

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (January – March 2015)	Expected outcomes (April – June 2015)	Comments
1	Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem	<p>At the implementation stage. Project budget 3,898,000 USD (financed by GEF). Expenditure to 26.12.2014: 3,255,630.33 USD Expenditure in 2014: 113,202.17 USD</p> <p>Implementing agency – UNDP. Implementing partner – Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology (The Russian Federation); Ministry of and Green Development and Tourism (Mongolia).</p>	<p>The 2015 work plan was prepared. The revision of budget of 2014 and 2015 were made. TORs have been developed for the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAP leading expert and consultants. • Terminal Evaluation expert. • Predictive assessment of long-term changes of water balance in the basin of transboundary Selenga river in terms of climatic fluctuations and changes of the characteristics of water use. • Support of a presentation of visit center of the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve. • The Baikal Project results video production. <p>Holding of Plenipotentiary Meeting in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) within the scope of transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia was supported. The technical workshop on Strategic Action Programme (SAP) development in Ulaanbaatar was conducted. The Baikal Project results were presented at 7th World Water Forum in Korea. The regular hydrochemical research in Selenga Delta was conducted in specified monitoring sites. The biannual report “State of the Environment of the Baikal Basin” was prepared for printing in English, Russian and Mongolian. The documentary “Precious necklace of Baikal” was made within project “Precious necklace of Baikal”. The special release of journal “World of Baikal” was printed in Russian and English dedicated to eco tourism development within project “Precious necklace of Baikal”. The project “Precious necklace of Baikal” was presented in Ulan-Ude. The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin was prepared for printing in English, Russian and Mongolian.</p>	<p>Holding of Plenipotentiary Working Group Meeting in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) within the scope of transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia was supported. The technical workshop on Strategic Action Programme (SAP) development in Moscow was conducted. A presentation of visit center of the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve was supported. Development of biodiversity compatible tourist plan for Sorozhiya place in Zabaikalsky National park (Buryatia) was finalized. Finalize a biodiversity compatible tourism plans development and eco-trail construction for Baikalo-Lenski protected areas. Short-term training program for guides within the scope of organization of ornithological tours in the Baikal was conducted and textbook was printed. The biannual report “State of the Environment of the Baikal Basin” was printed in English, Russian and Mongolian. The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin was printed in English, Russian and Mongolian. The project “Precious necklace of Baikal” was presented in Irkutsk and Moscow.</p>	