



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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	
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:

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

<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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Networking and Capacity-building - International

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.

Community Education and Outreach – International

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 *Wildlife of Uzbekistan* colouring book to inspire environmental awareness among children. These initiatives strengthened local engagement and fostered pride and responsibility for Saiga conservation across range states.

Research and Conservation – International

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.

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	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.
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:

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	Positions advertised, interviewed for and appointed by existing Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

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		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

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

Chair	
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Date

31/10/2025



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	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	£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


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)

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

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	-	-	-
		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	Details	-	-	-
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)**

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.*

Signed:

Date:

04/03/2026

Name:

Neil Handley

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

6 Caesar Close
Baston
Peterborough, PE6 9PN

Disclosure

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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