



Range State Meeting on the
Implementation and Revision of the
International Single Species Action
Plan for the Conservation of the
Argali (*Ovis ammon*)

Совещание стран ареала по
реализации и пересмотру
международного плана действий
по сохранению архара (*Ovis
ammon*)

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Three main activities / Три основных направления деятельности

1. Measures to improve the legal framework



- ✓ The Law on Fauna, law on fees of natural resources are being implemented.
- ✓ Revised animal ecological economic values.
- ✓ Standard for "Wildlife passages along the railway and auto roads in the steppe and Gobi Desert zone" in 2015. This initiative was further deepened, and in 2018, a mandatory standard for "wildlife passages along the auto roads infrastructure in mountainous areas"
- ✓ Wildlife Professional Council" has been established under the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

2. Policy and planning



- ✓ Government of Mongolia has included the goal "30% of the total land area as special protected areas by 2030", "Research the resource of endangered and rare animals and implement conservation measures" in Vision-2050 long term policy. 21% of the total land area has become special protected areas by 2024.
- ✓ A national strategy for Argali conservation has been developed and will be approved in 2024.



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3. Research on game animals is being conducted at 2 levels.
A game animal conservation management plan is implemented at 2 levels.

- ✓ The provinces have a conservation management plan for game animals.
- ✓ All of the hunting areas have a conservation management plan for game animals.
- ✓ The provinces conduct general hunting research every 5 years by a professional organization. It is conducted by the local governor's budget. It is determined biological resources and location hunting areas of hunting animals by a general hunting survey.
- ✓ The managers of the hunting area conduct detailed hunting research every 5 years by a professional organization. It is conducted by private budget. It is determined hunting resources by detailed hunting research.

The management plan for the sustainable use and conservation of game animals in the province is implemented only under the responsibility of the Department of environment in the province, the fee for the use of animals shall be used for the conservation of animals in areas other than hunting areas.

In the hunting area of Argali, the responsible local communities or managers of the area implement animal conservation measures with their own funds.



What challenges have you faced? / С какими трудностями вы столкнулись?

- The problem of reforming the Law on Animals of Mongolia and the lack of human resources.
- Some professional organizations do not follow a unified methodology when determining the biological resources and hunting resources of game animals.
- Ethical issues in whether resources are correctly determined .
- From January 2023, according to the Law on Permits of Mongolia, trophy hunting permits are awarded through auctions, and other citizens and enterprises can come and hunt in the hunting area, which has led to misunderstandings between the managers of the hunting area and the winner of the auction.
- Therefore, the implementation of the hunting area management plan tends to weaken.



What should be done in the future?

1. Conduct regular monitoring surveys in provinces, hunting areas, protected areas, and other areas. Within the framework of this goal, an Argali ecological research center will be established in 4 regions: Altai, Khangai, Gobi, and Steppe.
2. A research-training-protection-use model project will be implemented in the research centers. It will be organized in a self-financing manner.
3. NGOs focused on the protection and research of argali sheep will be provided with stable working conditions and technical capacity.
4. National and local policies and legal regulations related to the sustainable use of argal sheep will be evaluated, and measures will be taken to improve them.
5. Improve the protection of the habitat of argali sheep. A methodology for assessing the habitat of Argali sheep will be developed; hunting zones and special protected areas will be included in the assessment, and this will be done with the participation of civil society organizations and other parties.
6. Assess the benefits of argal sheep hunting areas and the implementation of management plans.
7. An electronic database platform will be created for the conservation, research, and use of argali.
8. In order to improve the conservation management of Argali, cooperation between international organizations, associations, government agencies, and those responsible for hunting areas will be developed.





Thank you!
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