

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (October-December 2012)	Expected outcomes (January-March 2013)	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). Expenditure to date: 1,020,937 USD Implementing agency – UNDP. Implementing partner – Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology (The Russian Federation); Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism (Mongolia).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project site successfully works in three languages. Information is regularly updated. 2. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Biodiversity Expert; b) Climate change Consultant. 3. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BIC information data exchange protocol, Russia; b) Biodiversity compatible recreational tourism plan for Zabaikalsky National Park. 4. Revision of the 2012 budget has been conducted. 5. Learning exchange, based on SAVA transboundary commission (Croatia), for evaluation of current Russian-Mongolian agreement has been organized for representatives of the Ministry of Natural resources and Green development of Mongolia. 6. Organization of Plenipotentiaries' Meeting in Ulan-Ude within the scope of transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia has been supported. 7. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012 contracts' reports have been presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consultant on Pollution Hotspot Analysis (Russia); b) Communication and Public Awareness Expert (Mongolia). 8. Works have been finished and the following 2012 tenders' reports have been presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Study on the Selenga Delta habitat and the health of the benthic zone; b) Study on the Selenga Delta water quality issues; c) Database for modeling and simulation of pollutants transport in the Baikal Basin; d) Harmonized water quality monitoring program for the Baikal Basin (Russia); e) Harmonized water quality monitoring program for the Baikal Basin (Mongolia); f) Pollution Hotspot analysis (Mongolia); g) Strategy for (dead) livestock disposal; h) Baikal Information Center (BIC) Conception; 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project site successfully works in three languages. Information is regularly updated. 2. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consultant for construction documents of cattle mortuary Pilot construction in Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts in Buryatia, Russia. 3. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Barguzinsky district, Buryatia, Russia; b) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Kurumkansky district, Buryatia, Russia. c) Baikal Information Center (BIC) Conception (Mongolia). 4. Meetings with all stakeholders, concerning results of 2012 and plans for 2013, have been held (Ulan-Bator, Moscow, Ulan-Ude, Irkutsk, Chita). 5. Revision of work plan and budget of 2013 has been conducted. 6. Project Steering Committee meeting has been carried out in Ulan-Bator. 7. Training seminar on international water law for Russian representatives, working on implementation of transboundary water agreement between Russia and Mongolia, has been organized in the University of Dundee, Scotland (UK). 8. Ecological education enhancement materials and method recommendations on administrative staff's competency upgrade have been published. 9. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012 contracts' reports have been presented: 	

			<p>i) Ecological Education Enhancement Plan for Russia; j) Ecological Education Enhancement Plan for Buryatia; k) Ecological Education Enhancement Plan for Zabaikalsky Krai.</p> <p>9. Shoreline clean-up of Hovsgol lake and setup of a water sanitation zone in Khatgal village have been conducted.</p> <p>10. Best practices standards of nature preserve for tourism, mining, using international and regional examples have been studied through.</p> <p>11. Database for modeling and simulation of pollutants transport in river systems has been compiled.</p> <p>12. Harmonized water quality monitoring program for the Baikal Basin has been developed.</p> <p>13. Analysis of anthrax incidents within last 20 years period and inventory of cattle mortuaries in Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts of Buryatia have been carried out. Microbiological analysis of soil has been done, strategy for (dead) livestock disposal and recommendations for new pilot cattle mortuaries construction as well as reconstruction of existing ones have been concluded.</p> <p>14. Ecological education enhancement plan for Russia has been worked out.</p> <p>15. Method guidelines for competency upgrade of administrative staff in the field of ecology and sustainable development for Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem have been developed.</p> <p>16. Assessment of ecological education in the Republic of Buryatia has been held and Road map of its enhancement has been worked out.</p> <p>17. Public awareness plan for Mongolia has been elaborated.</p> <p>18. Self-assessment methodology for the Russian administrative staff in the field of transboundary water resources has been conducted.</p> <p>19. Inception meeting for Project's output 1.3. "Underground waters" has been held in Ulan-Bator; one international, two Russian and two Mongolian experts have been hired.</p>	<p>a) Communication and Public Awareness Expert (Russia); b) Biodiversity Expert (Russia); c) Senior law Expert; d) TDA Consultant and scientific advisory group Leader; e) Training Expert (Russia); f) Training Expert (Mongolia); g) Climate change Consultant (Russia); h) Environmental and water resources management Consultant for sub-basin Khilok watershed, Zabaikalsky Krai (Russia); i) Environmental and water resources management Consultant for sub-basin Tugnuy-Sukhara watershed, Buryatia (Russia);</p> <p>10. Works have been finished and the following 2012 tenders' reports have been presented: a) Revise of preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for the Russian Federation; b) Revise of preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for Mongolia.</p> <p>11. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis has been updated.</p> <p>12. GAP-analysis of best practices, present policies and standards in tourism and mining in view of biodiversity preservation in Russia and Mongolia has been carried out.</p> <p>13. Recommendations on changes in local and national policies, legislation and regional development plans of increase in biodiversity preservation have been worked out.</p> <p>14. Recommendations on changes in environment impact assessment standards and tourism development plan in the Baikal basin (in particular those ones in Irkutsk and Ulan-Ude), in view of biodiversity preservation, have been developed.</p> <p>15. Public awareness plan for Russia has been</p>	
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