

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (April – June 2013)	Expected outcomes (July – September 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"> 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. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consultant to develop recommendations on environmental investments on active concerns to reduce pollution discharge in the Russian Federation. 4. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Analysis of present system of control of costs and incentives to economic efficiency of water facilities organizations in respect of irrigation, water supply and draining infrastructure. Development of suggestions for cost control system improvement and strengthening of incentives to economic efficiency in mentioned sectors; b) Training courses in problems of persistent organic pollutants and persistent toxic substances for specialists of nature control and conservation bodies and other stakeholders; c) Development of technological solutions for minimization of ore gold mining enterprises anthropogenic impact on environment; d) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Kurumkansky district, Buryatia, Russia; e) Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for lake Baikal and Selenga River (Russia); f) Monitoring of water quality and benthos on Selenga Delta in 2013-2015; g) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (The Russian Federation); h) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Mongolia); i) Setting up the model of pollutants transport and water balance in the Baikal Basin; j) Development of optimal technological solutions for safe storage, retreatment, neutralization and utilization of toxic substances, contained in waste products of inoperative mining enterprise “Dzhidinsky”; k) Development of technological solutions for minimization of anthropogenic impact of adit mine waters of Kholodninsky poly-metal deposit on water ecosystems; l) Biodiversity compatible tourism plan for the site of 	<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. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Senior law Expert; b) Training Expert in POPs and PTSs.. 4. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Software procurement for Baikal Information Centre (Mongolia); b) Software procurement for Baikal Information Centre (Russia); c) Development of eco-tour for Tunkinsky reserve; d) Biodiversity tourism compatible plan with a route to the seasonal seal rookery on island Tonkii; e) Model sub-basin Essential fish habitat in Russia. 5. Tenders for the following activities have been announced: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Barguzinsky district, Buryatia, Russia; b) Recommendations on environmental investments on active concerns to reduce pollution discharge in the Russian Federation; 6. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012 contracts’ reports have been presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) TDA Consultant and scientific advisory group Leader; b) Training Expert (Mongolia). 7. Works have been finished and the following 2012-2013 contracts’ reports have been presented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Estimate of groundwater basin using available monitoring objects; b) Identification of significant industrial hot spots in the Hara river basin and putting the priority basing on risk degree for surface and groundwaters; 	

		<p>goddess Yangima representation of face on stone near Barguzinsky Buddhist Temple, village Yarikto, Buryatia, Russia;</p> <p>m) Complex eco-travel tour for the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve;</p> <p>n) Pilot sport fishing program;</p> <p>o) The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development, Mongolia;</p> <p>p) The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development, Russia;</p> <p>q) Baikal Information Center (BIC) maintenance, Mongolia;</p> <p>r) Baikal Information Center (BIC) maintenance, Russia;</p> <p>s) “Friends of Baikal Basin” conception designing and implementation, Mongolia;</p> <p>t) “Friends of Baikal Basin” conception designing and implementation, Russia;</p> <p>u) Documentary movie production;</p> <p>v) Clean up the riparian zone of Lake Hovsgol and expansion of water sanitation zone in the degraded shorelines;</p> <p>w) Evaluation of effectiveness in IWRM, joint project with OECD for Selenga sub-basin;</p> <p>x) Holding of Round table “development of ecological tourism: initiatives and partnership of business, society and state” within the scope of international Forum “EcoTourism on Baikal +20” on July 13, 2013 in Turka (tourist zone “Baikalskaya gavanj”), Buryatia, Russia” and Training 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;</p> <p>5. Technical meeting for the Baikal basin TDA revision has been held.</p> <p>6. Project Steering Committee meeting has been carried out in Ulan-Bator.</p> <p>7. Second meeting of stakeholders and consultants within the scope of output 1.4. hot spot impact decrease has been held in Ulaan-Baatar, Mongolia.</p> <p>8. Ecological education enhancement materials and method recommendations on administrative staff’s competency upgrade have been published.</p> <p>9. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012 contracts’ reports have been presented:</p> <p>a) Senior law Expert;</p> <p>b) Environmental and water resources management Consultant for sub-basin Khilok watershed, Zabaikalsky Krai (Russia);</p> <p>c) Training Expert (Russia).</p> <p>10. Works have been finished and the following 2012 contracts’ reports have been presented:</p>	<p>c) Review and ranking of modernization needs for municipalities in the Selenga basin, including identification of current and planned projects of water supply and sewerage.</p> <p>8. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis has been updated.</p> <p>9. 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>10. Revision of work plan and budget of remaining part of 2013 have been made.</p> <p>11. The Project participated in the International research and practice conference “Baikal – strategic resource of the planet in the 21 century”, Ulan-Ude, 8-10 July 2013.</p> <p>12. The Project participated in the International Forum “Eco-tourism on Baikal +20”, Ulan-Ude, 11-13 July 2013; and organized Round table “development of ecological tourism: initiatives and partnership of business, society and state”, Turka (tourist zone “Baikalskaya gavanj”), Buryatia, Russia.</p> <p>13. Training 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 was held in Istomino, Buryatia, 30 July – 01 August 2013.</p>	
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