

## REPORT ON PROJECT VISIT

PROJECT ID AND TITLE: "Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Uzbekistan's Oil-and-Gas Sector Policies and Operations"

PROJECT DURATION: 2010-2014

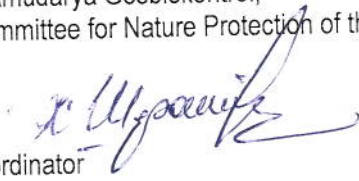
DATE OF THE VISIT: May 10-12, 2013

UNDP CO TEAM: Darkhon Abotalipov, Programme Associate



OTHER PARTNERS: A. Grigor'yants – Head of Gosbiokontrol,  
 M. Kosbergenov – Head of Inspection of Amudarya Gosbiokontrol,  
 P. Aytmuratov - Chairman of the State Committee for Nature Protection of the Republic of Karakalpakstan

PROJECT TEAM MET: Kh. Sherimbetov, Project Manager,  
 E. Chernogayev – National Technical Coordinator



Only field visit was conducted. Monitoring visit of Project office was conducted separately.

COMPONENT OF THE MONITORING	YES	NO	N/A	FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>1. GENERAL</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Project office environment & working conditions are adequate	X			

## 2. SUBSTANTIVE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Objectives of the visit (maybe added depending on the nature of the project)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular monitoring visit / follow-up mission	X		
<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding issues / challenges faced by the project that needs attention and follow-up from the CO (project staff concerns)		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficiaries met (2-3) to assess the work of the project	X		
			<p>Field visit with the purpose to conduct a monitoring visit and visually determine the impact of gas and oil companies OOO OC "Zarubezhneftegaz GDP-Central Asia" and JV "Uz-Kor Gaz Chemical" to biodiversity of Ustyurt.</p> <p>On the first day of the 10.05.13 inspection of construction of Ustyurt Gas Chemical Complex (UGCC) was conducted. From the existing asphalt road Kungrad-village Karakalpakstan to construction site UGCC (approximately 3-5 km) road was unpaved (though, the customer asserted that this temporary road). Therefore, width of these temporary roads is wider than it prescribed and this has led to the destruction of vegetation, numerous of trucks wheels on dozens of hectares. In addition, it became necessary to additional activities on keeping the dust down. Although the project and Gosbiokontrol suggested and recommended to make roads paved during consideration of the action plan for the conservation of the biodiversity of this object.</p> <p>On the second day of the 11.05.13 the natural gas field Shakhpakhty was inspected: camp, Complex Gas Treatment Unit (CGTU) and repaired the well. This field is used since the 70-s of the last century. The territory near objects deprived of vegetation. In selected territories the natural recovery of vegetation is slow. The road to Shakhpakhty, which also does not have a hard surface and the width of the road in some cases, reaches 100 metres and more. The territory is clean and there is a separate area for collection of solid waste. Shakhpakhty workers and technical director R. Ibragimov accepted the project proposal with interest and has plans to purchase of seeds from Kungrad forestry for hydro seeding. The Group had the opportunity to visit Lake Sarikamish.</p> <p>On the third day of the 12.05.13 Complex Gas Treatment Unit (CGTU) company "Uz-Kor Gaz Cemical" in former Aral Sea bed was inspected. This object recently transferred to the company by NHC "Uzbekneftegas". The access road is asphalt, but there is no vegetation on object territory. New construction is not started. All existing wells should be bio-recultivated (Hydro-seeding, or both). Recommendations are given to the representative of the "Uz-Kor Gas Chemical" company.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Synergies with other projects/programmes <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership arrangements with national and international agencies	X		X Project established good partnership with above mentioned oil and gas companies. Partners were open and supportive during visit. In addition, transportation cost to certain the sites within KK was covered by these companies.
<input type="checkbox"/> Any deviations from the AWP and annual targets set		X	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gender mainstreaming - all data collected during project is disaggregated by gender (list			X

<input type="checkbox"/> of participants, research baselines, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Outputs of consultants/experts work (Reports, Translations, etc.) are available in project files as well as PEFs			X	
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### 3. ATLAS UPDATES

Before visiting the project, the programme focal point has to visit the Executive Snapshot/Programme & Project Management > Overview of Awards > Select Award ID > Click on "View the Progress Report for this Award."

- Quality Log/Progress report is updated in ATLAS
- Risk logs is updated in ATLAS by PM and management response by Programme Officer / programme focal point
- Issues logs/monitoring logs updated
- Lessons learned are reflected appropriately (offline in the programme files)

If ATLAS updates are not available, the project visit will help to identify why the updates are not made in timely manner by the Project manager and team

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### 4. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT

E-filing System is established and maintained in compliance with UNDP procedures

- MINIMUM DOCUMENTS must be available electronically:
  - Copy of the signed Prodoc with TORs for all project staff
  - AWP, copies of signed CDRs for each year and other financial documents (if donor cost-shared)
  - Copies of Annual Project Reviews, Minutes of the Project Board meetings and other relevant meetings
  - Donors reports, Technical Reports (depending on the donor requirements, e.g. GEF, TTF, EC, bilateral, etc.) or specific type of the reports, like Feasibility Study or Policy Analysis, etc.)
  - Copies of project staff attendance and leave monitoring records (properly completed and signed). Monthly attendance reports of each project staff member have to be cleared by direct supervisor and submitted to the UNDP HR Unit at the beginning of each month<sup>1</sup>.
  - Copies of transfer documents (if applicable)
- Project shadow budget is kept up-to-date ensuring that expenditures are reconciled/updated after the actual payments are made.
- Private telephone/international calls are duly registered and recovered by relevant project

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<sup>1</sup> Extract from the PM Toolkit (revised 2010), page 20



<p>staff;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cost-recovery monitoring system is in place (ISS).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Supporting docs on travel matters and back to office reports</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Updated NEPL are maintained up-to-date (some assets are checked against NEPL for quality monitoring)</li> </ul>			<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>	
<b>5. LEARNING AND TRAINING</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All project staff have passed the Basic security and advanced security in the field training courses</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any capacity development activities envisaged (SEF should indicate clear learning plan) for each project staff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If there is a need for additional training and which area?</li> </ul>				
<b>6. NEXT STEPS / FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS</b>				
<p>Preparation of plans for biodiversity conservation and compensation schemes. Discussion of these documents for OOO OC "Zarubezhneftegaz GDP-Central Asia" and JV "Uz-Kor Gaz Chemical". Making suggestions for the use of hydro-seeding method for plots with destroyed vegetation.</p>			<p>RESPONSIBLE PERSON</p> <p>Project team</p>	