Conservation activities in Uvs province, western Mongolia

WWF Mongolia, Field office at Uvs province, Mongolia
SNOW LEOPARD:

- Registered in
  - IUCN red book
  - Mongolian Red Book,
  - CITES convention
  - CMS convention

- Legally protected by the Mongolian Laws on Fauna and Hunting
Main distribution areas are Gobi-Altai, Hangay, Kharkhiraa and Turgen Mountains,

- Tsagaan shuvuut Mountain 20,
- Turgen Mountain 4-5 per 100 sq.km

Rarely distributed in Khuvsgul and Trans-Altai.
THREATS:

- Declining prey species number,
- Habitat degradation
- Poaching and trade for skin
ACTIVITY:

2000-2011 WWF Mongolia,

Mongolian Irves Foundation,

Irves Enterprise,

developed “Snow leopard conservation plan” in Uvs province.
SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVATION PLAN

- Snow leopard and prey species monitoring on distribution and density
- Pasture management and protection of the wildlife habitat
- Policy and law enforcement
- Community based conservation
SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVATION PLAN

2000-2011

SNOW LEOPARD CONSERVATION PROGRAMME AT UVS PROVINCE

2012-2020
Project site
B. Munkhtsog 2008.
Lukoshinko 2008.
Kuksin, Buyantsog and Munkhtsog 2010.
ACTIVITY:

- Monitoring of the snow leopard and prey species
- Pastue management plan at soum and Aimag level incorporating wildlife habitat
- Community based law enforcement and policy framework
- Local community involvement for SL conservation
- Strengthen protected area administration
Database of the snow leopard and prey species

- Community based wildlife monitoring since 2007
- Saran programme since 2008
- Irves programme since 2003
- Biosan software since 2008
Irves enterprise programme in 5 Soums since 1998,

- It has been earned $11180 per year,
- $500 per household
Team goal:

Stop poaching of Snow leopard and prey species in western Mongolia
IRVES TEAM STRUCTURE:

Prime Minister

State Specialized Inspection Agency

Environmental Department

Anti-poaching unit

Volunteers

Informants

Elders group

Hunting group

Youth club

Partners

Local people

Local authorities

Rangers of sums

Informant at black Market

Rangers of PAs

Police

Intelligence Authority
Broad network of the informants are established since its establishment 2001
REVEALED CASES OF WILDLIFE POACHING

Tsagaan Shuvuut

Year


Cases
Total 18 herder communities are in Sl habitat in Uvs province.
RANGERS:

Ranger is bridge between community group and local governor.
BUY GOAT PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

AREA:
COMPENSATION CONCEPT: “ONE LIVESTOCK – ONE SHEEP”

- Contract with herders
- Verification council regulation and contract
- Act for livestock killed by SL
- Area: 26.9 ha, 42-45 households with 11000 livestock
- 32-46 livestock killed by SL per year
- 340 livestock killed by wolf per year
- **Compensation: 25 sheep provided during 2008-2011**
- The herders have been established their own insurance started from this year - WWF Mongolia is seeking 40% of the total foundation
But due to lack of wild preys (e.g. marmot, ibex, argali, and snown cock), the snow leapord attacks at domestic livestock and is hunted by herders.
IN THE FUTURE:

Improvement of livestock husbandry and it need to develop local market of livestock products

Community based conservation should be addressed

Compensation scheme should be developed
Thank you for your attention