

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (April – June 2014)	Expected outcomes (July – September 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).	Development of a brand, media-conception and presentation of the “Pearl necklace of Baikal” (Baikal protected area association) in Russian and Mongolian has been started; as well as development and of a special release of journal dedicated to sustainable development of eco-tourism in the “Pearl necklace of Baikal”. Short-term training program for guides within the scope of organization of ornithological tours in the Baikal region has been launched. Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for lake Baikal and Selenga river have been held. Demonstration of best practices of a mine siting with the view of prevention of soil and groundwater contamination and impacts on surface water systems has been conducted. Software procurement for Baikal Information Centre in Russia and Mongolia has been made. 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 has been carried out. Development of proposals of cost control improvement and strengthening of mentioned incentives in these sectors has been elaborated. The second technical workshop on SAP development has been conducted in April 2014.	<p>Tenders for publication of ecological atlas of the Baikal basin and installation of guarding barrier in reserve area for unique plant population in Zapovednoye Pribaikalye have been announced.</p> <p>Works have been finished and the following reports per contracts have been presented:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complex eco-travel tour for the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve; Eco-travel route to Ushkany Islands for Zabaikalsky National Park; Pilot sport fishing program; “Friends of Baikal Basin” conception designing and implementation (Mongolia); “Friends of Baikal Basin” conception designing and implementation (Russia); The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development (Mongolia). <p>International expedition works for organization of sanitary-hygienic monitoring of transboundary water objects in Buryatia and Mongolia have been done.</p> <p>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 has been carried out. Development of biodiversity compatible tourist plan for Sorozhiya place in Zabaikalsky National park (Buryatia) has been made.</p> <p>Training seminars for environment protection inspectors of Baikal nature territory have been held.</p> <p>Third technical workshop for SAP development has been organized.</p> <p>Project’s third regional Steering Committee meeting has been held in Gremyachinsk, Russia.</p> <p>Support of holding of Plenipotentiary Meeting in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) within the scope of transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia has been assisted.</p> <p>Consultations in countries according to the draft of the Agreement between governments of the Russian Federation and Mongolia on cooperation in protection and sustainable development of transboundary river basins have been organized.</p>	