range and consumer states and with international organizations (CMS and CITES), as well as with saiga conservationists.

We continued adding new material to SRC including articles to Saiga News, educational and conservation materials and uploaded a catalog of [saiga photos](#) taken by wildlife photographers. The animation, 'Pride', previously mentioned, created by Mongolian partners was also uploaded. This also helps fulfil our commitment under the CMS MoU.

"Anti-poaching". Enhancing the anti-poaching capacity of Protected Areas in the saiga's range.

SCA purchased equipment for Uzbekistan's Saigachy Reserve rangers (10 person tents, camp beds and potbelly stove). The purchase of equipment is aimed at improving the efficiency of the sanctuary's work in monitoring saiga and other fauna living on its territory, as well as environmental education with the local population.

In the Stepnoi Reserve in Russia, thanks to the help from the SCA, more security patrols were carried out, landscaping work was carried out and necessary repairs to equipment were carried out.

"Resurrection Island Project" To promote protection of biodiversity in Resurrection Island (Vozrozhdenie) and saiga population restoration.

i) Socio-economic research to study local communities in the area (needs assessment, role in ecology of the region, saiga awareness etc.) – data collection, data analysis, producing report:

Analysis of the data collected during the social surveys in early 2022, was completed. And a report published.

In addition, the Research Assistant has completed a scientific manuscript reporting some of the outcomes of the social surveys in relation to people's use of natural resources.

The market analysis report was completed by project partners. The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Tourism Development and The Pearl Group, Uzbekistan, and has been reviewed and translated into English by UoK.

ii) Engagement with local communities (e.g. through school events setting up two new SWC and running Saiga Day events, holding public information meetings about our proposed programme and saigas in general), and officials to build our relationships and plan for future engagement:

Saiga day events ran in 4 schools of Muynak and Kungurat districts. To provide technical support on No Net Loss biodiversity measures, the University of Kent delivered multiple sessions on biodiversity impact evaluation and mitigation (including sessions on biodiversity action planning, and meeting biodiversity safeguards enforced by lenders including the Asian Development Bank) to a community or practice in Uzbekistan.

The community of practice included representatives from project partners (Institute of Zoology of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences, GosComEcology, The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Tourism Development) as well as representatives of other important stakeholders (e.g.SWS, the Institute for Ecological Expertise, Kungrad Soda plant, Jizzakh Petroleum).

iii) Ecological assessment to monitor the region's biodiversity (incl. camera trapping) - the results will be compared to the monitoring data from 2021 and used to develop conservation strategy for the RI region:

Further ecological expeditions were completed (Institute of Zoology of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences, GosComEcology) to the Aral region and Resurrection Island in February 2022 and May/June 2022.

These were performed to (a) carry out presence observations of animal and plant species, (b) record any potential disturbance to habitats and wildlife caused by economic development activities, in comparison to 2021 surveys, (c) collect the camera trap data and replace batteries.

A qualitative report on findings has been written, and the data collected are in the process of being analysed by the Institute of Zoology of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences in collaboration with UzKorGaz to inform a cadastre for Karakalpakstan

iv) Designation of a new protected area (national park) Aralkum - work towards developing zoning for the new PA (1 mln hectares):

Excellent progress has been made in terms of the Aral-Kum protected area, which has already been legally created via Presidential Decree. Project partners Institute of Zoology of the Uzbek Academy of Sciences and Dr Sherimbetov (GosComEcology) have been preparing the zoological and botanical justifications for the precise zoning of the protected area (the next step in the process in Uzbekistan).

v) New pilot livelihood options (ecotourism) with associated trainings for local communities:

Skills training in the provision of homestays in the Aral region for visiting tourists was identified as a priority for development during the Y1 social surveys and market analyses. This training was consequently provided by partners The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Tourism Development and The Pearl Group over the summer 2022.

vi) Work with local industry partner (UzKorGas Chemical) in adopting action plans for Biodiversity Net Gain and social gain:

The project team is in a process of active consultation with key players (project partners UKG and GCE, also new collaborators GosComLes and Jizzakh Petroleum) about the development of a draft management plan for the Aral-Kum protected area. Given both the accelerated process made towards the designation of the protected area, but also the increasingly rapid development of the Aral region by the extractive sector, the project has put in a change request to move some budget from the lead organization to a new budget line for collaboration/data exchange with GCL – this will greatly support efforts to zone and establish an effective management plan for the protected area.

In 2022 we continued working on ongoing projects supported by our Darwin funding, our WfN funding and PTES funding.

This work includes:

- Reports on the results of socio-economic and marketing assessments
- Increasing the number of students and young people attending SCA outreach events
- Biodiversity recording and biodiversity conservation strategy planning for RI
- Mapping and zoning of Aralkum national park
- Increase Training provided to and piloting a number of sustainable livelihood options for locals
- Development of action plans for biodiversity net gain and social gain

“Communications”. To maintain and improve our communications, including the SCA website, Saiga Resource Centre, social media presence and donor newsletters.

SCA continued the development of the Saiga Resource Centre; in particular, along with educational and scientific literature. A large catalogue of photos were uploaded to the SRC.

Ongoing development of the SCA website continued, this included updating and regular posting of links, videos and news etc. This reflects our other social media to create a more dynamic, accessible, website.

We worked towards making our outreach via social media such as Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram more regular and more widespread. We have ongoing features such as #CameraTrapTuesday where we post a shot from a camera trap every week. Also, we provide news from field projects, research, and patrolling, as well as news about the Steppe Wildlife club activities. We repost any other news about saiga conservation as well.

On Twitter in 2022 we grew our followers by 102, and now have 1053 followers. We posted 140 times and our most popular posts were [this](#) and [this](#).

On Facebook we gained 167 new page followers and now we have 3871 page

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| | | <p>followers and we made 130 posts. Our most popular posts were this and this.</p> <p>On Instagram we made 120 posts in 2021 and our total number of followers is now 2114 (up by 197). Our most popular post in 2022 was as this one.</p> <p>Fundraising We received a grant from USFWS for an umbrella project “Building a collaborative foundation for evidence-based saiga antelope conservation”. The project is scheduled for 5 years and its overall purpose is to bring together actors working on saiga conservation along the whole supply chain, in a sustainable, inclusive network that identifies and addresses evidence gaps in an integrated way. The total amount is \$138,002 and it will provide some core support for SCA activities (including Saiga News, SRT, and administrative support).</p> <p>Staff team In 2022 we continued employing Sasha Bukvareva (Bulgaria) and Carlyn Samuel (UK) in our global programmes team, with Rustam Olimov (Uzbekistan) and Olya Esipova (Germany). We succeeded in hiring an in-country admin support person in Uzbekistan - Zebo Isakova joined the SCA team, and provides much-needed administrative support to Lena Bykova and Olya on the Resurrection Island programme, as well as helping with core projects like Saiga Day.</p> <p>In November, David Hill was appointed as Projects Administrator and Peter Damerell was appointed to lead the USFWS Project.</p> |
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Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Total income for 2022 was £123,084 with total expenditure of £94,084. Cash funds increased accordingly from £117,213 at the end of 2021 to £146,213 at the end of 2022. None of the SCA's expenditure relates to the payment of personal expenses for Trustees and the SCA remains fortunate that all trustees are willing to cover all such costs themselves. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | Reserves are held in order to continue to pay salaries of SCA core personnel and to be able to carry out our core programmes for a period of 6 months |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £30,000 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution adopted 20th August 2009 |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO) | Para 1.25 | Association |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Positions advertised, interviewed for and appointed by existing Trustees. |
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Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Saiga Conservation Alliance |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1135851 |
| Charity's principal address | The Garden Cottage, Park Corner, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames. RG9 6DR |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|---------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | E.J. Milner-Gulland | Chair | | |
| 2 | Anna Lushchekina | | Resigned in September 2023 | |
| 3 | David Mallon | | | |
| 4 | Anthony Dancer | Honorary treasurer | | |
| 5 | Waleri Schmunk | | Appointed on 3.10.23 | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information


