

Summary of the Technical Workshop



Policy

- To integrate existing international and national guidelines to the policies of regional cooperation organization (e.g. CAREC, AIIB, ADB);
- To further improve science-policy interaction to foster on the ground implementation of the mitigation measures;
- To strengthen the inter-ministerial working group, involving mid-level officials to ensure continuity of implementation;
- To establish “Environmental Mitigation Fund” formed from the contribution of companies and the government;
- To finance coordinated large scale pre-construction and post-construction monitoring of the impacts of infrastructure and development projects on migratory species;;
- To ensure implementation of the National wildlife crossing standards using adaptive management principles, as the guidelines for mitigation measures; and requiring post construction monitoring to improve efficiency for the specific need of wildlife in Mongolia.
- To engage local communities to participate in the discussion on fence monitoring;
- To improve implementation of the existing legal provisions, including spatial planning, Environmental Impact assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Impact assessment (SEIA); recognize the landscape scale approach needed to accommodate for the needs of large migratory herbivores.
- Anticipate and plan for cumulative effects of successive infrastructure development and enforce the same standards for all projects.

Science

- To use funds from the “*Environmental Mitigation Fund*” for long-term country-wide monitoring of migratory ungulates;
- To harmonize data collection and analysis to improve comparability and quality of the monitoring data to allow robust assessments of the efficiency of mitigation and off-set measures;
- To improve existing models on how to best implement conservation planning for long-distance animal migrations in unpredictable environments;

Pre- construction

- To increase the awareness of public on EIA and SEIA requirements and existing best practices from other CMS parties;
- To ensure the integrity/connectivity/permeability of landscape for priority species taking into consideration existing knowledge on the impacts of the linear infrastructure development with different standards for different landscapes;

Post- construction

- To address the fence removal and re-design along the Trans-Mongolian Railway (TMR) and other railways;
- Assess the feasibility of allowing wildlife crossings along Mongolia's international border;
- To implement multiple fence removal pilot projects along the length on the TMR throughout the known range of migratory ungulates;
- To conduct the cost-benefit analysis of existing fences, including maintenance cost vs no fences, including compensation payments to herders;
- To accept recommendation of the EIA for planned road and railroad construction and not to install fences along newly constructed linear infrastructure;