

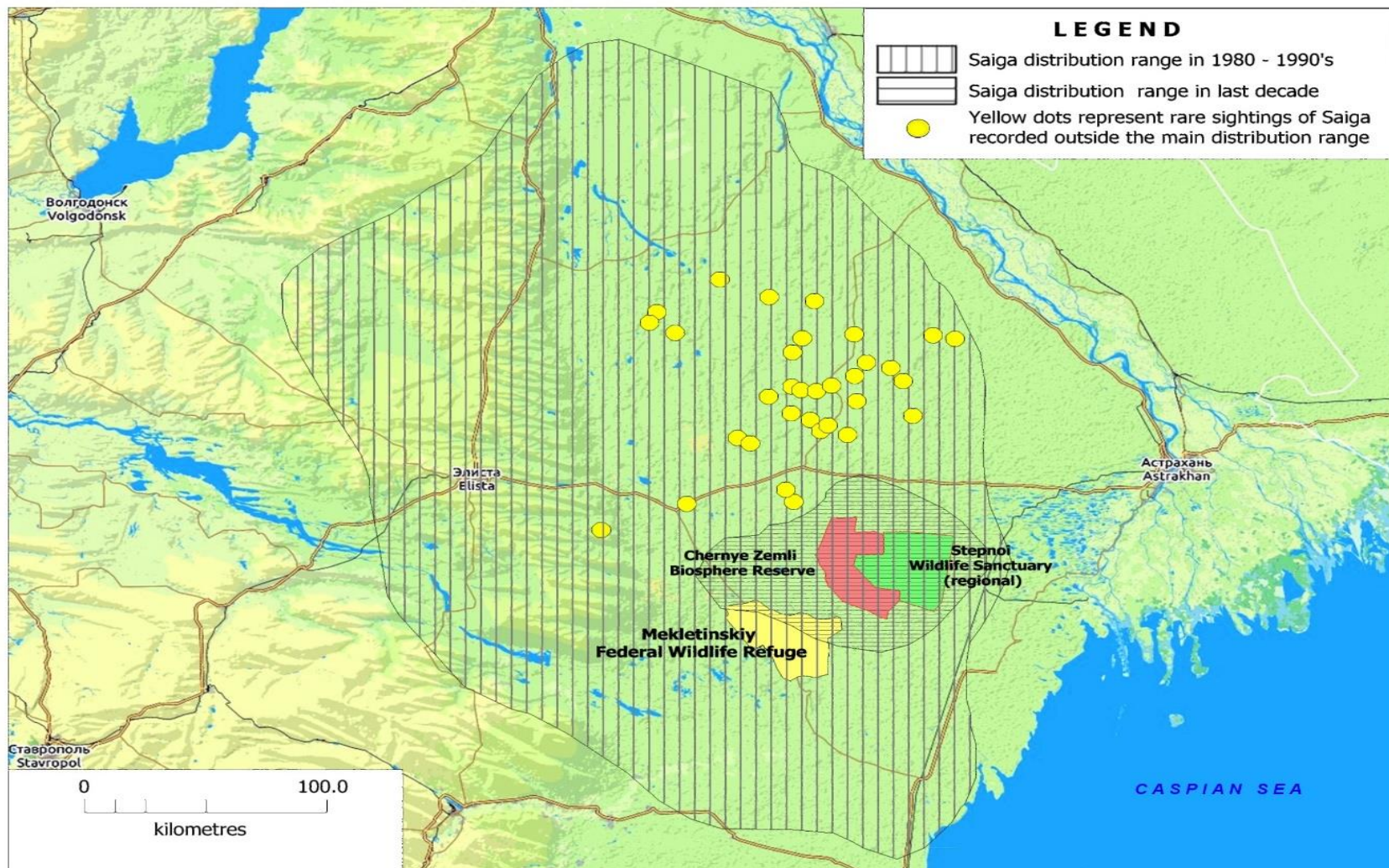


## Saiga Antelope population of the Pre-Caspian Grasslands



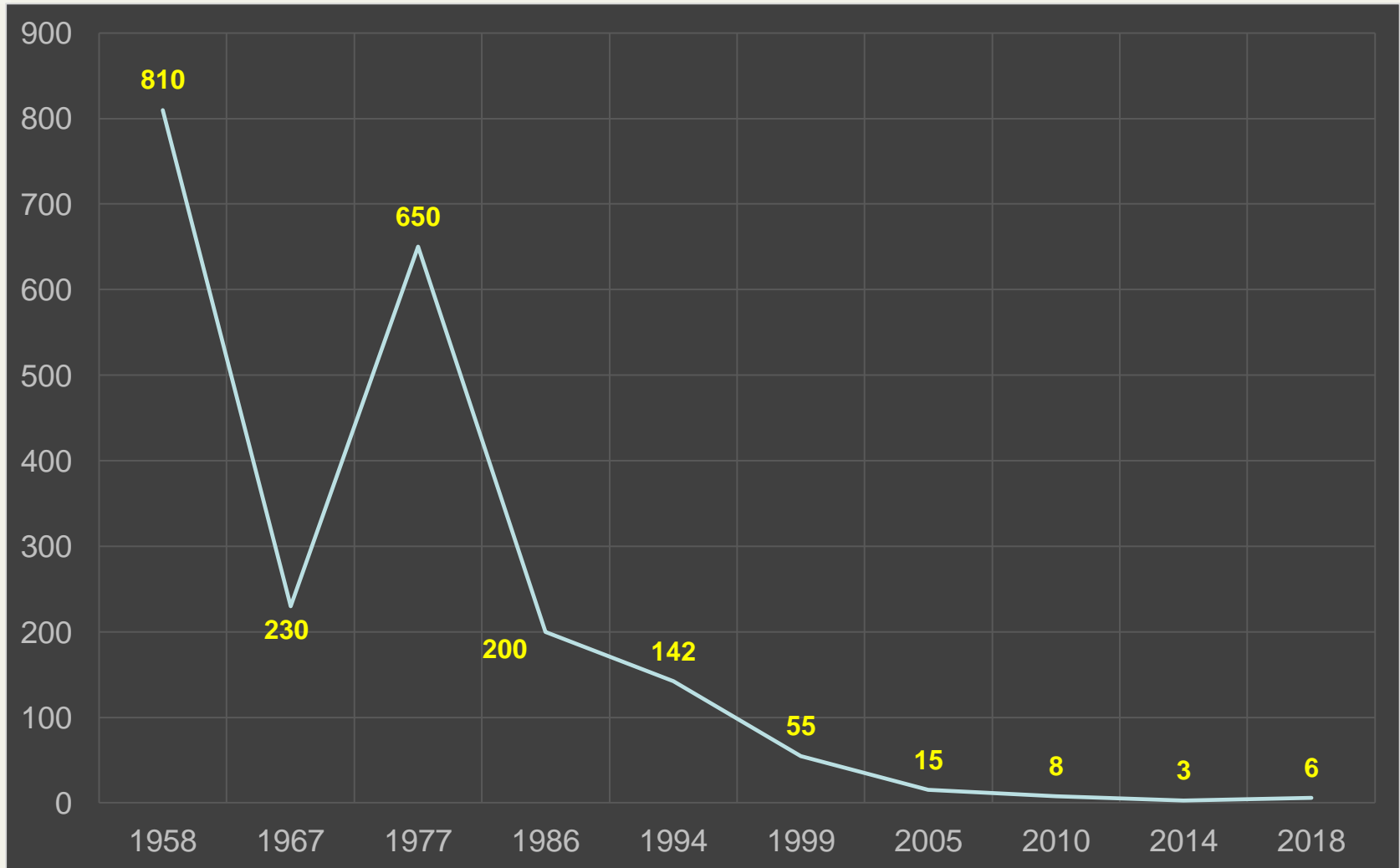


# Saiga Antelope Range





## Dynamics of the Saiga population



For 50 years, the number has decreased more than 100 times to 6,000 animals

## Threats

**Poaching** is being driven by the demand for their horns in South-East Asian countries where they are used in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Also, poachers kill Saiga for the meat.



**Overgrazing** has resulted in the degradation of the carrying capacity of the Saiga Antelope habitats and increased competition with livestock for water sources.  
**Desertification.**





## What we are doing to restore Saiga Antelope population

- 3 water wells were restored to improve the adaptability of Saiga Antelope and other species to aridization
- development of the Saiga census with UAVs methodology is close to completion
- anti-poaching capacity of protected areas within the Saiga range has been successfully increased
- massive public awareness campaign has been started this year



1. Assessment of Saiga Antelope habitat outside its current range.
2. Development of regulations establishing parameters for pasture grazing to halt overgrazing.
3. Elaboration and implementation of a pilot project aimed to restore natural plant species assemblage to stop further desertification.



Thank you for your attention!