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| Anna Lushchekina was trustee until September 2023 but has signed off on this report. Our new trustee, who replaces Anna has also had oversight of this report as he is a trustee at the time this report was submitted |
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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| E.J. Milner-Gulland | |
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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| Chair | |
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Date

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| 1.12.2023 |
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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | No (if any) 113581 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-22 | To | Period end date 31-Dec-22 |
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Section A Receipts and payments


| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants & Donations - Darwin | £12,457 | - | - | 12,457 | - |
| Grants & Donations - General | £4,909 | - | - | 4,909 | - |
| Grants & Donations - PTES | £21,843 | - | - | 21,843 | - |
| Grants & Donations - UN/CMS | £7,290 | - | - | 7,290 | - |
| Grants & Donations - USFW | £19,682 | - | - | 19,682 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | £19,921 | - | - | 19,921 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WfN | £32,000 | - | - | 32,000 | - |
| Interest & Banking compensation | £225 | - | - | 225 | - |
| Returned payment | £4,756 | - | - | 4,756 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 123,084 | - | - | 123,084 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 123,084 | - | - | 123,084 | - |

A3 Payments

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|--|---------|---|---|--------|---|
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | £7,381 | - | - | 7,381 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff) | £29,052 | - | - | 29,052 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | £272 | - | - | 272 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Donor engagement | £189 | - | - | 189 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | £14 | - | - | 14 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | £4,438 | - | - | 4,438 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga Resource Centre | £300 | - | - | 300 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme | £2,330 | - | - | 2,330 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | £6,216 | - | - | 6,216 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Saiga education (incl Saiga Day) | £5,299 | - | - | 5,299 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | £2,002 | - | - | 2,002 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve anti poaching | £9,651 | - | - | 9,651 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie | £14,489 | - | - | 14,489 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Darwin | £7,682 | - | - | 7,682 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Ptes | £1,287 | - | - | 1,287 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £2,969 | - | - | 2,969 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie DARWIN | £201 | - | - | 201 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £246 | - | - | 246 | - |
| Foreign payment charge | £59 | - | - | 59 | - |
| Payment error | £8 | - | - | 8 | - |

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| Sub total | 94,084 | - | - | 94,084 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 94,084 | - | - | 94,084 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 29,000 | - | - | 29,000 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 117,213 | - | - | 117,213 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 146,213 | - | - | 146,213 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 146,213 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 146,213 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 27-Nov-23 | |



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Saiga Conservation Alliance

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2022

Charity
no (if
any)

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Set out on pages

Three and four

Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent
examiner's
statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

27/11/23

Name:

Neil Handley

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Senior Manager - Lloyds TSB. Formerly an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address:

6 Caesar Close

Baston

Peterborough, PE6 9PN

Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A



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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | No (if any) 113581 |
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Receipts and payments accounts

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|------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-22 | To | Period end date 31-Dec-22 |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments


| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants & Donations - Darwin | £12,457 | - | - | 12,457 | - |
| Grants & Donations - General | £4,909 | - | - | 4,909 | - |
| Grants & Donations - PTES | £21,843 | - | - | 21,843 | - |
| Grants & Donations - UN/CMS | £7,290 | - | - | 7,290 | - |
| Grants & Donations - USFW | £19,682 | - | - | 19,682 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | £19,921 | - | - | 19,921 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WfN | £32,000 | - | - | 32,000 | - |
| Interest & Banking compensation | £225 | - | - | 225 | - |
| Returned payment | £4,756 | - | - | 4,756 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 123,084 | - | - | 123,084 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 123,084 | - | - | 123,084 | - |

A3 Payments

| | | | | | |
|--|---------|---|---|--------|---|
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | £7,381 | - | - | 7,381 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff) | £29,052 | - | - | 29,052 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | £272 | - | - | 272 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Donor engagement | £189 | - | - | 189 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | £14 | - | - | 14 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | £4,438 | - | - | 4,438 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga Resource Centre | £300 | - | - | 300 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme | £2,330 | - | - | 2,330 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | £6,216 | - | - | 6,216 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Saiga education (incl Saiga Day) | £5,299 | - | - | 5,299 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | £2,002 | - | - | 2,002 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve anti poaching | £9,651 | - | - | 9,651 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie | £14,489 | - | - | 14,489 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Darwin | £7,682 | - | - | 7,682 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie Ptes | £1,287 | - | - | 1,287 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie WFN | £2,969 | - | - | 2,969 | - |
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| |  | Anthony Dancer | 27-Nov-23 | |

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135851

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Jan1st 2021
Period end date

Period start date To Dec 31st 2021

Charity name: Saiga Conservation Alliance

Charity registration number: 1135851

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the critically endangered saiga antelope, and to advance the education of the public in the conservation and protection of the same. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>In order to further our charitable objects the Saiga Conservation Alliance undertakes a diverse range of conservation activities in all the countries where saigas are found and campaigns on behalf of saigas internationally.</p> <p>In 2019 we continued to reach out to a range of stakeholders through online media and publications via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Saiga News, our scientific bulletin about saiga conservation and ecology was published in 6 languagesb) Our social media posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram plus publications on SCA website and Saiga Resource Centre <p>The SCA is also contracted by the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to coordinate stakeholder engagement in the implementation and monitoring of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on saiga's Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use. We continued to carry out our role within this MoU.</p> <p>We continued to carry out our core activities and public engagement events, such as Saiga day festivities, Day of Migratory Species, Day of Protected areas, as well as supporting our Steppe Wildlife Clubs in the range states.</p> |

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| | | <p>The SCA continued to run its Small Grants Programme as well as Young Conservation leaders awards in 2019.</p> <p>We also continued to provide support to rangers wherever possible.</p> <p>Finally we continued to reach out to governments and state agencies in the range states to provide consultancy and to engage them in saiga-related outreach events.</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees have been sent the links to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
|--|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
|--|----------------|--|
| | | |

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs

In total there are now 7 SWCs in Russia, 6 SWCs in Kazakhstan, 6 SWCs in Uzbekistan, 11 SWCs in Mongolia. SWCs traditionally participate in Saiga Day celebrations and, Day of Migratory species. They also conduct their own activities. For example, SWC "Vozrozhdenije" in Russia made its annual excursion to Stepnoi Reserve to show children how the saigas are preserved and about the vulnerable local biodiversity.

