

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (April-June)	Expected outcomes (July-September)	Comments
1	Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem	At the implementation stage. Project budget 3,898,000 USD (financed by GEF). Implementing agency – UNDP. Implementing partner – Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology (The Russian Federation); Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism (Mongolia).	<p>1. Project site successfully works. Information is regularly updated.</p> <p>2. Job interviews have been conducted and a new employee of the Project Implementation Unit in Ulan-Bator has been hired for the position of Administration and Finance Officer.</p> <p>3. The local consultants have been hired for the following positions:</p> <p>a) Training Expert (Russia);</p> <p>b) Consultant on Pollution Hotspot Analysis (Russia);</p> <p>c) Environmental and Water Consultant Khilok Watershed/Zabaikalsky Krai (Russia);</p> <p>d) Environmental and Water Consultant Tugnuy-Sukhara Watershed/Buryatia (Russia);</p> <p>e) Communication and Public Awareness Expert (Russia).</p> <p>4. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities:</p> <p>a) Study on the Selenga Delta habitat and the health of the benthic zone;</p> <p>b) Study on the Selenga Delta water quality issues;</p> <p>c) Harmonized water quality monitoring program for the Baikal Basin;</p> <p>d) Strategy for (dead) livestock disposal;</p> <p>e) Baikal Information Center (BIC) Conception;</p> <p>f) Ecological Education Enhancement Plan.</p> <p>5. Inception report has been developed.</p> <p>6. Together with the International volunteer project “Save Baikal”, the Project has conducted shoreline and ice cleanup public event “Clean Ice of</p>	<p>1. Project site successfully works. Information is regularly updated.</p> <p>2. The consultants have been hired for the following positions:</p> <p>a) Senior Law Expert;</p> <p>b) TDA Consultant and Scientific Advisory Group Leader;</p> <p>c) Communication and Public Awareness Expert (Mongolia);</p> <p>d) Training Expert (Mongolia).</p> <p>3. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities:</p> <p>a) Revise of preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for the Russian Federation;</p> <p>b) Revise of preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for Mongolia;</p> <p>c) Conducting baseline study and drafting sub-basin management plans (Mongolia);</p> <p>d) Database for modeling and simulation of pollutants transport in the Baikal Basin;</p> <p>e) Biodiversity compatible tourism plan for Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve;</p> <p>f) Developing Harmonized water quality monitoring program for the Baikal Basin in Mongolia and accomplishing the initial Pollution Hotspot analyses;</p> <p>g) Shoreline cleanup campaigns for Lake Baikal and the Selenga River.</p> <p>4. Work Plan for the rest of 2012 and its budget have been revised.</p> <p>5. Participation in the second stage of conference “Selenga without boundaries”.</p> <p>6. Meetings with stakeholders, including civil society, industry and local government representatives for discussion of ecosystem threats, have been conducted.</p> <p>7. Research of the Selenga Delta habitat and water quality has been carried out;</p> <p>8. Workshops with agencies in Mongolia, focusing on industrial development and tourism to forge cooperation, have been organized.</p> <p>9. Assessment of strengths and weaknesses of the Baikal Basin management in Russia has been done.</p> <p>10. Review of incidences of anthrax outbreaks over last 20</p>	

			<p>Baikal”.</p> <p>7. Work Plan 2012 and its budget have been revised.</p> <p>8. International conference “Selenga without boundaries” has been organized; the Project has taken part in the first stage of the conference, presenting a report “Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem”.</p> <p>9. Field meetings with stakeholders in Chita, Ulan-Bator, The Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve have been conducted.</p>	<p>years has been made.</p> <p>11. Surveys of tourists for determining of pollution awareness and ecotourism interests have been carried out.</p>	
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