Saiga MoU/MoS5
In 2025, the Saiga Conservation Alliance (SCA) fulfilled its formal role as one of two recognised cooperating organisations under the CMS Saiga Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the only international instrument dedicated to saiga conservation, in force since 2006 and signed by all five range and consumer states. In preparation for the 5th Meeting of the Signatories (MOS5), SCA provided financial support, technical input, and management oversight for the production of two mandatory documents; the Overview Report on the Conservation Status and Implementation of the MOU and the draft Medium-Term International Work Programme (MTIWP) for 2025–2030. These were delivered in accordance with CMS Secretariat guidance, drawing on peer-reviewed science, national reporting, and consultation with governments and NGOs.

The MTIWP 2025–2030 establishes priority actions for population monitoring, anti-poaching, habitat protection, trade reduction, and long-term conservation planning. In line with CMS COP14 decisions, species-wide cross-cutting measures will be addressed under the revised Central Asian Mammals Initiative Programme of Work for 2027–2032, with the MTIWP focusing specifically on saiga populations. SCA also ensured translation of key documents into Russian to facilitate participation and maintained coordination with Parties and observers during MOS5, strengthening international accountability and implementation across range states.

Saiga Day 2025
In May 2025, SCA supported the tenth anniversary of Saiga Day in Karakalpakstan, Uzbekistan, marking the second year since its formal recognition under Presidential Resolution No. 171 as a mandatory component of environmental education within protected areas and the school curriculum. Preparatory activities included delivery of an online seminar for educators and Steppe Wildlife Club leaders, alongside distribution of a new curriculum module titled “The Network of Life and the Role of Protected Areas,” focusing on ecosystem functioning and the role of saiga as a keystone species.

Saiga Day events were delivered across seven schools in six locations; Kyrk-kyz, Elabad, Jaslyk, Karakalpakstan, Muynak, and Nukus. A total of 870 students, 47 teachers, 15 protected area staff, and approximately 100 parents participated in structured educational activities. The final event, held at School No. 46 in Nukus, engaged approximately 280 participants and included representation from the Ministry of Environment and rangers from Saigachy Nature Reserve, who provided practical demonstrations of monitoring and field equipment. These activities contributed to statutory environmental education delivery and strengthened engagement between schools and protected area authorities.

Ranger Support
Since 2015, SCA has provided direct support to saiga rangers in Stepnoi Sanctuary, Russia, and since 2016 to rangers in Saigachiy Reserve and Aralkum National Park, Uzbekistan. Support has included provision of insulated ranger stations, binoculars and night-vision equipment, protective uniforms and winter clothing, camera traps, off-road patrol vehicles, and technical training in monitoring and field survey methods. Due to current geopolitical restrictions, SCA was unable to continue direct support to Stepnoi Sanctuary in 2025, but maintained communication with partners regarding future engagement.

In 2025, SCA delivered 35 winter uniforms and durable boots to rangers in Aralkum National Park and supplied an all-wheel-drive cargo ATV/dump truck to Saigachiy Reserve to expand patrol capacity across remote terrain. Rangers in Uzbekistan also continued to receive training in camera-trap monitoring, population tracking, and habitat assessment, thereby strengthening long-term conservation capacity and the effectiveness of protected area management.

Solar Well Project
In 2025, SCA supported the installation of the first solar-powered, fully automated wildlife watering point on the Ustyurt Plateau, Uzbekistan, in partnership with Saigachiy Wildlife Reserve and with donor support from WCN and project collaborators. The intervention restored a previously abandoned herders’ well located on established saiga migration routes. The system comprises a

submersible solar pump, solar panels, sensors, and a water flow meter supplying a 3 m³ concrete basin with sloped access for wildlife. The installation operates autonomously and requires only two maintenance visits per year. Camera traps have been deployed to monitor wildlife usage and assess ecological impact.

The pilot project addresses water scarcity linked to climate change and habitat degradation and provides a scalable model for the restoration of additional abandoned wells across northern Ustyurt. Future phases will require further funding for hydrogeological assessment, water quality testing, mapping of viable well sites, technical refinement, and ecological monitoring. Subject to funding, the model may be expanded transboundary to suitable sites in Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan.

