

### **Project Update: August 2013**

A workshop on Pallas's cat study and conservation problems (special round table) was organised at the conference "Conservation of steppe and semi-desert ecosystems in Eurasia" in Almaty, March 2013. Major national stakeholders were involved including both NGOs and officials. International expert in wild cats (Dr Jim Sanderson, USA, and Dr B Munghtsog, Mongolia) were invited speakers.

A pilot field investigation with camera trapping (14 cameras) was made in Almaty province of Kazakhstan in March 2013. Camera traps were set in eastern Kazakhstan in May-June 2013 (total 14 camera traps). Four more cameras were set in south Kazakhstan by local team members. During field work in eastern Kazakhstan we interviewed local people on small wild cats as well as tell them about necessity of Pallas' cats protecting. We presented posters on Pallas' cat to locals. Some Pallas' cat's skins were found at the cattle-breeding stations. Other species findings were also recorded and entered to data base.

