

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (July – September 2013)	Expected outcomes (October – December 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). 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"> <li>1. Project site, <a href="http://baikal.iwlearn.org">http://baikal.iwlearn.org</a>, successfully works in three languages. Information is regularly updated.</li> <li>2. Website of the Baikal Information Centre, <a href="http://bic.iwlearn.org">http://bic.iwlearn.org</a>, successfully works in three languages.</li> <li>3. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior law Expert;</li> <li>• Training Expert in POPs and PTSs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity tourism compatible plan with a route to the seasonal seal rookery on island Tonkii;</li> <li>• Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Barguzinsky district of Buryatia, Russia;</li> <li>• Model sub-basin Essential fish habitat in Russia.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012 contracts' reports have been presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TDA Consultant and scientific advisory group Leader.</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Works have been finished and the following reports of 2012-2013 contracts have been presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimate of groundwater basin using available monitoring objects;</li> <li>• Identification of significant industrial hot spots in the Hara river basin and putting the priority basing on risk degree for surface and groundwaters;</li> <li>• Review and ranking of modernization needs for municipalities in the Selenga basin, including identification of current and planned projects of water supply and sewerage;</li> <li>• Organization of International Forum “Eco-tourism on Baikal +20” in Ulan-Ude (Buryatia, Russia), July 2013;</li> <li>• Holding of Round table “Development of ecological tourism: initiatives and partnership of business, society and state” in Turka (tourist zone</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Software procurement for Baikal Information Centre (Mongolia);</li> <li>b) Software procurement for Baikal Information Centre (Russia);</li> <li>c) Extension of eco-trail “Cedar Alley” and enhancement of biodiversity compatible comprehensive botanical tour for it in the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve in Tankhoi (Buryatia, Russia);</li> <li>d) Analysis of existing system of cost control and incentives to economic efficiency of water complex enterprises in respect of irrigation, water supply and drainage infrastructure. Development of proposals of cost control improvement and strengthening of mentioned incentives in these sectors;</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012-2013 contracts' reports have been presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Training expert (Mongolia);</li> <li>b) Consultant for cattle mortuary design in Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky regions of Buryatia (Russia);</li> <li>c) Consultant on Pollution Hotspot Methodology development (Russia);</li> <li>d) Training Expert in Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Persistent Toxic Substances (PTSs), Mongolia;</li> <li>a) Consultant to develop recommendations on environmental investments on active concerns to reduce pollution discharge in the Russian Federation.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Works have been finished and the following reports of 2013 contracts have been presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Training courses in problems of persistent organic pollutants and persistent toxic substances for specialists of nature control and conservation bodies and other stakeholders;</li> <li>b) Development of technological solutions for minimization of ore gold mining enterprises anthropogenic impact on environment;</li> <li>c) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Kurumkansky district of Buryatia (Russia);</li> <li>d) Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for lake Baikal and Selenga River (Russia);</li> <li>e) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

			<p>“Baikalskaya gavanj”, Buryatia, Russia), July 2013;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting of training seminar in Istomino (Buryatia, Russia) for stakeholders’ awareness rising and management improvement in the field of environmental problems of Lake Baikal Basin and the role of green economy in their solving, August 2013;</li> <li>• Conducting of training seminar in Ulan-Ude (Russia) and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) on problems of Persistent Toxic Substances (PTSs) and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in the Baikal basin.</li> </ul> <p>7. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis has been updated.</p> <p>8. Participation of the Project in the International High level water cooperation Conference in Dushanbe (Tadjikistan), August 2013.</p> <p>9. Participation of the Project in the International research and practice conference “Baikal – strategic resource of the planet in the 21 century” in Ulan-Ude (Russia), July 2013.</p> <p>10. Support of the professional skill Contest “best in the profession in Tourism sphere” in Ulan-Ude (Russia), September 2013.</p>	<p>river basin (Russia);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Mongolia);</li> <li>g) Development of optimal technological solutions for safe storage, retreatment, neutralization and utilization of toxic substances, contained in waste products of inoperative mining enterprise “Dzhidinsky”;</li> <li>h) Development of technological solutions for minimization of anthropogenic impact of adit mine waters of Kholodninsky poly-metal deposit on water ecosystems;</li> <li>i) Biodiversity compatible tourism plan for the site of goddess Yangima representation of face on stone near Barguzinsky Buddhist Temple in village Yarikto in Buryatia (Russia);</li> <li>j) Complex eco-travel tour for the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve;</li> <li>k) Pilot sport fishing program;</li> <li>l) The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development (Mongolia);</li> <li>m) The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development (Russia);</li> <li>n) Baikal Information Center (BIC) maintenance (Mongolia);</li> <li>o) Baikal Information Center (BIC) maintenance (Russia);</li> <li>p) “Friends of Baikal Basin” conception designing and implementation (Mongolia);</li> <li>q) “Friends of Baikal Basin” conception designing and implementation (Russia);</li> <li>r) Documentary movie production;</li> <li>s) Clean up the riparian zone of Lake Hovsgol and expansion of water sanitation zone in the degraded shorelines.</li> </ul> <p>7. Self-assessment methodology in the field of transboundary water resources for administrative staff in Mongolia has been determined. Training seminars have been held and qualification courses in the field of transboundary water resources for certain state agencies in Mongolia have been devised.</p> <p>8. Support of holding of Plenipotentiaries’ Meeting in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) within the scope of transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia.</p> <p>9. Promotion of entry of Baikalsy protected area, Barguzinsky protected area and Zzabaikalsky national park into the “EuroParc” Association of European protected areas.</p> <p>10. Participation of the Project in the 7<sup>th</sup> GEF Biennial international waters Conference in Bridgetown (Barbados) with presentation of Project activity results.</p> <p>11. Revision of work plan and budget of remaining part of 2013.</p>	
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