

Works done by Irves-I operative group in 2009

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Ulaangom Soum.

Below works has been implemented by Irves-I operative group of Specialized Inspection Agency

Works implemented

1. In order to reveal illegal logging, transportation and trade, one time in May and five times in June inspection rounder-check was made at entrance post; inspection was made to sawmill and bucksaw operations in May. Entities owned sawmill in Ulaangom soum concluded an ecological responsibility agreement and the ranger of the soum checks the activities on a regular basis. Operation of five bucksaws from Ulaangom soum, two from Hyargas and three from Naranbulag with near miss conditions that violence labor safety were stopped and sealed by state inspector's act. There are also bucksaws from Undurkhangai and Tsagaankhairhan soums that operations are stopped earlier. In collaboration with police department, it was developed a guideline for "Environment – 2" event and organized the event. Total of 25 violations were detected, 8 violations were suspected to be crime and were transferred to police department that in investigation period at the moment.
2. Evaluation of procedures of environmental inspectors on preparation of documents (act, claim, conclusion, violence notes), verification of inspection materials by prosecutor, implementation of government resolution #131 on turning confiscated items into state revenue by administrative procedure, confiscation, implementation of provision 27 of Law on Environmental Protection, implementation of common rules of State Specialized Agency was made and professional and methodological recommendation were given to 18 soum environmental inspectors and 5 protected area environmental inspectors.



3. Previously, official requirements were given to five brick-making companies "Uvs tuipuu", "Bayan tsagaan zam", "Zel trade", "Hurd orgil" and "Toosgon uul" to obtain special permit and prepare detailed environmental impact assessment within specific period of time. No actions to eliminate violations were taken continuing to make and fire bricks using raw materials withdrawn from any place. Production works of these five companies were stopped and sealed by inspector's act until the violations are eliminated.



4. It was detected that Turgen soum ranger J.Khishigbaatar to T. Baasankhuu and Undurkhangai soum ranger Kh.Battogtuur to M.Jigjid issued illegal permissions for logging. Permissions exceeded the allowed cubic meter volume of wood. Requirement of state inspector was delivered to these rangers to not repeat such violations and work according to Law on forest and Regulation on granting, using and inspecting certificate for logging consumption wood and fire wood and transportation of it from forest.
5. Total of 18 violations were detected in activities of "Khotgor", "Khotgor shanaga", and "Rysjan" companies including absence of approval from certain organization for environmental protection plan and mine operations plan; land excavation without permission; absence of storage for explosive materials and absence of special permission. Comprehensive requirement of rangers was issued to eliminate these violations and 14 violations are eliminated. Director of "Khotgor" company was fined by 100 000 tugriks and "Rysjan" company by 4 320 000 tugriks.
6. The logging team of border post #0245 did not prepare wood from area assigned from ranger, violated conditions of logging, i.e. agreement was made to prepare fire wood but green lumber was cut down. Sagil soum environmental inspector and ranger were aware of above violation but didn't take any action. All above mentioned was suspected as a crime and the case was transferred to police department with related materials.
7. Ulaangom soum did not conclude an agreement with organization, enterprise and citizen to collect, transport and landfill household and industrial waste (thus violates provisions 9, 12 and 13 of Law on household and industrial waste). Official requirement with specific period of time was delivered to soum governor to provide and fence centralized waste point.
8. As infiltration pond of sewage treatment plant freezes in winter, sewage directly enters soil and surface water without any treatment.



Thus doesn't match MNS 4288-95 "Standard on general requirement for location, treatment technology and level of sewage treatment plant". Due to above mentioned state inspectors conclusion was made for "Chandmana-Uvs" company. The company should reimburse 7 200 000 tugriks for water pollution.

