**FAO Response to Mongolia’s Request for Targeted Support from the UN-REDD Global Programme**

**Background**

As a partner country of the UN-REDD Programme, Mongolia is entitled to request funds from the Global Programme’s Targeted Support Fund. On March 19 2012, the Forest Agency of the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, Government of Mongolia, sent a request for targeted support to the UN-REDD Secretariat for a total of $400,000. Of this amount, $200,000 was delineated for support in 2012 to FAO-lead activities, specifically, the development of 1) a National REDD+ Information, Monitoring and MRV Action Plan, developed through multi-sectoral national consultation; and 2) a National REDD+ Information and Monitoring System, including an open-access web-GIS interface.

**Targeted Support Response**

FAO will respond in a step-wise approach to Mongolia’s request. This will mean extending the period of support provided through this request over a 18 to 24 month period (starting May 2012), instead of confining it to the 2012 calendar year. Up to $100,000 of support will be delivered in 2012, with the remaining amount delivered in 2013.

Further, following on-going conversations with the Forest Agency, it is clear that the re-design of Mongolia’s national forest inventory methodology is now an additional priority which FAO is able to support through targeted support under the UN-REDD Programme. This support will therefore be additionally incorporated into the response to this request.

**Timeline**

[See table overleaf]

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| TIME PERIOD | SUPPORT TO BE DELIVERED | INDICATIVE ACTIVITIES | COST |
| May-Dec 2012 | Support to the development of Mongolia’s Action Plan for their National Forest Monitoring System for REDD+ under the UNFCCC | * Support to document drafting * Support to the organisation and execution of a national Action Plan consultation / validation workshop (October) * Support to translation services, as necessary | $50,000 |
| Oct 2012-Apr 2013 | Support to the re-design of Mongolia’s National Forest Inventory methodology | * Support to the organisation and execution of a national consultation workshop * Support to the design and content of inventory materials (e.g. Masterplan; field manuals) * Support to translation services, as necessary | $100,000[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Nov 2012-May 2013 | Support to the development and implementation of a beta-version of Mongolia’s REDD+ Monitoring System | * In-depth national remote sensing and GIS capacity assessment * Support to the organisation and execution of a national workshop * Support to the collaborative development of the concept for the REDD+ Monitoring System * Selection and training of national operators of the REDD+ Monitoring System * Support to the development of the online web-GIS interface * Support to translation services, as necessary | $100,000 |

1. This represents the full cost of developing the new national forest inventory methodology. Initial consultations have revealed that elements of the methodology re-design are foreseen to be co-financed by the Forest Agency and/or GIZ Mongolia. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)