



Project Data Sheet

Project 50012-001

Project Name	Conservation of Forest Genetic Resources	
Project Number	50012-001	
Country / Economy	Mongolia	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9233-MON: Conservation and Storage of Forest Seed Genetic Funds	
	Japan Fund for Prosperous and Resilient Asia and the Pacific	US\$ 500,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture and Natural Resources / Agriculture, natural resources and rural development	
Gender	No gender elements	

Description	<p>The technical assistance (TA) will support the government's forest policies, particularly the Ministry of Environment, Green Development, and Tourism (MEGDT) Forest Conservation Program, and strengthen government initiatives to develop FGRs assessment, characterization and monitoring systems. It will support one of six National Development Strategy priorities: contain the depletion of animal and plant life, and create conditions for their natural recreation and sustainable use. It will also take measures to (i) study the dispersal and reserves of rare and extremely rare plant species, (ii) create and protect their gene pool, (iii) establish a system of registration, information and monitoring, (iv) elaborate a plan for their proper use, and (v) provide for restoration and cultivation of rare plants. The TA is in line with ADB's Interim Country Partnership Strategy for Mongolia, 2014-2016 to support the government's overarching strategic goal of inclusive and environmentally sustainable growth, and to help Mongolia adapt to climate change impacts by supporting efficient use and sustainable management of natural resources. It is in line with ADB's Midterm Review of Strategy 2020's recommendation of promoting natural resources management through protection and maintenance of forests, and with the draft operational plan for agriculture and natural resources key priorities, such as enhanced renewable natural resources management. The TA is in the Country Operations Business Plan for Mongolia, 2014-2016.</p> <p>Components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Develop policy tools to provide frameworks for action for the sustainable in situ and ex situ conservation of FGR. b. Develop technical standards, protocols, and documentation systems for assessing and monitoring the status of FGR management. Promote and support the development of national and regional species checklists and mechanisms for updating them regularly. c. Promote training and research on recent developments in FGR management. <p>Forest Genetic Resources (FGR) are the heritable materials maintained within and among tree species that are of economic, environmental, scientific or societal value. They are crucial to the adaptation and protection of Mongolia's ecosystems, landscapes, and production systems, yet are subject to increasing pressures and unsustainable use. Climate change and other anthropogenic factors are decreasing forest cover.</p>
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>National and subnational strategies are critical missing pieces for Mongolia's conservation of FGR and their sustainable use. Strategies for conservation of FGR are needed to ensure the conservation of key FGR and their evolutionary abilities for the future. Definition and implementation of conservation strategies provide a good justification for coordination and collaboration and cost-effective investments in conservation of FGR. At the same time, lack of trained personnel is a major impediment to developing and implementing FGR strategies and projects. Capacity building is crucial to ensure the skills needed are available to address FGR management in times of rapid social and economic change.</p>
Impact	Resilience of forest ecosystems to climate change increased.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Forest seed stands management improved.
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	<p>Forest seed stands within forest regions of Mongolia identified.</p> <p>National registry on forest seed stands developed.</p> <p>Educational and research capacities on forest genetic resources established and strengthened.</p>
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>The consultant team, consisting of four national consultants engaged through a firm and one individually recruited international consultant, were fielded in April 2017.</p> <p>Initial coordination meetings have been held between the executing agency and consultants during inception mission on 29-30 May 2017. Draft inception report was submitted to ADB on 8 May 2017 and the final inception report on 6 June 2017.</p> <p>Interim review mission was conducted on 17 April 2018.</p> <p>Final interim report was received on April 23, 2018.</p> <p>Final review mission is scheduled during 23 to 24 October 2018.</p>
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	Consultants will be engaged on an individual basis in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
Procurement	All ADB-financed procurement will be conducted following ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).
Responsible ADB Officer	Hinrichs, Jan F.
Responsible ADB Department	East Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, EARD
Executing Agencies	<p><i>Ministry of Environment and Tourism</i></p> <p><i>Government Building II, United Nation's</i></p> <p><i>Street 5/2, Chingeltei District,</i></p> <p><i>Ulaanbaatar 15160, Mongolia</i></p>

Timetable

Concept Clearance	15 Jul 2016
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	18 Nov 2016

Last Review Mission -

Last PDS Update 20 Sep 2018

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Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
18 Nov 2016	23 Feb 2017	23 Feb 2017	30 Nov 2018	-	17 Dec 2018

Financing Plan/TA Utilization

							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
0.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	17 Jun 2022	421,861.23

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