

## Short report on field research to Uvs aimag

Ulaanbaatar city

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### People involved/participants:

L. Dolgormaa – officer in charge of toxic pollutants and mining issues,  
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) – Mongolian Programme Office  
B. Byarmaa – leader of the “Masters of Khuvsgul Dalai” movement

**To where:** Bags of Bukhmoron soum, Uvs aimag

**Duration:** 5 days, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2008

### Measures undertaken in a field

1. Training and discussion sessions with posters and other visual material have been organized on following topics for Uvs aimag Environmental Protection Agency, Inspector responsible for health and environment, representatives from health organizations and relevant governmental officers:
  - i. *Negative consequences from the mining industry and ways to prevent them* by L. Dolgormaa
  - ii. *Cautions on using the chemicals* by L. Dolgormaa
  - iii. *Community participation and their responsibilities in mining industry*
  - iv. *Activities, advantages and experiences of local movements*
2. The same discussions organized jointly with Bag meeting in frontier posts' headquarter where herders and soum government officials have been participated. Totally 130 people were attended.
3. The same discussion and lecture took place for 2<sup>nd</sup> bag meeting of Bukhmoron soum. Totally 80 people with representation of herders, members of Citizen's Representative Hural were attended.
4. The training for citizens of Bukhmoron soum centre on how to use chemicals, how to prevent negative impact of mining, how to caution illegal artesian mining, and advantages and opportunities of participatory nature conservation have been organized also.

### Results:

- Participated in three bag meetings involving 325 people to introduce the negative impacts of mining, including impact on health of livestock and population, changes occurred in environment and habitats. All the discussions and lectures followed with visual materials reflecting documentaries from other aimags and soums experiencing the negative impact of mining. As result, we hope that rural population understood how serious could be the impact of the irresponsible mining and how to prevent the negative consequences.
- The use of mercury, cyanides and other toxic substances is rapidly increasing in other regions. Therefore, participants were cautioned in use of such chemicals with

many different examples from the live experiences, thus, people now more or less aware on consequences and impacts of use different types of chemicals in their business and household levels.

- The importance of the community involvement to prevent illegal mining as well as to develop responsible mining at the region. People now get more aware that the environmental sustainability and conservation of nature very depends on their involvement and participation.

*Some photos made during the discussions and trainings*