9. In 2008, according to CRKh decree on hunting and catching wild animals, implementation shows that in Ulaangom soum 3 boars were hunted and in other soums there were no hunting. Payments for not hunted animals were paid from other sources of revenue. I.e. from data delivered to tax authority it is considered as animals were hunted. Employee responsible for issuing soum hunting certificate didn't deliver expenditure report to nature, environment and tourism authority within December 15. Inspection works were done by soum rangers and environmental inspectors on January 24 and February 4, 2009 at Airag and Khyargas lakes of Zavkhan soum, places Chonodoloikh and Modon ovoot of Naranbulag soum, raw material and grocery markets and storages of Ulaangom soum. It was detected that on January 23, 2009, 8 citizens of Zavkhan soum – D.Namsrai, D.Batmunkh, Ts.Tsogtbaatar, D.Palam, N.Batmunkh, M.Batmunkh, R.Bayaraa and N.Tuvsanaa - built a ger and intended to fish without proper permission and in restricted area named Baganat at Khyargas lake of Zavkhan soum. On January 24 at place Khooloi at Airag lake five citizens of Zavkhan soum D.Tsengelbayar, Bayartogtokh, Ulzii, Mandal, Erdenetogtokh, Amgalan; place named Tunget at Khyargas lake four citizens of Zavkhan soum B.Baljin, B.Altankhuu, A.Khasгаа, Ch.Davaasuren; at Achit lake citizen of Nogoonnuur soum of Bayan-Ulgii aimag Ts.Munkhbayar built gers and were fishing without proper permission in restricted area. Citizen of Ulaangom soum U.Batzul was trading 75 fishes at market without proper permissions and document of origin. Above mentioned cases violate article 15'1 of provision 15' and articles 16.1.1 and 16.1.6 of provision 16 of Law on hunting. The illegal activities of above mentioned citizens were stopped and 325 fishes were confiscated by inspectors act and turned into state revenue. In order to eliminate further violations, fishing nets and poles were terminated according to article 27.1.6 of provision 27 of Law on hunting.



Inspection works were introduced to governors, governor's offices and soum environmental inspectors of Zavkhan and Bukhmurun soums and recommendations were given to eliminate such law violation cases. Violation cases were documented on digital camera and GPS unit and recorded in "Irvs" violation report program.

10. Detailed reports of environmental violations of 2006-2008 were collected from soum environmental inspectors and were unified with environmental violation cases reported at Police department in 2008. Larger violations occurred since 1997 are recorded in "Irvess" database.



11. Inspectors of Nature, environment and tourism agency, Land authority and Specialized inspection agency counted all areas of land excavation in aimag level using GPS units.
12. According to Law on Land and order #157 of Aimag governor, inspection was made in Ulaangom soum. During the inspection, law violation of 34 citizens and entities were uncovered and inspection summary was filed for CRKh discussion.

13. Paragraph 16.1.6 of provision 16 of Law on hunting and 2nd article of 46th resolution of Minister of Nature and Environment were violated by citizen from Ulaangom soum Basan hunting one marmot, citizen of Turgen soum Tumor-Ochir 3 marmots, citizens of Bukhmunun soum Uuganbayar 20 marmots, Batkhuyag 11 marmots, Gurragchaa one marmot, citizens of Sagil soum Boldbaatar 9 marmots and Galbadrakh 6 marmots. Citizen of Ulaangom soum Ankbayar bought 100 marmot skins that violates article 15.1 of provision 15' of Law on hunting. Total of 151 marmot skins were confiscated and turned into state revenue. 6 caliber guns and 11 traps are temporarily confiscated.



14. In order to move out 40 gers, 15 vehicles and approximately 450 individuals that illegally mined gold, "Ger" event was organized by Police department, governor's office of Tarialan soum and environmental protection department on October 26-29.



Throughout the work period, "Irvess-I" operation group confiscated and turned into state revenue total of 300 wooden boards, 2 tons of salt, 151 marmot skins, 325 fishes and 6.55 m³ firewood that were obtained illegally, as well as charged compensation of **3388000** tugriks and fine of **1332000** tugriks.

Future measures to be taken

1. According to changes made in criminal law, logging, transportation and trade without proper permission that greatly impacts forest resources are considered as criminal cases. Nullification of such cases at court and police department leaves such impacts without compensation.
2. Number of air pollution sources increases as number of low pressure small stove number increases. Therefore, goals should be set to increase and enlarge the central heating system.
3. Environmental impact assessment conclusion should be considered on issuance of land use license to citizens and enterprises that newly establish industrial enterprise and services. Soum governor should observe annual land plan to approve land ownership certificate.
4. Problem of improving technology and establishing new sewage treatment plant should be addressed to related organizations.
5. To support and provide conditions to establish wood and wooden material market.
6. To organize forest management works by specialized organizations.
7. Waste collection, transportation and landfill works should be done by professional organization, waste norms defined and waste service fund created.
8. It is necessary to develop a law to organize and coordinate activities related to illegal gold mining.

Conclusion /of Irves team/

- Shifted to Aimag specialized inspection agency, "Irves-1" operational group now inspects all environmental violations.
- By shifting to Specialized inspection agency, Irves group provided with tools and equipments for environmental inspection and improved its working conditions. At the meantime, unexpected or necessary rounder-checks into countryside has no trouble of shortage of fuel and equipments.
- Specialized Inspection agency watches over implementation of around nearly 40 laws and regulation and controls in policy level. They concentrate their work more in inspection of common violations, decision-making in policy level and providing professional and methodological advices than go on rounder-check and working on poaching and logging violations. Main attention is paid to key violations such as illegal mining, poaching, logging, and environmental pollution.

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