

	Project	Status	Main outcomes (January-March 2012)	Expected outcomes (April-June 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). Expenditure to date: 1,020,937 USD 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, has been developed and launched in three languages. 3. Local consultants have been hired for the following positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consultant for cattle mortuary design estimate in Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts of the Republic of Buryatia, Russia. 4. TORs for the following activities have been developed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for lake Baikal and Selenga River; b) Monitoring of water quality and benthos on Selenga Delta in 2013-2015; c) Recommendations on environmental investments on active concerns to reduce pollution discharge in the Russian Federation; d) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (The Russian Federation); e) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Mongolia); f) Setting up the model of pollutants transport and water balance in the Baikal Basin; g) Development of optimal technological solutions for safe storage, retreatment, neutralization and utilization of toxic substances, contained in waste products of inoperative mining enterprise “Dzhidinsky”; h) Development of technological solutions for minimization of anthropogenic impact of adit mine waters of Kholodninsky poly-metal deposit on water ecosystems; i) Development of computer analysis of space images of Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts of the Republic of Buryatia for identification of abandoned cattle mortuaries in Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts, and carrying out 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. 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) 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; d) Training courses in problems of persistent organic pollutants and persistent toxic substances for specialists of nature control and conservation bodies and other stakeholders; e) Development of eco-tour for Baikalo-Lensky reserve; f) Development of technological solutions for minimization of ore gold mining enterprises anthropogenic impact on environment. 4. 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) Pilot construction of cattle mortuary in Kurumkansky district, Buryatia, Russia; c) Shoreline and ice cleanup campaigns for lake Baikal and Selenga River (Russia); d) Monitoring of water quality and benthos on Selenga Delta in 2013-2015; e) Recommendations on environmental investments on active concerns to reduce pollution discharge in the Russian Federation; f) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (The Russian Federation); g) Intercalibration of analytical procedures for analytes, included into harmonized program of hydrochemical monitoring for Selenga river basin (Mongolia); h) Setting up the model of pollutants transport and water balance in the Baikal Basin; 	

			<p>microbiological analysis of soil in order to reveal the anthrax strains;</p> <p>j) Biodiversity compatible tourism plan for the site of goddess Yangima representation of face on stone near Barguzinsky Buddhist Temple, village Yarikto, Buryatia, Russia;</p> <p>k) Complex eco-travel tour for the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve;</p> <p>l) Pilot sport fishing program;</p> <p>m) The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development, Mongolia;</p> <p>n) The Ecological Atlas of the Baikal Basin development, Russia;</p> <p>o) Baikal Information Center (BIC) maintenance, Mongolia;</p> <p>p) Baikal Information Center (BIC) maintenance, Russia;</p> <p>q) "Friends of Baikal Basin" conception designing and implementation, Mongolia;</p> <p>r) "Friends of Baikal Basin" conception designing and implementation, Russia.</p> <p>5. Meetings with all stakeholders, concerning results of 2012 and plans for 2013, have been held (Ulan-Bator, Moscow, Ulan-Ude, Irkutsk, Chita).</p> <p>6. Revision of work plan and budget of 2013 has been conducted.</p> <p>7. Project Steering Committee meeting has been carried out in Ulan-Bator.</p> <p>8. Second seminar within the scope of output 1.3. "Groundwaters" has been held in Ulan-Ude, Russia.</p> <p>9. Works have been finished and the following Individual 2012 contracts' reports have been presented:</p> <p>a) Communication and Public Awareness Expert (Russia);</p> <p>b) Environmental and water resources management Consultant for sub-basin Tugnuy-Sukhara watershed, Buryatia (Russia);</p> <p>c) Climate change Consultant (Russia);</p> <p>d) Biodiversity Expert (Russia).</p> <p>10. GAP-analysis of best practices, present policies and standards in tourism and mining in view of biodiversity preservation in Russia and Mongolia has been carried out.</p>	<p>i) Development of optimal technological solutions for safe storage, retreatment, neutralization and utilization of toxic substances, contained in waste products of inoperative mining enterprise "Dzhidinsky";</p> <p>j) Development of technological solutions for minimization of anthropogenic impact of adit mine waters of Kholodninsky poly-metal deposit on water ecosystems;</p> <p>k) Development of computer analysis of space images of Barguzinsky and Kurumkansky districts of the Republic of Buryatia for identification of abandoned cattle mortuaries in Barguzinsky and Kurumkansy districts, and carrying out of microbiological analysis of soil in order to reveal the anthrax strains;</p> <p>l) Biodiversity compatible tourism plan for the site of 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>5. Technic 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) TDA Consultant and scientific advisory group Leader;</p> <p>c) Environmental and water resources management Consultant for sub-basin Khilok watershed, Zabaikalsky Krai (Russia);</p> <p>d) Training Expert (Russia);</p>	
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