This year for the first time in several years we were able to support clubs in Mongolia, and all countries submitted a proposal and report in the activities carried out by their clubs, which we have reported on in our publication Saiga News. As clubs were once more allowed to meet the take up and enthusiasm this year was incredible with more kids joining each club and some schools opening clubs even with the financial support of the SCA. In 2020 we supported 13 clubs, and in 2021 this total was 30.

Club leaders continued to use 'Telegram' to communicate with each other, sharing stories of success and best practice, this is particularly fulfilling as this is not led by SCA and is a sign that clubs are becoming self-sustaining

Two new clubs were established in Uzbekistan in the Aral Sea region and in Uzbekistan alone over 400 new children took part in the festivities the country saw over 1265 children taking part overall, a slight drop on 2019 figures, although this is perhaps due to only holding the event in-person in this year.

International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and Day of Migratory Species

We were so happy that Saiga Day was able to be held in person once again this year. 19 Steppe Wildlife Clubs and 1400 children and adults participated in our best celebrations to date, across Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Russia.

All the Steppe Wildlife Clubs really missed the in-person celebrations last year, which had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, and pulled out all the stops this year! The Russian Steppe Wildlife Clubs, for example, held poetry contests where children wrote and recited poems about saiga conservation. A new Steppe Wildlife Club named "Tsagda" in Kalmykia, Russia was even mentioned in an article in a local newspaper.

In Mongolia Saiga Day was devoted to protecting springs, which are very important for saigas' well-being. A new campaign was run, and as a result 16 springs have been protected with herders, Steppe Wildlife Clubs, and the municipal government vowing to protect them.

Day of Migratory species in Kazakhstan was not held in person due to COVID restrictions. In Russia and Uzbekistan Day of Migratory species was held in person, in Russia one of the Steppe clubs showed their video project "Protect me, human" and in Uzbekistan open lessons and performances were held.

Overall, as with the Steppe Wildlife Clubs above, feedback has been really positive this year, as the celebrations were back to being help in person they cannot be measured again the 2020 events, however it is fair to say that the response to being able to carry out in-person events was met with inspired events, commitment and enthusiasm from kids, teachers and local enforcement agencies and industry who were all involved.

Educational materials

In Kazakhstan a comprehensive set of educational materials (presentation and additional materials for contests) was created for Saiga Day celebrations. This set of materials was delivered to 12 schools where it was used during Saiga Day celebrations:

<https://www.saigaresourcecentre.com/activity/saiga-day-toolkit-kz>

Communications

2021 saw:

a) Continued development of the **Saiga Resource Centre**; in particular, we continued to upload and share educational materials and resources.

b) Continued development of the **SCA website**, this included updating and regular posting of links, videos and news etc. and reflecting our other social media to create a more dynamic, accessible, website. Many more images were uploaded to the photo library. More than 20 new educational resources and articles were uploaded, and 13 new articles, Julius Csotonyi's master-class "How to draw a saiga" was voiced-over in Russian and uploaded to our Youtube channel, to SRC, as well as posted on our social media.

c) Again in 2021 through a structured social media plan we increased our levels of outreach and posts

via **social media** such as twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

On Twitter in 2021 we grew our followers by almost **100**, and now have **951** followers. We posted **220** times and our most popular posts were [this](#) and [this](#). On Facebook we gained **267** new page followers and now we have **3,704** page followers and we made **160** posts. Our most popular posts were [this](#) and [this](#). On Instagram we made **154** posts in 2021 and our total number of followers is now **1917** (up 271). One of our most popular posts in 2021 was [this one](#)

d) Saiga News 26 was [issued and is available](#) in English, Russian, Mongolian, Kazakh, Uzbek and Chinese languages. We also worked to prepare issue 27. English, Russian and Kazakh were published, distributed in saiga ranges and via email, facebook, twitter, via our two websites and our mailing list and also as hard copy.

This was also distributed via our mailing lists, and social media channels as well as in hard copy by our partners in-country.

Admin capacity

In 2021 we used core funds to continue to employ Sasha Bukvareeva, who is based in Moscow. In 2021 she was pivotal in communicating the ongoing changes to plans for events and programmes right across the range states and was instrumental in keeping the SCA in contact with the rangers in the Stepnoi reserve, building a wonderful rapport and flow of communication with them which has really helped our internal processes, as well as communications with donors and through social media. She has also been able to write several funding applications and reports.

Carlyn continued to work one day a week for the SCA which was later increased by an additional half day, and Olya and Rustam carried out part time admin support for the field-work we were able to carry out.

We have interacted with several new volunteers, one of whom is rising funds and hopes to be able to join our partners in Uzbekistan in late summer to help with kids activities. We have not been able to take on more volunteers, as this is quite a time-consuming activity and Carlyn and Sasha are not currently in a position to be able to manage them

We have posted a job advert for an Uzbek administrator in the final quarter of the year.

Internal Engagement

Unfortunately, due to Covid we were unable to hold an in-person trustee and steering committee meeting as planned in Moscow in September. Instead we have held on-line meetings for the steering committee and have been sending them regular updates.

We have been pleased to notice more feedback and engagement throughout this year, especially as the ACBK has taken on a new coordinator who has proactively reached out and engaged with us.

Fundraising

In 2021 we worked hard to apply for funding and are pleased to report that the following was awarded:

- £499,326 gained for the activities during coming 5 years
- \$12,194.05 gained as a help to Reserves in 2021

1. Darwin: Resurrection Island: enterprise, conservation and development around the Aral Sea grant. Successful- £399,326.00 awarded. Over 3 years
2. PTES: Protection of the saiga population of Resurrection Island, Uzbekistan through sustainable tourism Successful -over 5 years. £100,000
3. Thin Green Line: Supporting Stepnoi Reserve (Russia) and Saigachy Reserve (Uzbekistan). Successful - 12,194.05 USD over 1 year.
4. WCN Scholarship Program: Handsel Scholarship for Wildlife Conservation. Successful - won by Albert Salmegareev, member of SCA Steering Committee, 12,500 USD.

This constitutes a marked rise in income through funding awards over 2020

Awards:

a. Young Conservation Leaders

After the uncertain times since 2020 the Saiga Conservation Alliance, like many other organizations, had to reduce activities, so it was especially nice to be able to resume grants competitions in 2021.

The reaction was very positive and we received quite a few applications for all three competitions we held – Small Grants Programme, Young Conservation Leaders, and Excellence in Saiga Protection.

