

Project Update: September 2016

In May, June and August 2016, we conducted an expedition in Kyzylkum Desert and adjacent territories in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. From 12th to 27th May 2016, we surveyed the northern and north-western part of the Kyzylkum desert in Uzbekistan. From 15th to 21st June we examined Beltau Mountains and adjacent areas on the right bank of the Syr Darya (South Kazakhstan). Here we found a grey lizard almost 100 km east of previously known findings. From July 31st to August 14th 2016 continued examination of the northern and north-eastern part of Kyzyl Kum in Uzbekistan.

Based on the survey of the territory of Kyzyl Kum in Uzbekistan established the passage of the northern border species. Prepared two publications on the results of the research.

Consulted on the content of aviary grey lizards in Shymkent zoo. Monitored their behaviour with the help of camera traps.

June 7, 2016 in conjunction with the Museum of Nature and the Almaty zoo held a contest of children's drawings "Save the grey monitor lizard." The competition was attended by 50 children from five companies.



Left: Desert monitor from Uzbekistan. Right: The competition of children's drawings.