

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (July-September)	Expected outcomes (October-December)	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).	<p>1. Project site successfully works. Information is regularly updated. Mongolian version of the site has been launched.</p> <p>2. The local consultants have been hired for the following positions: a) Senior Law Expert; b) TDA Consultant and Scientific Advisory Group Leader; c) Communication and Public Awareness Expert (Mongolia); d) Training Expert (Mongolia).</p> <p>3. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: a) Revise of preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for the Russian Federation; b) Revise of preliminary Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis for Mongolia; c) Conducting baseline study and drafting sub-basin management plans (Mongolia); d) Database for modeling and simulation of pollutants transport in the Baikal Basin; e) Biodiversity compatible tourism plan for Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve; f) Developing Harmonized water quality monitoring program for the Baikal Basin in Mongolia and accomplishing the initial Pollution Hotspot analysis; g) Shoreline cleanup campaigns for Lake Baikal and the Selenga River; h) Baikal Information Center (BIC) Conception for Mongolia; i) Shoreline clean-up of Hovsgol lake and setup of a water sanitation zone in Khatgal village.</p> <p>4. Preliminary revision of the 2012 budget has been conducted.</p> <p>5. International conference “Selenga without boundaries” in Mongolia: organizing of and participating in the second stage of the Conference, reporting about current activities of the Project.</p> <p>6. Participation in meeting of work group for the 1995</p>	<p>1. Project site successfully works. Information is regularly updated.</p> <p>2. TORs have been developed and tenders have been announced for the following activities: a) BIC information data exchange protocol, Russia; b) Biodiversity compatible recreational tourism plan for Zabaikalsky National Park; c) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Barguzinsky district, Buryatia, The Russian Federation; d) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Kurumkansky district, Buryatia, The Russian Federation.</p> <p>3. Final revision of the rest of budget 2012 has been conducted.</p> <p>4. Best practices standards of nature preserve for tourism, mining, using international and regional examples.</p> <p>5. Evaluation of advantages and disadvantages of basin current management has been carried out.</p> <p>6. Meeting of plenipotentiaries within the scope of transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia has been held.</p> <p>7. Learning exchange, based on SAVA transboundary commission (Croatia), for evaluation and enhancement of current Russian-Mongolian agreement has been organized for representatives of the ministry of natural resources of Russia and Mongolia.</p> <p>8. Participation of Russian and Mongolian representatives in European water convention meeting in Rome, Italy, 28-30 November 2012.</p> <p>9. International seminar “Bringing together Selenga-Baikal research” has been organized.</p> <p>10. End of works, reports on 2012 contracts</p>	

			<p>transboundary agreement between Russia and Mongolia.</p> <p>7. Review of incidences of anthrax outbreaks over last 20 years has been made. Places for pilot construction of cattle mortuaries have been defined.</p> <p>8. Surveys of tourists for determining of pollution awareness and ecotourism interests have been carried out.</p> <p>9. Field meetings with stakeholders in Ulan-Bator, Khatgal (Khuvsgul Lake) and Zabaikalsky National Park.</p> <p>10. Participation in International Baikal Economic Forum: the project has presented 3 reports within the scope of Round table, organized by the ministry of natural resources. All project's stakeholders took part in the Forum, including representatives of civil society, industry, federal and local authorities. Threats to ecosystem have been discussed.</p> <p>11. All-Russian symposium "current problems of analytical chemistry development. Methods of analysis of environmental objects" has been organized.</p> <p>12. Participation in international conference "Setting the international waters science agenda for the next decade", organized by UNEP and IW:Learn.</p> <p>13. Participation in briefing with journalists from central Media.</p> <p>14. Working meeting with Russian and Mongolian consultants for TDA revision has been organized; threats to Baikal Basin ecosystem have been defined and ranked; structure of the document has been formed, revision requirements of its appropriate parts have been defined.</p>	<p>have been submitted.</p>	
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