In Young Conservation Leaders contest [we chose two winners:](#)

- Dilnaz Malikova from Kazakhstan - her project will be devoted to the development of an online course for pupils about the importance of saiga conservation.
- Ekaterina Berezina from Russia - her project will be devoted to using photos from camera traps placed near the waterholes in the Stepnoi Reserve made over the last two years

b. Small grants programme

In our Small Grants competition [we chose three winners:](#)

- Karina Karenina, Russia, project: “Socially Significant Areas in the Saiga Habitat Territory of the North-West Caspian Region”
- Mikhail Shpigelman, Kazakhstan, project: “Friendly neighborhood with steppe antelope”
- Svetlana Aitkulova, Russia, project: “Development of a monitoring system for migratory saiga herds on the territory of the Lake Elton Biosphere Reserve”

We definitely succeeded in gaining more applications this year with a more diverse range of projects, already we are seeing some sound science being reported and this is heartening for their future work and implications on saigas

c. Excellence in anti-poaching

Our Excellence in saiga protection award this year was given to Vladimir Kalmykov - director of the Stepnoi Reserve for his constant and heroic work for saiga conservation “in the field”.

Maksim Kulushev and Alexey Garagan; rangers for the Committee of hunting and fishing of the Saratov region, Russia, were awarded the “Highly commended”.

CMS MOU Coordination support

The SCA supported the Convention on Migratory Species in supporting preparations for the ‘[Fourth Meeting of Signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope](#)’ by reaching out to member states to seek updates on documentation. We also provided technical support under the terms of our Memorandum of Understanding, this entailed producing an ‘Overview report’ into the current conservation status of saiga

globally. As well as another into the 'Sustainable use of saiga.' In which we investigated the overarching considerations and feasibility for taking up the sustainable use of saiga, requirements to fulfil CITES regulations, population dynamics and options for offtake as well as population-specific considerations.

This support helped the range states (Russian, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan) to get a new Medium Term International Work Programme in place for the saiga for the next 5 years.

We also provided support to the meeting through the provision of detailed notes. Which have been circulated to all the signatories.

Anti-poaching

The Stepnoi Reserve was supported financially by SCA in the start of 2021 which allowed Stepnoi to buy additional fuel for patrolling and for tractors to prevent and combat steppe fires, to make needed repairs of the Reserve's vehicle fleet and to do some other constantly necessary activities.

Also, this year two rangers from Saratov region (Russia) received "Highly Commended" status within the Excellence in Saiga Protection 2021 award - Maksim Kulushev and Alexey Garagan.

Within the anti-poaching activities rangers from Stepnoi Reserve conducted meetings with local residents (lectures / talks) - 116 people participated, children's lessons, exhibitions and competitions - 687 people participated, distribution of manuals, visitors from different places to whom lectures and presentations were given in the Stepnoi Reserve - 84 participants in total, publications in the local press (Limansky Vestnik) - warnings about steppe fires, etc. - 4500 people covered.

In February 2021 the SCA team conducted a training session for rangers (seven people) in the Saigachy Reserve (Uzbekistan) covering techniques for monitoring saigas, and use of GPS and camera traps. After the training session rangers were able to apply their new skills and conducted a four-day long monitoring field trip, which covered 25% of the Saigachy reserve's territory.

We were also able to provide essential monitoring equipment for Saigachy rangers through the generous support of WCN.

In July 2021 in Uzbekistan an experience exchange trip took place between the staff of the Saigachy Reserve and the new South Ustyurt National Park. Rangers from Saigachi showed their colleagues from the new South Ustyurt National Park how to set up camera traps, how and where to set up noticeable houses, how to conduct educational work with the local population, and much more.

We actively promoted World Rangers Day raising awareness about what rangers do and particularly what do rangers preserving saigas do. For this purpose we published a series of publications documenting the daily activities of the Stepnoi Reserve rangers.

We applied for funding from the Green Line foundation, and as a result were able to support the Saigachy rangers with: winter clothing/uniform + COVID emergency aid kits for 17 people and Accumulators for camera traps (50 x 2). From our WCN funding we were able to buy them essential kit such as- 11 x sleeping bags
- 2 x GPS units.

Under the Green Line award the Stepnoi rangers received COVID emergency aid kits, finances for the petrol and spare parts for the vehicles and addition to the payroll for the several months.

Resurrection Island Project

This programme was bolstered in 2021 through the award of two more grants, Darwin and PTES.

Key highlights of the programme in 2021 comprised:

1: Work with Government to protect Resurrection Island:

- Organized 2 rounds biological monitoring to acquire data on regional biodiversity
- Conducted successful working meetings with the State Committee of Ecology and Environmental Protection to discuss the strategy for the prospective protected area
- Achieved an agreement with the state to establish the 'Aralkum' biosphere reserve

2: Support local schools and communities to deliver environmental education:

- Established 2 new Steppe Wildlife Clubs – one in Muinak, another one in Kyrk-kyz village
- Engaged with two more new schools (Elabad and Kungrad villages) and facilitated them to join existing wildlife clubs activities

3: Work with industry to put environmental and social safeguards in place:

- Developed a map on actual and planned industrial expansion of Muinak and Kungrad regions
- Conducted two training sessions involving 34 industry employees and environmental consultants on biodiversity net gain and positive social impact

The SCA team were excited to discover two previously unknown groups of saigas (estimated at 30-35 and 50 individuals) on Resurrection Island (Aral Sea/North-West Uzbekistan). The team conducted two rounds of biodiversity monitoring (using vehicular surveys and camera traps in spring and autumn 2021) to assess the status of saiga populations and other biodiversity of Resurrection Island and adjacent regions. See the full article [here](#). View our first year report to Whitley fund for nature [here](#)

Unfortunately, due to covid restrictions our social surveys had to be postponed to 2022

The Uzbekistan government supported the SCA-led Resurrection Island initiative and in September 2021 announced that a new protected area - Biosphere Reserve “Aralkum” (with a total area of 1 mln hectares) is to be established in 2022. This decision was taken after the SCA team conducted successful working meetings with the State Committee of Ecology and Environmental Protection to discuss the strategy for protection of Resurrection Island, and resulted in an agreement to work on establishing the Biosphere reserve “Aralkum”. The new protected area will include three zones: the core zone, buffer zone and transition zones. The saiga team has completed the mapping of habitat and species presence outlining biodiversity borders and zones. Based on this data, the team is currently preparing the official description of the area and justification required by the state.

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| | | We have been able to provide funding to the rangers under our WFN programme as well as through our awards programme. |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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|--|-----------|--|
| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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|--|-----------|--|
| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | Total income for 2021 was £66,417 with total expenditure of £99,418. Expenditure for the year was higher than income because of a significant project-related grant received in 2020, the payments for which were partially made in 2021. Cash funds reduced accordingly from £150,213 at the end of 2020 to £117,213 at the end of 2021. None of the SCA's expenditure relates to the payment of personal expenses for Trustees and the SCA remains fortunate that all trustees are willing to cover all such costs themselves. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | Reserves are held in order to continue to pay salaries of SCA core personnel and to be able to carry out our core programmes for a period of 6 months |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £27,000 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | | |
|---|-----------|--|
| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

| | | |
|---|-----------|---|
| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution adopted 20th August 2009 |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Association |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Appointed or reappointed annually in general meeting |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | | |
|---|-----------|--|
| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Charity name | Saiga Conservation Alliance |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1135851 |
| Charity's principal address | The Garden Cottage, Park Corner, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames. RG9 6DR |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | E.J. Milner-Gulland | Chair | | |
| 2 | Anna Lushchekina | | | |
| 3 | David Mallon | | | |
| 4 | Anthony Dancer | Honorary treasurer | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | Eleanor Jane Milner-Gulland | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | |
| Date | 3rd November 2022 | |



