

Saiga News - author guidelines.

Saiga News is the biennial newsletter of the *Saiga Conservation Alliance*. We provide information about recent developments in saiga conservation and ecology to a broad readership with an interest in saiga conservation. We welcome contributions of several types:

Updates (<100 words)

Short information pieces concerning developments in saiga conservation over the last six months. If possible, please submit a photograph to illustrate your piece. These articles are not attributed to authors, but your contact details will be given at the end of the piece.

Saigas in the News

Please submit any relevant media reports from your country (from newspapers, magazines, websites). Do not edit or interpret these reports - this will be done by the Editorial team.

Articles (<1000 words)

These are the main form of submitted material to the newsletter. Articles can cover any topic of interest to the readers of the newsletter, including new research results, reviews, trip or meeting reports and methodological discussions. They should be written in an accessible style without excessive technical language. There is no need to provide detailed information on well-known facts about saigas and their conservation, of which readers will already be aware; focus the article on the new findings that you wish to report.

Articles do not normally have reference lists; one or two references are permissible, if necessary. One to three graphical items should be used to illustrate your article, which could include photos, tables or figures. Each item should include a short explanatory legend.

For each issue, the Editors will choose one Article as the Featured Article, to be placed on the front page of the newsletter. This will be chosen on the basis of the article's broad topical interest or importance.

If a topic is particularly controversial, or if there is debate surrounding the topic, we are happy to receive several articles addressing different angles of the issue, which we will compile into a Forum section (see Issue 9 for an example).

Project round-up (<200 words)

Short articles updating readers on progress in particular saiga conservation projects, to be written by project personnel. These articles give information about planned and ongoing activities, rather than specific news (Updates) or results (Articles).

Editing

We have an Editorial Board with members in each range state. We advise authors to direct queries and drafts to the Editorial Board member in their country in advance of article submission. Board members can give advice on both presentation and content of your articles. Articles are not formally peer reviewed but will be checked for factual accuracy and for topicality and relevance by the Editorial Board.

The Editors reserve the right to decline material that they deem unsuitable for the newsletter, and to edit all submissions in order to enhance clarity and conciseness. Please bear in mind that your articles will be translated, and this requires the language to be clear and easily

understood. If you are able to submit the article in two languages, or to check the translation of your article for accuracy, this will be helpful. If you wish to see the edited or translated version of your article before publication please let the Editors know in advance.

Submission procedure

Please submit your articles in Word format by email to the Managing Editor, Elena Bykova, at ebykova67@mail.ru. Please place the names, affiliations and email addresses of all authors under the title of the article. We accept articles in English or Russian. Illustrations should be submitted either as separate high resolution jpgs (preferred; size >300Kb) or as embedded figures within the Word document.

There is no submission deadline, but in general, material for the summer issue should be submitted by the end of May, and for the winter issue by the end of October. We aim to publish all time-limited material (Updates, Project round-up) in the next issue after submission, but we may hold over Articles to future issues if there is insufficient space.

Please consult recent issues of the newsletter for more information on the format and content of articles.