Saiga News
In 2025, SCA published Issue 31 of Saiga News, a multilingual online conservation bulletin established in 2005 to facilitate cross-border information exchange on saiga conservation. Now produced in six languages; English, Russian, Kazakh, Uzbek, Mongolian, and Chinese; the publication provides coordinated reporting across all saiga range and consumer states. It remains the only platform dedicated exclusively to systematic updates on population monitoring, anti-poaching operations, ecological research, CITES and policy developments, education initiatives, consumer market demand trends, and transboundary collaboration.

Production of Issue 31 was at risk due to reductions in US overseas aid; however, supplementary donor support enabled completion and distribution. With 31 issues published to date, Saiga News continues to serve as the principal international knowledge-sharing mechanism for saiga conservation, supporting evidence-based coordination among governments, researchers, practitioners, and enforcement agencies.

CITES CoP20
Between 24 November and 5 December 2025, SCA participated as an Official Observer at the 20th Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to CITES in Uzbekistan. The organisation delivered an intensive programme of events, meetings, and technical contributions, including side events and policy briefings. SCA played a central role in informing the collective NGO position on Kazakhstan's Saiga horn export proposal, liaised with the Uzbek government, and coordinated with international partners. The proposal passed with near-universal support, with Mongolia the only dissenting range state, and includes a formal review at CoP21 in 2028 to ensure continued monitoring and accountability.

SCA hosted an official side event presenting evidence gaps in Saiga horn trade, attended by representatives from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, China, and the United States. Key outputs included two policy briefs: Saiga Trade; Evidence Gaps and Trade Flows and Making the Most of Incomplete and Biased Data, supporting data-driven decision-making for Parties. SCA staff, including the Director and Chair, participated in expert panels with international NGOs and researchers, consolidating scientific evidence for future trade governance. Engagement with the United States Government delegation reinforced the importance of ongoing analysis of high-quality datasets, despite reductions in federal funding and the pause in the USFWS wildlife trade portfolio.

Beyond policy and technical contributions, SCA strengthened the global Saiga conservation network. The Annual General Meeting on 1 December presented six programme updates, reviewed organisational accounts, and summarised global activities, supporting transparency and accountability. Informal networking and social events fostered collaboration across partners. CoP20 also facilitated internal planning for SCA's 20th Anniversary activities, ensuring alignment of future programmes. Overall, SCA delivered measurable impact on policy, science, and stakeholder engagement, reinforcing its strategic position within Saiga conservation at both range and consumer state levels.

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1-Jan-25		31-Dec-25

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 - General	£107	-	-	107	-
Grants & Donations - PTES	£40,000	-	-	40,000	-
Grants & Donations - USFWS	£56,067	-	-	56,067	-
Grants & Donations - WCN	£132,928	-	-	132,928	-
Interest & Banking compensation	£2,765			2,765	
Returned payment	£2,019	-	-	2,019	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	233,887	-	-	233,887	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	233,887	-	-	233,887	-
A3 Payments					
International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Admin capacity (staff)	£36,256	-	-	36,256	-
International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Communications	£331	-	-	331	-
International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Donor engagement	£3,384	-	-	3,384	-
International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Foreign payment charges	£860	-	-	860	-
International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - Merchandising	£252	-	-	252	-
International - Fundraising, Marketing and Growth - New finance system	£691	-	-	691	-
International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga News	£8,045	-	-	8,045	-
International - Networking and capacity-building - Saiga Resource Centre	£432			432	
International - Networking and capacity-building - BFN/CMS sustainability and overview reports	£28,642	-	-	28,642	-
International - Research and conservation - USFWS	£35,206	-	-	35,206	-
Uzbekistan - Community education and outreach - Saiga education (incl Saiga Day)	£2,770	-	-	2,770	-
Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Saigachy reserve anti poaching	£3,551	-	-	3,551	-
Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - USFWS	£20,296	-	-	20,296	-
Uzbekistan - Research and conservation - Vozrozhdenie	£14,589	-	-	14,589	-
Sub total	155,305	-	-	155,305	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	155,305	-	-	155,305	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	78,582	-	-	78,582	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end	149,963	-	-	149,963	-
Cash funds this year end	228,545	-	-	228,545	-

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	228,545	-	-
	Total cash funds	228,545	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-	-

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B5 Liabilities		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anthony Dancer	06-Oct-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 2025	**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:**	06/10/2026
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.	Nothing in need of disclosure.

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