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**Announcement of SCA Award Programme for Excellence in Saiga Protection**

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We are pleased to announce an award programme promoting excellence in the protection of the saiga antelope.

We appreciate the hard work carried out by rangers, police, government agencies and other committed individuals, and we are keen to acknowledge the dedication and inspirational work that they are doing in order to help conserve this critically endangered species.

The award is a prize of $1000, to be used as the winner chooses. Nominations can be individuals and teams, from government or from NGOs, who have shown particular dedication and outstanding success in combating saiga poaching over the last 12 months.

We encourage applications from individuals or groups within the saiga’s range states (Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia and Uzbekistan). Self-nominations are not allowed.

In order to nominate someone, please answer the questions below and send this form to saigaalliance@googlemail.com.

Please submit your proposal in English or Russian, by 22nd June 2021. Proposals received after 22nd June will not be considered. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-July.

Nominations can be made in English or Russian. The closing date for nominations is 22nd June 2021.

**Application Form**

1. Name, position, institution, telephone and email address of nominator:
2. Name of person or team being nominated:
3. Contact details of nominee (including email and telephone):
4. Institutional affiliation and country of nominee:
5. Please describe the saiga protection work that the nominee does (<300 words):
6. Please describe why this nominee is particularly deserving of the award (<300 words):Please give concrete examples of the evidence for their excellence in saiga protection (e.g. arrests made, saiga numbers in their reserve, commendations given):
7. Please explain what impact receiving this award would have on the nominee's standing or motivation (<300 words):