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Validation Workshop

Spatial information to support REDD+ planning and multiple benefits in Mongolia

Agenda

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Introduction

This validation workshop is part of a joint activity implemented under the Mongolian UN-REDD Programme, through collaboration between the Mongolia Ministry of Environment, Green Development and Tourism (MEGDT), the Institute for Research and Information on Meteorology, Hydrology and Environment (IRIMHE), and the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), on behalf of the UN-REDD Programme.

The purpose of the activity is to support partners in Mongolia to build capacity to use and develop spatial decision support tools for REDD+ planning, in order to help deliver multiple benefits and reduce potential risks. This workshop is the final in a series of events and exchanges organised as part of this activity, including two technical working sessions organised by IRIMHE and UNEP-WCMC in Ulaanbaatar in October 2015 and March 2016, and consultation workshops on forest benefits held in two focal aimags, Tov and Khovsgol, in November 2015.

The working sessions introduced concepts and techniques for the use of spatial analysis to support REDD+ planning using QGIS, a free and open-source geographic information system, in order to create maps relevant to REDD+ planning, with a focus on exploring the potential multiple benefits of REDD+ at the subnational level. Through this process, a series of maps have been jointly created, covering Mongolia's boreal forest region and the two aimags. These maps examine potential REDD+ multiple benefits, as well as other REDD+ planning elements (such as forest cover change and pressures on forests), with a focus on the priority benefits identified by stakeholders in Tov and Khovsgol.

This workshop will bring together a range of participants from multiple sectors related to natural resources, land and forest in Mongolia, including representatives from the two focal aimags, in order to share knowledge gathered about REDD+ multiple benefits and other elements, and to obtain feedback on the analyses that have been developed.

Workshop objectives

- To share knowledge and information about potential REDD+ multiple benefits and other REDD+ planning elements in Mongolia, with a focus on maps covering the boreal forest region and Tov and Khovsgol aimag in particular.
- To obtain feedback and suggestions on the draft maps from stakeholders in relevant national and aimag-level organisations in Mongolia.

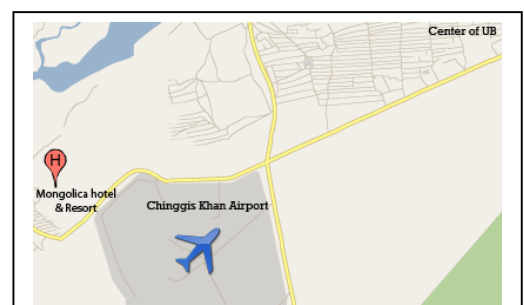
Expected outcomes

- Improved understanding of REDD+ multiple benefits and other planning elements, and how spatial information can be used to explore these.
- Input into the finalisation of the analyses and key messages.

Proposed date and venue

The workshop will be held on 27 May 2016 at the Mongolica Hotel, Songino Khaikhan, Khan-Uul District, Ulaanbaatar (www.mglhotel.mn).

A bus will leave from IRIMHE Building at 8 am on 27th May to take participants to the venue. Transportation will be provided to return to the city on Friday evening.



Participants:

The workshop will involve approximately 30 participants from:

- Tov and Khovsgol aimags (e.g. from Environment/Forestry/Tourism offices, Forest User Groups)
- National government agencies (e.g. Environment, Green Development, Forest, Land, Planning)
- Research institutes and academia (e.g. IRIMHE, FRDC, NUM, University of Life Sciences, Institute of Botany, Institute of Geoecology)
- Community and civil society organisations (e.g. forest & water related NGOs, Forest/Water User Groups)
- Mongolia UN-REDD Programme and other relevant programmes (e.g. GIZ, FAO)
- Participants from the technical working sessions

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Time	Activity	Presenter
9:00 – 9:15	Welcoming remarks	Ms M. Tungalag (UN-REDD National Programme Director) / Mr S. Khudulmur (Director, IRIMHE)
9:15 – 09:30	REDD+ in Mongolia Mongolia's National REDD+ Programme	Mr B. Khishigjargal (UN-REDD Programme Manager)
9:30 – 09:50	Overview The project on REDD+ spatial planning and workshop objectives	Ms. Z. Narangerel (Forest Specialist, EIC, IRIMHE)
09:50 – 10:30	Introduction REDD+ multiple benefits and using spatial information to support planning	Ms Charlotte Hicks (UNEP-WCMC)
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11:00 – 11:30	The maps Overview of the draft maps to be discussed during the workshop	Ms G. Nandin-Erdene (RS/GIS specialist, Remote Sensing Division, IRIMHE)
11:30 – 12:00	Questions and discussion	Panel available to answer (B. Khishigjargal, Z. Narangerel, Charlotte Hicks)
12:00 – 12:15	Group exercise Introduction to group exercise for the afternoon	Charlotte (UNEP-WCMC)
12:15 – 13:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:15 – 15:30	Group exercise Split into four groups: 1. Forest region maps: pressures 2. Forest region maps: multiple benefits 3. Tov maps 4. Khovsgol maps	Facilitators from IRIMHE & PMU

	Each group will examine the maps and answer some questions about them; they will then swap with another group to see their views.	
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
16:00 – 16:45	<p>Report back</p> <p>Each group will report back on the key messages about their maps and the final question they answered.</p>	
16:45 – 17:00	Closing remarks	Ms M. Tungalag (UN-REDD National Programme Director) / Mr Chris Dickinson (UN-REDD CTA)
17:30	<i>Dinner</i>	