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Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-21 | To | Period end date 31-Dec-21 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
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| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Grants & Donations - General | £382 | - | - | 382 | - |
| Grants & Donations - Thin Green Line | £8,610 | - | - | 8,610 | - |
| Grants & Donations - UN/BNG | £7,819 | - | - | 7,819 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WAWA | £450 | - | - | 450 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | £40,533 | - | - | 40,533 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WfN | £580 | - | - | 580 | - |
| Interest | £71 | - | - | 71 | - |
| Returned payment | £7,973 | - | - | 7,973 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 66,417 | - | - | 66,417 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 66,417 | - | - | 66,417 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| International - Community education and outreach - Educational materials | £1,011 | - | - | 1,011 | - |
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | £5,192 | - | - | 5,192 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Accounting | £97 | - | - | 97 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity | £25,842 | - | - | 25,842 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | £282 | - | - | 282 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | £328 | - | - | 328 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Excellence in anti-poaching | £1,196 | - | - | 1,196 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | £2,101 | - | - | 2,101 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga Resource Centre | £300 | - | - | 300 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Small grants scheme | £6,815 | - | - | 6,815 | - |
| International - Networking and Capacity-building - YCL | £415 | - | - | 415 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - BFN/CMS sustainability and overview reports | £930 | - | - | 930 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | £5,311 | - | - | 5,311 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Saiga education (incl Saiga Day) | £3,208 | - | - | 3,208 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | £3,808 | - | - | 3,808 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve | £2,030 | - | - | 2,030 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie | £25,276 | - | - | 25,276 | - |
| Thin green line forwarding award | £15,250 | - | - | 15,250 | - |
| Payment error | £27 | - | - | 27 | - |
| Sub total | 99,418 | - | - | 99,418 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 99,418 | - | - | 99,418 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 33,001 | - | - | - 33,001 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 150,213 | - | - | 150,213 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 117,213 | - | - | 117,213 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 117,213 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 117,213 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 21-Oct-22 | |



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Saiga Conservation Alliance

On accounts for the
year ended

31 December 2021

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

22/10/22

Name:

Neil Handley

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Senior Manager - Lloyds TSB. Formerly an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address:

6 Caesar Close

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Peterborough, PE6 9PN

Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 21-Oct-22 | |

SAIGA CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1135851

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.1.2020 To 31.12.2020

Charity name: Saiga Conservation Alliance

Charity registration number: 1135851

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation and protection of the critically endangered saiga antelope, and to advance the education of the public in the conservation and protection of the same. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>In order to further our charitable objects the Saiga Conservation Alliance undertakes a diverse range of conservation activities in all the countries where saigas are found and campaigns on behalf of saigas internationally.</p> <p>In 2020 we continued to reach out to a range of stakeholders through online media and publications:</p> <p>a) Saiga News, our scientific bulletin about saiga conservation and ecology was published in 6 languages and was distributed in saiga ranges and via email, facebook, twitter, via our two websites, our mailing lists and also as hard copy. The 25th issue was read in remote villages in Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Russia, Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan; by horn consumers in China; international policy-makers; conservationists and the larger worldwide community. Issue 26 was produced and translated into Russian, Kazakh, Uzbek, and Mongolian.</p> <p>b) We also increased facebook (+199) and instagram (now stands at 1648 members) membership and twitter (+643) followers. Recorded more, positive online engagement with supporters. Facebook posts: 138 Insta posts:120 Twitter:137 Our social media posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram plus publications on SCA website and Saiga Resource Centre have increased in 2020</p> |

and comprise several posts on each platform per week.

The SCA is also contracted by the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) to coordinate stakeholder engagement in the implementation and monitoring of the CMS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on saiga's Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use. In February 2011 this role was formalised to include coordination of the MoU in collaboration with the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity in Kazakhstan (ACBK). Specifically the SCA was mandated by the CMS to develop a website to act as a focal point for MoU signatories and stakeholders, and to produce online databases of experts and projects related to saiga conservation activities, accessible through the website.

Under this MoU, in 2020 we continued to provide technical support and expertise, we compiled a report into the 'Sustainable use of saiga' and prepared documentation pertaining to the convention of migratory species MoU on saiga conservation in advance of the CMS MoU meeting in September, in addition to helping gather input from the range state NGOS and governments in advance of the meeting, we also supported the MoU through the employment of Polina Orlinskiy, a consultant to support the work of the Central Asian Mammals initiative and to coordinate saiga-related activities within the UN Environment Convention on Migratory Species. Additionally, we continued to overhaul our scientific/community website the Saiga Resource Centre. We updated several sections of the SRC by translating missing parts of the site to Russian and Kazakh. This year we:

- a) Hyperlinked the Saiga News section in all languages, all issues and all articles
- b) Updated the educational resource section
- c) Updated the photo and video libraries.

Despite local lockdowns in the range states, we continued to carry out our core activities and public engagement events, such as Saiga day festivities, as well as supporting our Steppe Wildlife Clubs in the range states. Our main achievement here is that we had to move activity to the online

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| | | <p>format which opened new forms of communication and interaction for the Steppe Wildlife Club members. Also, this allowed us to attract a wider circle of people to the Saiga Day celebrations for example.</p> <p>Additionally, this situation contributed to a greater involvement from family members in the online activities. As families were self-isolating together, parents, grandparents and other relatives had a chance to learn more about their kids' activities in Steppe Wildlife Clubs, and even take part. For example, photos for an on-line Saiga Day flashmob represented whole families in saiga masks quite often.</p> <p>These new formats for engagement also contributed to more involvement from older teenagers and teachers, as this was more attractive for them than traditional forms of events. In 2020 we supported 16 Steppe Wildlife Clubs in three countries. Their members participated in online and offline events - Saiga Day and in Russia and Uzbekistan Day of Migratory species and Day of Protected Areas as well. Total number of participants of Saiga Day festivals in three countries totalled over 2000 children</p> <p>We also continued to provide support to rangers wherever possible.</p> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees have been sent the links to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | |
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| Contribution made by volunteers | | |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

