

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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Directed to all range States of Saiga tatarica (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russian Federation, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)

- 13.xx a) All relevant range States are urged to complete their internal consultations and processes, making the necessary arrangements with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), to sign as soon as practicable the "Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica tatarica*)" drafted at the workshop in Elista, Kalmykia in May 2002; and to implement the saiga Action Plan in order to restore the habitat and populations of the saiga antelope, and enhance transboundary and international cooperation through *inter alia* a regional conservation and management strategy.
- b) Mongolia is urged to participate in the implementation of those elements of the saiga Action Plan that are of relevance to the conservation of its saiga population.
- c) All saiga range States should address the problems they have in implementing CITES and ensure the conservation and management of *Saiga tatarica* in close cooperation with the Secretariat, other countries, other competent Authorities, intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations.
- d) Recognizing uncertainty as to the occurrence of *Saiga tatarica* in China, China is encouraged to investigate and report on the status of the wild population of *Saiga tatarica* and its habitats in China, and as necessary undertake necessary conservation activities.
- e) All range States should report on the activities outlined above, through the Secretariat, to the Standing Committee at each of its meetings between its 53rd meeting and the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Secretariat

- 13.xx The Secretariat shall:
- a) assist the Parties with the implementation of the CITES-relevant aspects of the saiga Action Plan of the Memorandum of Understanding Concerning Conservation, Restoration, and Sustainable Use of the Saiga Antelope;
- b) facilitate technical and other assistance, as required, and work with all range and consumer countries as appropriate on trade-related aspects of the conservation of saiga, with particular focus on China, Kazakhstan, and the Russian Federation;
- c) undertake missions to range and consumer Parties to verify, among others, species conservation and management efforts, enforcement actions, stockpiles of saiga specimens, implementation of the saiga Action Plan, and compliance with recommendations of the Standing Committee;

- d) include the issue of saiga trade and conservation in an enforcement workshop in the Asian region prior to be held the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
- e) cooperate with the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) on issues pertaining to saiga including, but not limited to, the implementation of the saiga Action Plan and the Memorandum of Understanding between the two conventions;
- f) if requested, assist the range states in the reporting requirements referred to in paragraph d) of Decision 13.xx;
- g) identify important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives, and encourage them to take the actions required under Decision 13.xx;
- h) report on progress in implementation of Decisions regarding *Saiga tatarica* to the Standing Committee at each of its meetings between its 53rd meeting and the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Directed to the Standing Committee

- 13.xx The Standing Committee shall discuss the conservation of and trade in *Saiga tatarica* at its meetings between its 53rd meeting and the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and recommend appropriate action.

Directed to the Parties

- 13.xx Important consumer and trading countries of saiga parts and derivatives (as identified by the Secretariat pursuant to Decision 13.xx) should report to the Secretariat for transmission to each meeting of the Standing Committee between the 53rd and the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and in their biennial reports on:
- a) stockpiles in their country; and
 - b) steps they are taking to control any legal and illegal trade in parts and derivatives of the saiga antelope;
- 13.xx Donor Parties, aid agencies, businesses using and producing saiga products, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations are urged to assist all range States and consumer countries in any way possible with the conservation of this species, including the provision of:
- a) funding;
 - b) assistance with enforcement, anti-poaching and anti-smuggling ;
 - c) capacity building;
 - d) equipment, particularly for undertaking anti-poaching and anti-smuggling activities;
 - e) assistance with education and public awareness;
 - f) assistance with population monitoring;
 - g) analysis and monitoring of stockpiles in key consumer countries;
 - h) gathering and exchange of scientific, technical, and legal information and expertise; and
 - i) missions of the Secretariat, as specified in Decision 13.xx, paragraph c).