



Project Data Sheet

Project 39369-012

Project Name	Strengthening Carbon Financing for Regional Grassland Management in Northeast Asia
Project Number	39369-012
Country / Economy	Regional
Project Status	Closed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance

TA 7534-REG: Strengthening Carbon Financing for Regional Grassland Management in Northeast Asia

Source of Funding / Amount	Regional Cooperation and Integration Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
	People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund	US\$ 400,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Land-based natural resources management - Livestock	
Gender	No gender elements	
Description	The main objective of the project is to help reduce the damage and adverse public health consequences that DSS has imposed on millions of people, particularly, the poor in Northeast Asia. The scope of the TA includes: to develop regional cooperation and coordination mechanism to coordinate the design and operation of the regional network, to provide training for network technicians and operators in PRC and Mongolia, and to provide support for technical upgrading at the designated network stations in PRC and Mongolia.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Promoting regional cooperation is one strategic thrust of ADB Country Strategy and Program for both PRC and Mongolia, as well as the Regional Strategy and Program for Central Asia Republics, PRC and Mongolia.	
Impact	Reduced occurrence of dust and sandstorms in Northeast Asia	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Strengthened capacity of the governments of the PRC and Mongolia to support communities in accessing carbon financing
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Progress Toward Outcome	The TA has produced three sets of knowledge products (KPs): (KP1) an edited set of reports regarding sustainable grassland management in Mongolia, adaptation, payments for environmental services, and Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA); (KP2) an edited set of reports regarding specific aspects of carbon finance in PRC, including incentives, mitigation, and carbon markets; and (KP3) a policy brief for Mongolia (and the PRC. Seven KPs have been published in English and translated into either Mongolian or Chinese as appropriate and are posted on the ADB website.
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Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of financing mechanisms for sustainable grassland management 2. Field assessments on carbon sequestration potential and monitoring of grasslands 3. Heightened awareness of carbon financing opportunities for sustainable grassland management 4. Development of terrestrial carbon financing opportunities for Northeast Asia 5. Project management and support
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>All Technical Activities Completed in June 2013, including reviewing financing mechanisms, carbon sequestration potential assessment and grassland monitoring, increased carbon finance awareness, and identification and draft proposals for carbon financing projects developed.</p> <p>Final report was completed.</p> <p>All KPs were published between May to June 2014.</p>
Geographical Location	Regional

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	The master plan has been carried out through participatory consultation with stakeholders in PRC, Republic of Korea, Japan and Mongolia.
During Project Implementation	Workshops were held with stakeholders in Mongolia and the PRC.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A team of consultants for the activities in Mongolia has been recruited. <p>Selected international and national individual consultants for the activities in the PRC will still be engaged.</p>
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	01 Oct 2009
Fact Finding	27 Jan 2010 to 05 Feb 2010
MRM	-
Approval	17 May 2010
Last Review Mission	-
PDS Creation Date	28 Feb 2006
Last PDS Update	23 Sep 2014

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
17 May 2010	-	17 May 2010	30 Jun 2012	30 Jun 2014	30 Sep 2014

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
1,000,000.00	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800,000.00	17 Jun 2022	1,083,972.84

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