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| | SORP reference | |
| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs: To consolidate and support our international Steppe Wildlife Club programme (in Uzbekistan, Russia and Kazakhstan), with a focus on engagement with older teenagers and teachers.</p> <p>Due to COVID restrictions most Steppe Wildlife Club activities turned to an online format. Some of the activities were frozen and will be continued after the restrictions are lifted. However, there were still some offline events such as excursions to Reserves.</p> <p>In 2020 due to COVID, Steppe Wildlife Club activity was different from usual, as everything had to be online. In total four Steppe Wildlife Clubs actively took part in Uzbekistan, five in Russia and five in Kazakhstan. Steppe Wildlife Club activities reached a wider audience than usual because the new online model allowed them to strengthen their presence on the internet (facebook groups, telegram channels etc.) and as a result involve more people in certain activities such as flash-mobs and fun art-work competitions. Also, the new online model allowed us to involve whole families in the activities because they were all together at home in self-isolation, allowing family members time and opportunities to join kids' activities.</p> <p>Focus on older teenagers and teachers also happened quite naturally because using the internet and creating new groups in social networks was easier for the older teenagers and young teachers, so they played a leading role in driving this new model.</p> <p>The examples of the online activities carried out by the Steppe Wildlife Clubs for Saiga Day comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - composing the 'saiga poem' and reading it altogether http://saiga-conservation.org/2020/05/20/saiga-day-online-2020-saiga-poem/ - saiga day art-challenge http://saiga-conservation.org/2020/05/08/saiga-day-art-challenge/ <p>Once COVID-restrictions were lifted some offline activities such as excursions were also conducted by the clubs. For example, the Russian club 'Vozrozhdenie' made an excursion to the Stepnoi Reserve and helped rangers to carry out some essential tasks http://saiga-conservation.org/2020/11/18/the-future-of-the-reserve-is-in-good-hands/</p> <p>a. Saiga Day in Russia and Kazakhstan.</p> |

Kazakhstan

Each May the ACBK holds “Saiga Day” celebrations in conjunction with the Saiga Conservation Alliance, in which members of the Steppe Wildlife Clubs participate in games, crafts, competitions and other educational and entertainment programs. In 2020, Saiga Day was online because of COVID-19.

“Saiga Friends” clubs across Kazakhstan remotely celebrated the annual Saiga Day. Children received tasks, coloring books and other materials specially prepared by ACBK for independent participation. They also took part in the competition “Who hides behind the mask?”, in which club members made masks of animals of the steppe, desert and semi-desert ecosystems themselves. Designers of the best works received prizes from ACBK and the Saiga Conservation Alliance.

In total, five clubs from the following villages took part in the celebration: Akkaytym (Aktobe region), Borsy (WKO), Baitursynov and Koskol (Kostanay region).

ACBK carried out some publicity which you can read here: <https://www.acbk.kz/article/default/view?id=493>

Russia

Events dedicated to Saiga Day in Russia, started on May 16. Given the situation with COVID, in order to quickly resolve the issues of organizing and conducting Saiga Day in Russia on an online platform, the coordinator for the clubs, formed a unified communication network using mobile phones. A Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/538287830414698/>) and Instagram page (https://www.instagram.com/rusaiga_stepnyekluby/) where they created open groups called “RuSaiga_Step clubs of Russia”, the pages proved really popular and resulted in an excellent platform for the exchange of experience and information.

The first joint event under the framework of Saiga Day for members of the Steppe Wildlife Clubs was an online contest launched by WWF Russia, under the name “Saiga Challenge”. Children of different ages enjoyed creating collages with saigas, saigas were “inserted” into paintings of famous artists, scenes from films or even photographs by the participants, these were shared with the hashtag #saigaday #wwfrussia, in the Facebook and Instagram groups. This competition was also supported by the Saiga Conservation Alliance <http://saiga-conservation.org/2020/05/08/saiga-day-art-challenge/>.

a. Organizing a Day of Migratory species in Russia and Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan

Decided to not conduct Day of Migratory species in 2020 due to COVID, so the finances transferred for this will be spent on the Day of Migratory species in 2021 if COVID restrictions are lifted.

Russia

Despite the pandemic, events related to the Day of Migratory Species, which has already become traditional, took place in the Steppe Wildlife Clubs of Russia in the fall of 2020. Considering all the complexities of the requirements of quarantine isolation, a

number of events dedicated to this day were designed to be carried out in self-isolation. Without deviating from the outlined plans related to the dissemination of information about nature conservation in general, and the improvement of knowledge about saigas, in particular, the Steppe Wildlife Clubs of Russia held almost all events remotely, but when it was possible, members of the clubs met in school grounds.

Events, such as the "Saiga in my window" competition, saw all clubs taking part both online and at school and placing handmade saiga artwork in windows. Club members watched the cartoon "The Saiga Saga", followed by a discussion. More than 80 first-graders took part in the zoom discussion. There were also traditional contests for poetry recitals, drawings on the theme "Saiga is a symbol of the steppe", quizzes about migratory species, lectures, quizzes and a quest game. All the clubs held talks on the "Courage of W. Knakis and the Rangers of Our Day".

Club members continue to take an active part in contests dedicated to the creation of the best materials for the protection of rare and endangered species of flora and fauna within the framework of regional ecological projects "Save the nature of our native land", "The future of nature is in our hands." It is within the framework of these competitions that members present the results of their ecological work. Seven Club members have gone on to have success in external, regional competitions: EcoVzglyad (Eco-View), Green Technologies and Startups, Save Nature - Save Life, Vote for Nature.

c. Saiga Day in Uzbekistan

In Uzbekistan, Saiga Day was held in May, organized by four Steppe Wildlife Clubs.

Given the conditions caused by quarantine, a group consisting of experts from the Institute of Zoology, Ecomaktab the environmental NGO, teachers and Steppe Wildlife Club leaders, supported by the Saiga Conservation Alliance, developed various activities.

To raise interest and knowledge in children and their parents three competitions were designed for various age groups. A quiz book was prepared for primary school pupils, who could download it to their smartphones or computers and complete the tasks in standard paper notebooks. Older pupils were asked to compete in designing an ecological book with a saiga or a saiga family as a protagonist(s). The students were provided with recommendations on how to use various techniques, including plasticine and dough modelling, comics and appliqué, to design their eco-book, aiming to help the children find their own artistic style. Senior students were offered participation in the Youth for Saiga smart mob. This task also required creative approaches and new ideas. The first step was to develop their image using face painting and masks. The next was to design a mini-placard with a phrase in support of the saiga. The final stage included taking a selfie and posting it on Telegram or Facebook with hashtags #Молодёжьзасайгака, #Youthforsaiga.

Children from four steppe clubs in the villages of Karakalpakstan (secondary school No. 26) and Jasyk, the town of Muinak (school No. 1) and the city of Nukus (school No. 46) took part in the competitions. In total, through social networking groups the

competitions reached over 1,000 children. About 300 kids posted their works on social networking sites to take part in the competitions.

However, through evaluation of these events we noted that:

- according to the assessment and feedback of teachers, shyness prevented the active involvement in communication in social networks. The teachers said that the children were embarrassed to photograph themselves and take selfies. These are features of local education and culture.

- teachers also reported that girls were mostly active in completing assignments. The boys were not very interested in such activities. However, this applies more to high school students, in primary school, younger students - girls and boys were active and showed a great deal of interest.

Day of Migratory Species. Due to covid and strict quarantine, it was impossible to effectively conduct this event. After Saiga Day, which took place and was very successful online, we conducted a survey among teachers about the pros and cons of this framework. Teachers noted strengths, but a number of shortcomings also emerged. Therefore, everyone wanted and waited for the opportunity to hold an in-person Day of Migratory Species. But the second wave of the pandemic began, the children continued to study, taking into account all sanitary requirements, but it was forbidden to hold mass events in schools. After consultations with the teachers, we decided to postpone the event again.

