

Concluding Meeting of the NEASPEC Project on Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas in North East Asia

21-23 July 2012

Vladivostok, Russian Federation

Background

Since late 2010, NEASPEC has been implementing the project on “Development of the Cooperation Mechanisms for Nature Conservation in Transboundary Areas in North-East Asia”. In particular, the project aims to develop a framework for transboundary cooperation mechanism in the Lower Tumen River Basin, home to both Amur Tiger and Amur Leopard, encompassing parts of China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation. In this regard, NEASPEC has facilitated stakeholders’ review and consultation processes on the state and protection of the target species with a particular focus on bi-/multilateral cooperation.

The processes have produced a draft review of socio-economic and environmental challenges in protecting flagship species, and a draft cooperation framework for the Amur tiger and leopard conservation in Tumen River area. The draft documents are subject to review by the concluding meeting for the finalization and submission to the 17th Senior Officials Meeting of NEASPEC to be held in October 2012 in China. Furthermore, the concluding workshop will be held together with a two-day field trip to facilitate knowledge sharing between Chinese and Russian experts on management measures for protected areas and field techniques for the conservation the Amur tiger and leopard.

Objectives of the EGM

- Disseminate the major outcomes of the project;
- Review progresses on policies and programmes for promoting nature conservation in the transboundary areas in North-East Asia
- Discuss the framework of multi-/bilateral cooperation for nature conservation in the Tumen River area;
- Identify the priority areas of work for possible new NEASPEC projects on nature conservation.

Organizers

- UNESCAP SRO-ENEA
- WWF Russia

Programme (Tentative)

21 July 2012: Concluding Workshop	
8:00 – 8:30	Registration
8:30 – 9:00	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Remark • Welcoming Remark • Introduction to the goal and plan of the meeting
9:00 – 10:40	Session 1: Review progresses on policies and programmes for promoting nature conservation in the transboundary areas in North-East Asia
10:40 – 11:00	Tea Break
11:00 – 12:00	Session 2: Bi/multilateral Cooperation in Transboundary Areas in North-East Asia
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:40	Session 3: Cooperation Framework for the Amur tiger and Leopard Conservation
15:40 – 17:00	Tea Break
17:00 – 18:00	Concluding Session
22 July 2012: Field Trip	
08:00-09:00	Breakfast at the hotel “Vladivostok”
09:00 -10:30	Transfer to Shtikovo settlement (1.5 hour ride from Vladivostok city), visiting headquarters of Orlinoeye model hunting estate, Getting acquainted with hunting estate structure and management
10:30- 11:00	Meeting with Mr. Sergey Vobly, the Head of Orlinoeye hunting estate
11:00-11:30	Transfer by jeeps to the hunting lodges and check in
11:30-12:00	Short break to get ready for the field excursion
12:00-13:30	Introduction to the Program of Tiger Conservation through cooperation with hunting estates
13:30- 14:30	Lunch at hunting lodge café
14:30 - 19:00	Field excursion around Orlinoeye model hunting estate within the habitat of Amur tiger. Visiting ungulate forage sites and supplementary feeding grounds.
19:00-21:00	Dinner at the hunting lodge café

	Night at hunting lodges
23 July 2012: Field Trip	
09:00-10:00	Breakfast in Orlinoye hunting lodge café
10:00-14:00	Excursion to another part of Orlinoye hunting estate, demonstration of the Program of camera traps monitoring. Meeting with staff of anti-poaching brigade, presentation of their work. (All excursions will be on jeeps with short distance walking in the forest.)
14:00-15:00	Lunch in Orlinoye hunting lodge café
15:00- 17:00	Meeting with the Head of Primorsky Province Agency of protected areas wildlife management, presentation of the system of tiger protection and other wildlife species.
17:00- 19:00	Transfer to Vladivostok
19:30-21:00	Dinner, night at "Vladivostok" hotel
24 July 2012: Departure	
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