

International Workshop „Implementing wildlife-friendly measures in infrastructure planning and design in Mongolia“, 25 – 29 August 2015, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

25 August 2015

Technical workshop

Mongolian experience in developing wildlife-friendly infrastructure:

Identifying strengths and gaps

NOTE: all time slots include time for questions and discussions, unless indicated otherwise

| Time | Item | Speaker |
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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Registration | Local organizers - GIZ |
| 09.00 – 09.20 | Introduction of the Technical workshop | Facilitator of the Technical Workshop (B. Lkhagvasuren, MAS) MEGDT (D. Batbold), BMUB (E. Nickel), CMS (B. Lenten) |
| Section I | | |
| Infrastructure impacts on wildlife movement in Mongolia: what do we know from theory and practice? (facilitated by B. Lkhagvasuren, MAS) | | |
| 09.20 – 09.50 | Impact of barriers to migration in Mongolia (overview of planned and newly built roads/railways/pipelines and their effects on ungulates) | B. Lkhagvasuren (MAS) |
| 09.50 – 10.20 | Movement Ecology - Implications for Monitoring | Thomas Müller (Senckenberg & Goethe University Frankfurt) |
| 10.20 – 10.50 | Pre-and post-construction monitoring of khulan movements in the Mongolian Gobi – lessons learnt and future challenges | Petra Kaczensky (University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna) |
| 10:50 – 11:05 | Coffee break | |
| 11:05 – 11:35 | The movement of Mongolian gazelle in the Eastern steppe, Mongolia | D. Nandintsetseg (Senckenberg & Goethe University Frankfurt) |
| 11:35 – 12:05 | Assessment of population abundance and factors influencing distribution of ungulates in Southern Gobi | B. Buuveibaatar (WCS) |

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| 12:05 – 12:35 | Modelling Wildlife Movement and Barriers | Mike Heiner (TNC) |
| 12:35 – 14:00 | Lunch | |
| Section II | | |
| Planning and design: in search for practical solutions | | |
| 14:00 – 14:45 | Understanding Road ecology - Kazakhstan and Mongolia case studies | Kirk Olson (Independent expert) |
| 14:45 – 15:20 | Solutions to mitigate impacts of roads on wildlife movements | Ts. Dashzeveg (WCS) |
| 15:20 – 16:00 | Managing Traffic: Implications for Wildlife Connectivity | Pat McGowan (WTI) |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Coffee break | |
| 16:15 – 17:15 | Roundtable: Exchange of knowledge and lessons from various projects on mitigation of infrastructure impacts on wildlife (short presentations, followed-up by joint discussions) | WCS (Sh. Enkhtuvshin), WWF (Mr Chimeddorj), GIZ (K. Schmidt-Corsitto), The Global Biodiversity (Jez Berd) |
| 17:15 – 17:45 | Discussion on the recommendations to the official meeting from the technical experts | All participants |
| 17:45 – 18:00 | Closing remarks | Facilitator of the technical workshop |

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Updated Program – Official Workshop

26 August 2015 – Day I Official meeting

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| Time | Item | Speaker |
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| 08.30 – 09.30 | Registration | GIZ-Mongolia |
| 09.30 – 10.30 | Opening remarks | State secretary MEGDT (Mr. Tsengel Tsegmid), the representative of the German Embassy (Christian Glass), BMUB (Elsa Nickel), CMS (Bert Lenten) |
| Section I | | |
| Importance of wildlife-friendly infrastructure measures in national and international policy (Facilitated by D. Batbold (MEGDT) and Ralf Grunewald (BfN)) | | |
| 10.30 – 11.00 | Existing policy, laws, and regulations on wildlife conservation in Mongolia | A. Bayasgalan (MEGDT) |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | German experience with infrastructure development and mitigation of related impact | Ralf Grunewald (BfN) |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Coffee break | |
| 11.45 – 12.15 | CMS Infrastructure Guidelines: addressing infrastructure threats for migratory species across Central Asia | Bert Lenten (CMS) |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Western Regional Road Development Project: Wildlife Movement Survey | E. Khasar (ADB) |
| 12.30 – 12.45 | The experience and standards of private sector | Discussion with the audience |
| 12.45 – 13:00 | Summary of the Technical Workshop | B. Lkhagvasuren (MAS) |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch | |

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| Section II | | |
| National implementation of the wildlife-friendly measures in Mongolia (Facilitated by D. Batbold & R. Grunewald (BfN)) | | |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Addressing further needs and solutions for effective implementation of regulations: new wildlife standard | D. Gerelnyam (Ministry of Road and Transportation) |

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| 14.30 – 15:00 | Future plans for infrastructure development in Mongolia | D. Lkhagvasuren (Ministry of Road and Transportation) |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | EIA, SEA practice | Dr. D. Dorjsuren |
| 15.30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break | |
| | Working groups Policy and practice of wildlife-friendly infrastructure in Mongolia | |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | WG1: Policy – how to strengthen available national and international policies and tools for wildlife-friendly infrastructure | Facilitated by Natalya Yakusheva (CMS) |
| | WG2: Project/practical experience – how to improve existing practices from EIA to construction | Facilitated by Ralf Grunewald (BfN) |
| | WG3: Role of donors, private sector and NGOs in facilitating positive environmental change | Facilitated by Mrs. Chuluunkhu (GIZ) |
| | WG4: Role of the research – further actions needed | Facilitated by WCS |
| 17:30 – 18:15 | Report back to the plenary from WG | WG's facilitators |
| 19:00 | Dinner Reception (at Bishrelt Plaza) | |

27 August 2015 Day II Official meeting

| Time | Item | Speaker |
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| 08.30 – 09.00 | Registration | Local organizers |
| 09:00 – 09:10 | Briefing on previous day | |
| Case study Trans-Mongolian Railway: challenges and solutions for wildlife-friendly adaptation of the existing infrastructure in Mongolia (Facilitated by B. Lkhagvasuren (MAS) and WWF-Mongolia) | | |
| 09:10 – 09:40 | Existing railroad network and challenges | Ulaanbaatar Railway |
| 09:40 – 10:10 | Railroad policy in Mongolia | Mongolian Railways LLC. |

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| 10:10 – 10:40 | Will the Khulan ever cross the line? Progress and challenges towards improving permeability along the TMR and reconnecting the Gobi-and Eastern steppe ecosystems for large ungulates in Mongolia | Kirk Olson (Independent expert) |
| 10:40 – 11:30 | Discussion on further actions and funding needed for adaptation of the Trans-Mongolian Railway | All participants |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Coffee break | |
| Section III | | |
| Conclusions and recommendations | | |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | Sum-up and finalization of the recommendations and priority actions | Facilitators of WGs and workshop facilitators (input from all participants) |
| 12:45 – 13.15 | Closing remarks | BMUB, MEGDT, CMS |
| 13:15 – | Lunch | |

28 August

07:30 – 18:00 Field Trip to the Trans-Mongolian Railway

meeting point will be in front of the Corporate Hotel (Venue of the Technical Workshop – Sukhebaatar district 1, Chinggis Khan Ave 9#2) – the time of return is an estimation only and cannot be guaranteed