Day of Protected Areas. On 10-13 February the Day of Protected Areas was celebrated in schools in Nukus Center for Education and Development "Progress", (sch. #46), Muinak (sch. #1), Jaslyk (sch. #54) and Karakalpakiya (sch. ##26 and 56), 400 students and teachers took part. Students under SWCs leadership participated in ecological relay races – sports competitions between teams representing different animals living in the Saigachy Reserve - eagles, foxes, wolves, saigas. Also, the competition "What, Where, When" on knowledge about Saigachy Reserve was conducted. Children also played roleplaying game "Protected area". This game came from an idea from our colleagues in Kenya, and was successfully conducted by students of Uzbekistan. Finally, documentary "The Saigas of the Ustyurt Plateau. A Right to life" was screened, with a followup discussion.

Staff of Saigachy Reserve (new director Alisher Abdurakhmanov and two rangers participated in all events, they talked about their work and presented results of camera trapping.

Over 1000 children and their families took part in Saiga Day activities in four different schools and online in Uzbekistan. Day of PA took place in five schools- reaching over 400 children.

Communications. To maintain and improve our communications, including the SCA website, Saiga Resource Centre, social media presence and donor newsletters.

Our communications and marketing plans for 2020 included:

- a) Continued development of the Saiga Resource Centre; in particular, the sharing of saiga related photography and videos in a searchable manner, uploading and sharing of educational

materials etc. We managed to update the Education section inc. translations and more resources, as well as overhauling the experts' section. We also overhauled the photo library.

b) Continued development of the SCA website, this included updating and regular posting of links, videos and news etc. and reflecting our other social media to create a more dynamic, accessible, website.

c) Again in 2020 through a structured social media plan we increased our levels of outreach and posts via social media such as twitter, Facebook and Instagram, noting best days and times as well as types of posts which have the best engagement.

On Twitter we posted 137 tweets in 2020, our most popular posts were:

<https://twitter.com/SaigaCA/status/1340595121818112000>

<https://twitter.com/SaigaCA/status/1252209700868939779> both containing amazing pictures of rutting saigas. In 2020 we had 213 followers addition and now the total followers' number we have is 856.

On Facebook we gained 199 new page followers and now we have 3437 page followers and we made 138 posts. Most numbers of page views happened in November 2020 and reached 76 page views per day. Our most popular post was this one:

<https://bit.ly/2PcOBAA> containing wonderful saiga rut photos and opening the series of posts about saiga breeding process.

On Instagram we made 120 posts in 2020 and our total number of followers is now 1646. One of our most popular posts in 2020 was this one:

https://www.instagram.com/p/CHscsYig11I/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link about unicorn saiga which we are grateful to WCN for reposting.

We saw increases in followers and engagement through our social media sites (website, facebook, twitter, insta).

Admin capacity: Improvement of the SCA's administrative capacity in range/consumer states.

In 2020 used core funds to continue to employ Sasha Bukvareeva, who is based in Moscow. In 2020 she was pivotal in communicating the ongoing changes to plans for events and programmes right across the range states and was instrumental in keeping the SCA in contact with the rangers in the Stepnoi reserve, building a wonderful rapport and flow of communication with them which has really helped our internal processes, as well as communications with donors and through social media. She has also been able to write several funding applications and reports. Due to funding cut-backs and the COVID situation in Uzbekistan, which has curtailed all fieldwork, we were not able to employ part-time administrative support for Uzbekistan. Carlyn Samuel continued to work one day a week for the SCA, and Olya and Rustam carried out part time admin support for the field-work we were able to carry out.

COVID didn't affect online activities however, so Carlyn and Sasha were able to attend several online talks about social media engagement and positive communication frameworks, conducted by Conservation Optimism, as well as those carried out by WCN.

Internal Engagement: Engagement of SCA members in all countries more fully and actively in SCA's priorities and actions.

In 2020 our AGM and trustee meeting was supposed to take place alongside another CMS saiga meeting in Russia. However, this was cancelled due to COVID. Our monthly email updates to trustees and steering committee continued, as this increased positive engagement during 2020.

Fundraising: Securing funding for our priority activities.

Our strategy to secure further funding included submitting grant proposals in a strategic manner, to ensure that all activities receive adequate funding. In 2020 Sasha was involved in writing new project proposals, as well as submitting, monitoring and reporting. In 2020 we ramped up this activity with the help of WCN, although mainly in response to COVID-related grants.

In 2020 we submitted 10 grant applications. 5 were successful and work has either been completed or started already:

1. WCN - Scholarship programme: Albert Salemgareev
2. WCN - Rapid relief fund: Emergency help for Stepnoi reserve in Russia
3. Ptes - Resurrection Island: Working with local communities and the government to restore biodiversity and develop sustainable livelihoods
4. DEFRA/DARWIN - Resurrection Island: enterprise, conservation and development around the Aral Sea
5. CMS - Report into the sustainable use of saiga and for the Preparation of documentation pertaining to the conventions of migratory species MOU on saiga conservation

Public awareness: To raise public awareness more broadly through the production and distribution of educational and information materials.

a) Saiga News 25 was distributed and the 26th issue was completed and translated into Russian, Kazakh, Uzbek, and Mongolian.

b) Our social media posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram plus publications on SCA website and Saiga Resource Centre have increased in 2020 and comprise several posts on each platform per week. As a result, we have seen an increase in our number of followers on social media and increased interest in our publications. We have gained many new supporters who have raised money on Facebook through the new 'Birthday fundraisers' and also through Facebook fundraising, we have seen an increased level of engagement and rise in some merchandise sales and donations as a direct result in this increased social media activity. We constantly try to improve our social media work by applying new techniques we gain from thematic talks and workshops.

SCA continues to interact effectively with different journalists and film makers. For example, in 2020 the BBC was due to visit the Stepnoi Reserve to film part of the "Planet Earth III" episode. Because of COVID the crew couldn't go, but the preliminary shootings for BBC were made by the animal photographer partner of Stepnoi. The BBC is going to visit Stepnoi in 2021 for full-scale filming.

The SCA featured in a documentary by Pronto Prod, a motion pictures and film company featuring women in wildlife conservation in their new film series. Lena and Olya were interviewed about their professional engagement with SCA, spreading awareness about saiga conservation and its challenges. The first version of the film aired in 2020 with a release later in 2021 of another version.

We have also been in touch with a freelance journalist and filmmaker who has interviewed Lena and Olya about their work with saigas, and was also in touch with colleagues in Mongolia about producing a section in a forthcoming BBC programme about conservation and saigas. He is also interested in visiting Uzbekistan to do a feature on the Aral sea programme, we are waiting on confirmation about all these and various other interviews and film opportunities.

Anti-poaching: Enhancing the anti-poaching capacity of Protected Areas in the saiga's range.

In 2020 the Stepnoi Reserve was awarded support by the SCA for essential items. However, due to COVID, its governmental funding was massively reduced and we are grateful to have received financial support from WCN's Crisis Relief Fund (5520 USD). This financial aid supported the Stepnoi Reserve's rangers to carry out critical daily activities though ensuring that the infrastructure they depend on worked properly, and was able to withstand the harsh off-road conditions and long hours required to patrol the reserve 24/7.

