

PROTOCOL (MINUTES OF THE MEETING)
of the 5 th Meeting of the Joint Commission
of the Chinese-Mongolian-Russian *Dauria* International Protected Area (DIPA)
Choibalsan city, July 26-27,2010

In conformity with the Agreement between the Agency on Environmental Protection (People' s Republic of China), the Ministry of Nature and Environment (Mongolia) and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources (Russian Federation) on the creation of a joint protected area of March 29, 1994 about the establishment of the joint *Dauria* protected area and according to the Regulations on Joint Commission, the 5 th Meeting of the Joint Commission of DIPA was held in the city of Choibalsan (Dornod, Mongolia) between 26 to 27 July, 2010. The delegates were headed by: Dr. Namkhai, A., Director General, Department of Special Protected Areas' Management of the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism (Mongolia), Mrs. Wurina, Head, Natural Conservation Division, Inner Mongolian Environmental Protection Department (Peoples Republic of China) and Mr. Borodin A.P., Director, Daurisky Biosphere Reserve (Russian Federation).

In the meeting of the Joint Commission, representatives of the Administrations of Dornod Aimag of Mongolia, Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China, and the experts/specialists of Nature-protecting departments of PR of China and Mongolia and of the reserves comprising the international protected area, representatives of public and scientific organizations took part. In addition, international NGOs such as WWF, TNC and WCS based in Mongoha have been present.

The full list of the participants of the Meeting is attached (see Attachment 1).

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Namkhai, A., Director-General, Department of Special Protected Areas' Management of the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, Mongolia.

In conformity with the Agenda (see Attachment 2), the Parties considered and concluded decisions on the following issues:

1. Having heard the report presented by Mr. Batbold D., Director, International Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia on the results of realization of the decisions from the 4th Meeting of the Joint Commission and the additions made by Dr. Kirilyuk V., Deputy Director of the *Daurisky* Reserve and Mr. Liu Song Tao, Deputy Director of the Dalai Lake Biosphere Reserve, the Parties decided:
 - to accept the report on the joint activity of the *Dauria* International Protected Area in 2006-2009;
2. Having extensively exchanged views on the expansion and upgrading the status of DIPA i.e. inclusion of DIPA into UNESCO Program on MAB and UNESCO List of World Heritage, the Parties did not reach the consensus, therefore the issue was not decided. On this issue China has expressed its interest to work and develop cooperation on existing possibilities, however Mongolia and Russia have expressed their willingness to move forward for expansion and upgrading.
 - 3. Having extensively discussed the proposed changes to the Regulations of the Chinese-Mongolian-Russian *Dauria* International Protected Area and the Rules of the DIPA Joint Commission, the Parties decided: to agree on the proposed changes to the Regulations and to pass it to the national ministries/authorities for approval to sign it within the next 2 months (see attached Draft of the Regulations on DIPA, Attachment 3);

- to agree again the Rules of DIPA Joint Commission and to pass it to the national ministries/authorities for approval to sign it within the next 2 months (see attached Draft of the Rules of DIPA Joint Commission, Attachment 4);

4. Having discussed on future activities of DIPA, the Parties decided:

- to approve the Plan of Cooperation within the Chinese-Mongolian-Russian *Dauria* International Protected Area for the period of 2011-2012 and to be signed by the Directors of Dalai Lake Nature Reserve of the Peoples Republic of China, Eastern Mongolia Protected Areas' Administration of Mongolia and Daurskii Reserve of Russian Federation (see attached Program of Cooperation within DIPA for the period of 2011-2012, Attachment 5);

5. Participants of the 5th Meeting of the Joint Commission have heard presentations made by Mrs. Odonchimeg N., Wildlife Trade Specialist, WCS Mongolia Program Office on "WCS Activities in Eastern Steppe; by Mr. Sanjmyatav, GIS specialist and Mr. Chimeddorj, Species Officer, WWF Mongolia Program Office on "Daurian Ecoregion Biodiversity GAP Analysis" and "Assessment of climate change and anthropogenic impacts into hydrological systems of Onon, Kherlen and Khalkh river basins, Mongolia" and by Mrs. Enkhtuya O., Director, TNC Mongolia Program Office on "Ecological assessment for Eastern Mongolia".

6. Participants also took into account informations made by Russia and Mongolia about the projects "Dauria Going Dry- troubled headwaters of the Amur River Basin" for Transboundary Watercourses Convention Secretariat and the beginning of the project "Improving the Coverage and Management Efficiency of Protected Areas in the Steppe Biome of Russia" UNDP/GEF to be implemented in Russia and "Poverty reduction through Community based Natural resources management" to be implemented in Mongolia.

7. In addition the Participants expressed their willingness to consider the following issues for the coming Meetings of the DIPA Joint Commission:

- A study to identify the causes for migration of Mongolian gazelles and requested Dr. Kirilyuk V., to present his research on the issue during the International Conference to be held in September, 2010, Ulaanbaatar.
- Conservation and research works for Ulz River and its cause for drying up

8. The 5th Meeting of the DIPA Joint Commission was held in a constructive and friendly atmosphere and the Parties came to the following understanding:

1. The Chinese-Mongolian-Russian *Dauria* International Protected Area is an example of successful cooperation of the three countries in the sphere of environmental protection and contributes to the development of friendly relations between the peoples of our states.
2. The protected area is a key object in conservation of landscape and biological diversity of the trans-boundary regions. The importance of spreading its experience to other trans-boundary reserves of the region, newly established ones among them, is recognized.
3. Admitting the existence of objective difficulties in the activity of the international protected area, the Parties consider it necessary to make efforts to overcome them.

The Parties expressed their gratitude to:

- The Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia for its excellent organization of the 5th Meeting DIPA Joint Commission
- the Administration of Dornod Aimag of Mongolia for its assistance in organization of the Meeting;
- Eastern Mongolia Protected Areas' Administration for preparation of the Meeting and
- WWF Mongolia, TNC Mongolia, WCS Mongolia and WWF Russia for their financial support and cooperation with DIPA.

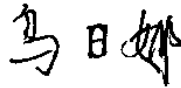
This Minutes of the Meeting/Protocol is signed in Choibalsan City of Mongolia on July 27, 2010 in three copies in the language of English.

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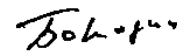
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