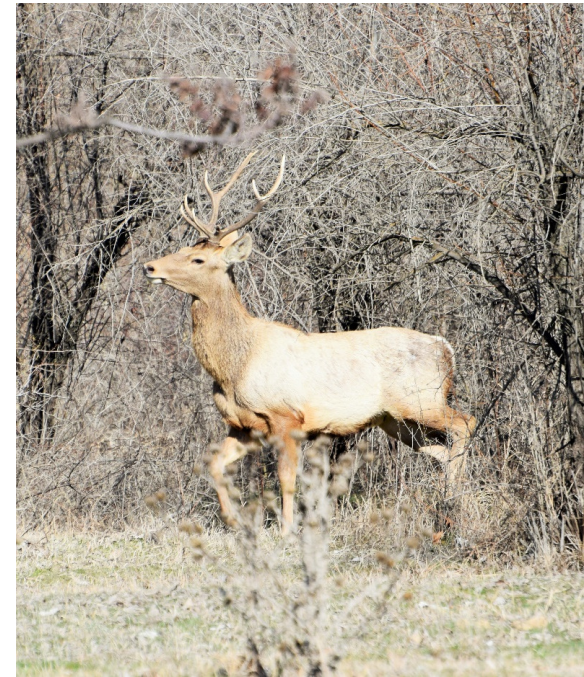




## Third Meeting of the Signatories to the Bukhara Deer MOU (MOS<sub>3</sub>)

Третье совещание стран,  
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# WWF Central Asia

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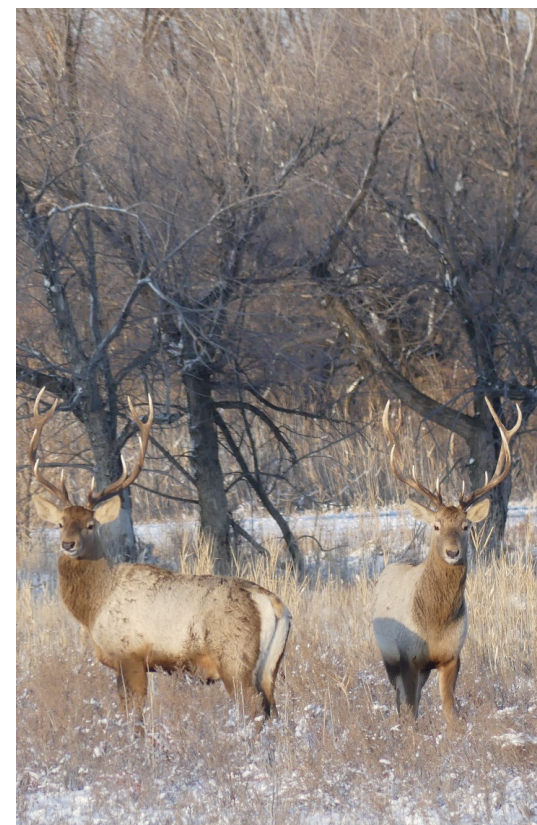


## What are the main problems related to the conservation of Bukhara Deer in your program area? / Каковы основные проблемы, связанные с сохранением бухарского оленя на вашей проектной территории?

Tugai forests have been reduced to just 10% of their former area across Central Asia, as compared to surveys done in the 1960s

Water management leads to desertification, making former habitats unsuitable. This causes population fragmentation.

Populations which remain are overcrowded and due to habitat fragmentation issues, are prone to genetic isolation and the “founder effect”.



## Which measures have you taken to address those problems and what are you planning to do in the future? / Какие меры вы предприняли для решения этих проблем и что вы планируете делать в будущем?

WWF work overview:

2018 – 2023: Bukhara deer reintroduction in the Ile-Balkhash Reserve (went locally extinct 100 years ago). Current population size is ~250 individuals.

2021: 5 deer translocated to the Syrdarya-Turkestan Regional Nature Park from Karatchingil deer farm to promote genetic mixing

2021 – 2022: Small-scale project in the frame of the CEPF Mountains of Central Asia grant programme in Turkmenistan (Koytendag Reserve, Jarguzer, upper reaches of Amudarya). Evaluation of the state of Bukhara deer habitats and population in this area.

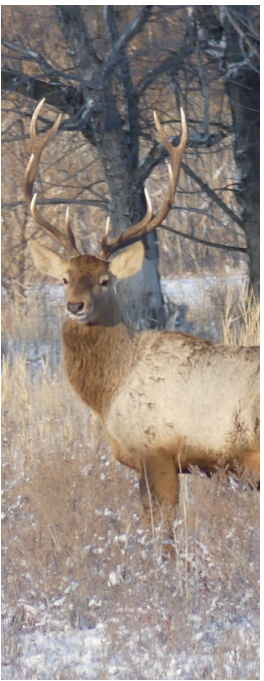
2023: Uzbekistan: advised Uzbek colleagues' research work at the upper Amu Darya on the border with Turkmenistan. A large deer population found.



What is needed to effectively conserve Bukhara deer in your program area and what is needed in order to achieve that? /Что необходимо для эффективного сохранения бухарского оленя на вашей проектной территории и что для этого нужно?

1. Relocation from overcrowded populations into suitable habitat. We did have funding for such work as part of the CEPF grant program, but proposals have not been successful (unable to demonstrate how results will be achieved). Still hope to fund such work in the future.
2. Conservation and restoration of tugai forests, including water management

Ultimate 10 year goal: to conserve Bukhara deer sufficiently, such that it can be taken out of the red book in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan



Thank you!  
Спасибо!

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