



## Announcement of a USFWS-funded Small Grants programme 2011

We announce a one-off small grants competition for the conservation of the saiga antelope (2011-12). The competition is funded by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of International Conservation, and administered by the Saiga Conservation Alliance. Eligible projects will:

- Be concerned with the conservation of the saiga antelope **in the wild** (not in captivity)
- Have a direct and clear impact on the status of the saiga antelope
- Be undertaken in the period 1st December 2011 to 30th September 2012.
- Have a budget between US\$15,000 and US\$20,000
- Be clearly self-contained, rather than being a small component of a larger project.
- Be affiliated to the Saiga Conservation Alliance, and bound by the rules of its constitution, and the reporting requirements that are laid out therein.

The project proposal should clearly demonstrate how the project contributes to fulfilling the goals of the Convention on Migratory Species' Medium Term Work Programme for the saiga antelope ([http://www.cms.int/species/saiga/1st\\_saiga\\_range\\_states\\_meeting.htm](http://www.cms.int/species/saiga/1st_saiga_range_states_meeting.htm)). Within this, it can involve any activity (public engagement, research, anti-poaching activities etc). It is hoped that a wide range of projects can be supported, geographically and in terms of conservation actions. A report on project progress must be submitted to the SCA by 1st June 2012 and the final report by 15th November 2012.

This competition is not intended for the payment of salaries, honoraria or overheads (other than directly incurred field costs). However, if it is necessary to incur expenditure of the types listed above for the fulfilment of the project aims, the reason for these exceptional expenses must be clearly laid out in the project proposal.

The proposal should be not more than 6 sides in total, using Times New Roman font of not less than 12 point and single-spaced, and the word limits for each section should be abided to.

**Projects that do not fulfil all of the requirements set out above will not be considered.**

There is no requirement to be associated with the SCA in order to submit a proposal, but if you would like advice before submission, you are welcome to discuss your proposal with the Steering Committee member in your country (<http://www.saiga-conservation.com/who.html>).

Please submit your proposal in English or Russian by e-mail as an attachment to the Saiga Conservation Alliance ([mail@saiga-conservation.com](mailto:mail@saiga-conservation.com)), by **1st November 2011**. **Proposals received after 1st November will not be considered**. Successful applicants will be notified by **25<sup>th</sup> November 2011**. No expenditure incurred on project activities before **1<sup>st</sup> December 2011** or after **30<sup>th</sup> September 2012** can be refunded.

This one-off Small Grants Programme is generously supported by the USFWS, with which project updates will be shared. All publications and communications concerning the project must acknowledge the support of the USFWS and the SCA. You can find the application form and information about the Saiga Conservation Alliance at <http://www.saiga-conservation.com> and <http://saigak.biodiversity.ru/index.html>.

## **GRANTS PROGRAMME 2011**

### **APPLICATION FORM**

Full Name:

Place of work and position:

Contact details (address, phone, fax, e-mail):

Project title (max. 15 words):

Project location (country, region, best shown on a map of the study area):

Project abstract (max 150 words):

Project aims (max 500 words):

How does the project contribute to the CMS Medium Term Work Programme (giving the relevant numbers of the actions in the MTWP)?:

Detailed work programme (max. 500 words):

Methods used in the project (max 300 words):

How does this project relate to ongoing work by you or others (max. 100 words)?

Budget, with a short explanation of each budget line, for example transport costs, field costs, consumables, communications etc (200 words):

Timetable for the work, with a brief breakdown of the work stages, showing the timing of fulfilment of each stage, including the delivery of interim and final reports:

Planned project outcomes (max 200 words):

I hereby apply for a grant from the Saiga Conservation Alliance, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions laid out in the SCA's constitution and the small grants announcement.

Signed:

Date: