

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (January – March 2014)	Expected outcomes (April – June 2014)	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"> 1. Project site, http://baikal.iwlearn.org, successfully works in three languages. Information is regularly updated. 2. Website of the Baikal Information Centre, http://bic.iwlearn.org, successfully works in three languages. 3. Revision of work plan and budget of 2014 has been made. 4. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific advisory group Leader for Strategic action program; • Members of Scientific advisory group for development of Strategic action plan (3 members for each country, Russia and Mongolia); • Project mid-term evaluator. 5. TORs for the following activities have been developed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second stage of intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Russia); • Second stage of intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Mongolia); • Training workshop “Environmental education on lakeside areas: best practices and innovations” (Russia); • Computer analysis of space images of Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts of Buryatia (Russia) for identification of abandoned cattle mortuaries and microbiological analysis of soil for anthrax detection; • Development of a brand, media-conception and presentation of the “Pearl necklace of Baikal” (Baikal protected area association), in Russian and Mongolian; • Development and publication of a special release of journal dedicated to sustainable development of eco-tourism in the “Pearl necklace of Baikal” (Baikal protected area association), in Russian and Mongolian; • Short-term training program for guides within the scope of organization of ornithological tours in the Baikal region; • Publication of ecological atlas of the Baikal basin (Russia); 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project site, http://baikal.iwlearn.org, successfully works in three languages. Information is regularly updated. 2. Website of the Baikal Information Centre, http://bic.iwlearn.org, successfully works in three languages. 3. TORs have been developed for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Holding of stakeholders meeting for development of sub-basin water management plans (Mongolia); b) Holding of training workshop on green technologies in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) for the Russian ministry of nature resources and ecology and the Ministry of environment and green development of Mongolia; c) Development of complex eco-tour for Zabaikalsky National Park; promotion of the Park’s entrance into the EuroParc association; d) Development of management plan for Baikalo-lensky protected area and Pribaikalsky National Park; e) Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for Lake Khuvsgul. 4. Tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Second stage of intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Russia); b) Second stage of intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Mongolia); c) Training workshop “Environmental education on lakeside areas: best practices and innovations” (Russia); d) Computer analysis of space images of Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts of Buryatia (Russia) for identification of abandoned cattle mortuaries and microbiological analysis of soil for anthrax detection; e) Development of a brand, media-conception and presentation of the “Pearl necklace of Baikal” (Baikal protected area association), in Russian and Mongolian; f) Development and publication of a special release of journal dedicated to sustainable development of eco-tourism in the “Pearl necklace of Baikal” (Baikal protected area association), in Russian and Mongolian; g) Short-term training program for guides within the scope of organization of ornithological tours in the Baikal region; h) Publication of ecological atlas of the Baikal basin (Russia); i) Publication of ecological atlas of the Baikal basin (Mongolia); j) Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for lake Baikal and Selenga 	

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