The main part of their activities are conducted during the hottest and most dangerous period: mid July - late October.

Specific actions taken include the following:

- purchasing fuel for off-road vehicles to enable anti-poaching and fire prevention patrols and activities
- repairs and maintenance for the reserve's fleet of off-road vehicles.
- purchasing spare parts for these vehicles

These actions allowed the following outcomes:

- increased number of patrols – this support ensured 25 anti-poaching patrols
- increased volume of fire prevention activities - the support enabled tractors to carry out fire prevention activities (track cleaning, ploughing) for a 530 km area.
- maintain the reserve's vehicles in good working order.

The project addressed the dual threats of poaching and steppe fires directly through giving the Stepnoi Reserve's rangers the necessary tools to effectively eliminate these threats.

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| | <p>Resurrection Island Project: To promote protection of biodiversity in Resurrection Island (Vozrozhdenie) and saiga population restoration.</p> <p>a. Socio-economic research to study local communities in the area (needs assessment, role in ecology of the region, saiga awareness etc.) – design of a project protocol</p> <p>b. Assessment of the area to determine potential size/borders of new protected area, mapping, recommendation on conservation status</p> <p>c. Engagement with local communities (e.g. through school events), and officials to build our relationships and plan for future engagement</p> <p>Regrettably, much of this work had to be paused due to COVID, as overseas travel from the UK and Germany by our researchers was banned, as was travel within Uzbekistan. However, as soon as there was a small window Lena managed to take a small team to the field to carry out the ecological assessment of the area as well as brief social screening with officials and locals from the Muinak region. She used this data to start talks with the government and other agencies about cooperating on the conservation of the region. Also this gave us the opportunity to submit grant application to the Darwin Initiative programme.</p> <p>Saigachy reserve: To support the State Committee for Ecology and Environment Protection (SCEEP) for improvement core activities in Saigachy Reserve.</p> <p>In 2020 we continued to support the staff of the Saigachy reserve through improving their professional skills. We provide them with notebooks and accessories for working on saiga projects. We also organised a joint field trip with rangers of Saigachy in October-November 2020 for collecting data on endangered species (e.g. saiga, caracal, corsac fox, houbara bustard, raptors etc.) This travel was supported by Uzbek Academy of Sciences. To understand about rangers activities, professional skills and needs, informal questionnaires with 6 rangers and reserve’s director were carried out. Rangers are well aware of the key easily identifiable animal species such as saiga, gazelle, wild boar, caracal, fox, wolf, beauty bustard, owl, chukar, flamingo, turtle, but need to get more practical knowledge about other animals identification including small birds, small mammals and reptiles. During the expedition, we saw that they have a good command of GPS and camera traps. However, they need to learn more about the next steps – data storing, manipulation and analysis. We also recognised some other needs of Saigachy staff. All ranges lack field equipment – individual tents, sleeping bags, solar-powered field lights, batteries and chargers for camera traps, and need more modern GPS equipment.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <i>Total income in the year was £123,994 with payments of £69,995. Income was higher, and payments lower than in 2019. Running costs are the smallest area of expenditure. None of this expenditure relates to the payment of personal expenses for Trustees and the SCA remains fortunate that all trustees are willing to cover all such costs themselves.</i> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The Saiga Conservation Alliance does not have a policy on reserves. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Constitution adopted 20th August 2009 |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Association |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Appointed or reappointed annually in general meeting |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Saiga Conservation Alliance |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1135851 |
| Charity's principal address | The Garden Cottage, Park Corner, Nettlebed, Henley-on Thames. RG9 6DR |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|---------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | E.J. Milner-Gulland | Chair | | |
| 2 | Anna Lushchekina | | | |
| 3 | David Mallon | | | |
| 4 | Anthony Dancer | Honorary treasurer | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | E. J. Milner-Gulland | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair, Trustee | |
| Date | 27.10.2021 | |



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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | | No (if any) 113581 |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-20 | To Period end date 31-Dec-20 |

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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
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| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |

A1 Receipts

| | | | | | |
|--|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Grants & Donations - CMS | 14,436 | - | - | 14,436 | - |
| Grants & Donations - General | 1,022 | - | - | 1,022 | - |
| Grants & Donations - Safe and Wild | 10 | - | - | 10 | - |
| Grants & Donations - WCN | 99,809 | - | - | 99,809 | - |
| Interest | 265 | - | - | 265 | - |
| Merchandise sales | 2,749 | - | - | 2,749 | - |
| Returned payment | 5,704 | - | - | 5,704 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 123,994 | - | - | 123,994 | - |

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 123,994 | - | - | 123,994 | - |

A3 Payments


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|--|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| International - Community education and outreach - Educational materials | 1,577 | - | - | 1,577 | - |
| International - Community education and outreach - Saiga day and DMS | 8,403 | - | - | 8,403 | - |
| International - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | 5,646 | - | - | 5,646 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff) | 22,576 | - | - | 22,576 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications | 476 | - | - | 476 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | 306 | - | - | 306 | - |
| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Other/Overheads | 63 | - | - | 63 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News | 6,645 | - | - | 6,645 | - |
| International - Networking and Capacity-building - YCL | 893 | - | - | 893 | - |
| International - Networking and capacity-building - BFN/CMS sustainability and overview reports | 9,320 | - | - | 9,320 | - |
| International - Research and conservation - Anti-poaching | 4,209 | - | - | 4,209 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Saiga education (incl Saiga Day) | 1,168 | - | - | 1,168 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Steppe Wildlife Clubs | 2,033 | - | - | 2,033 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve | 1,228 | - | - | 1,228 | - |
| Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie | 5,452 | - | - | 5,452 | - |
| Sub total | 69,995 | - | - | 69,995 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 69,995 | - | - | 69,995 | - |

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|------------------------------------|---------|---|---|---------|---|
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 53,999 | - | - | 53,999 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 96,214 | - | - | 96,214 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 150,213 | - | - | 150,213 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account | 150,213 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 150,213 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 27-Oct-21 | |



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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| Report to the trustees/ members of | Saiga Conservation Alliance | | |
| On accounts for the year ended | 31 December 2020 | Charity no (if any) | 1135851 |
| Set out on pages | Three and four | | |

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

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| Signed: | | Date: | 29 th October 2021 |
| Name: | Neil Handley | | |

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Senior Manager - Lloyds TSB. Formerly an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address:

6 Caesar Close

Baston

Peterborough, PE6 9PN

Section B

Disclosure

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A



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| Charity Name Saiga Conservation Alliance | | No (if any) 113581 |
| Receipts and payments accounts | | |
| For the period from | Period start date 1-Jan-20 | To Period end date 31-Dec-20 |

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Section A Receipts and payments

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A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

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A3 Payments


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| International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising | 306 | - | - | 306 | - |
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| Sub total | 69,995 | - | - | 69,995 | - |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 69,995 | - | - | 69,995 | - |

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|------------------------------------|---------|---|---|---------|---|
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 53,999 | - | - | 53,999 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 96,214 | - | - | 96,214 | - |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B3 Investment assets | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | - | - | - |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| B5 Liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| |  | Anthony Dancer | 27-Oct-21 | |