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Capacity Building and Institutional Development of Participatory Forestry in Mongolia

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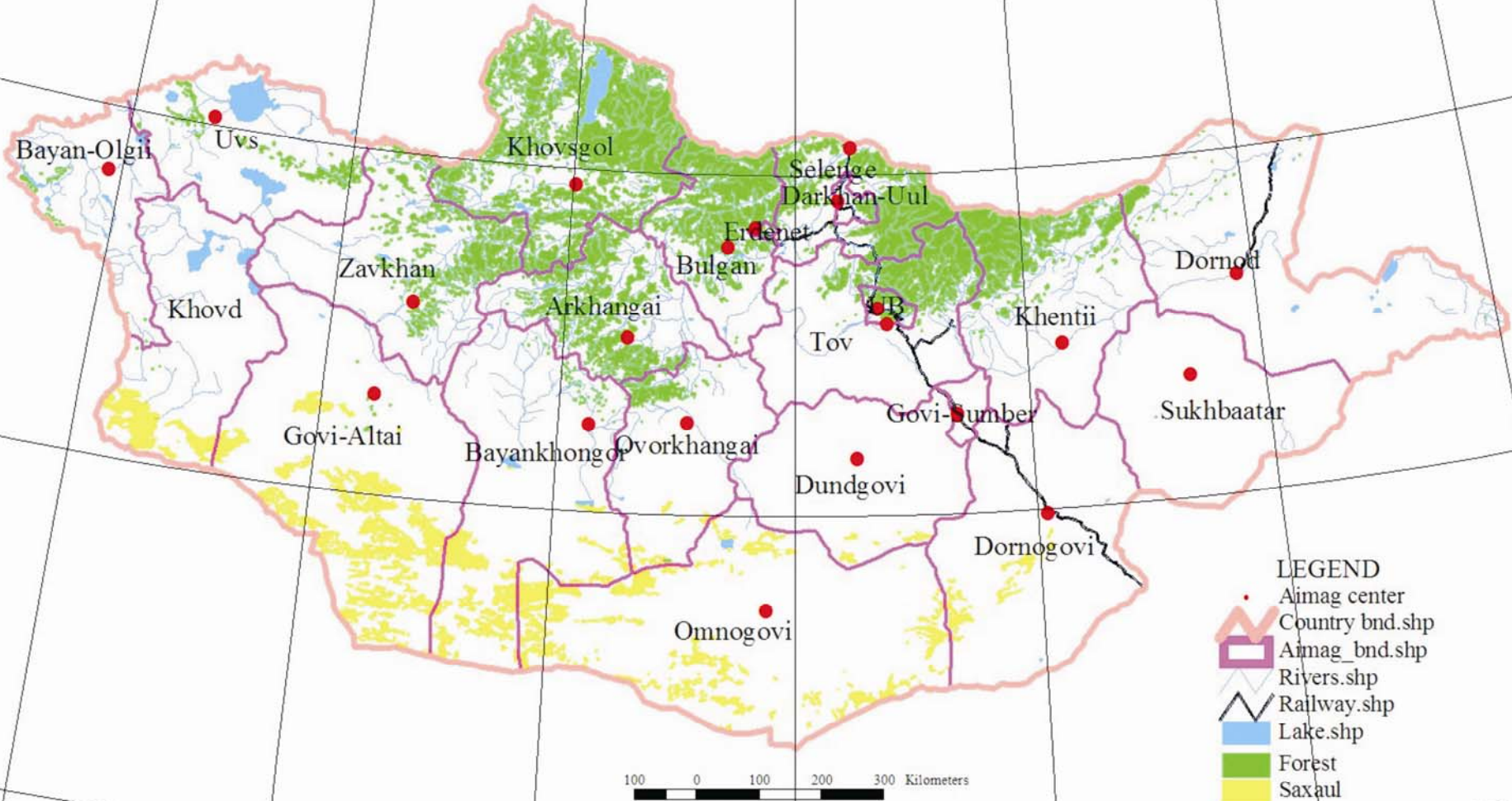
Photo: *Sanguisorba officinalis*, Terelj Protected Area, Mongolia

Personal background

- MSc. NRM, faculty of Biology, Utrecht University
- Tresor Rainforest reserve, WWF (French Guiana)
- DHV Engineering & Consultancy, Sustainability Consultant
- APO, FAO project ***“Capacity Building and Institutional Development for Participatory Natural Resources Management and Conservation in Forested Areas of Mongolia”***



FOREST MAP OF MONGOLIA



Forest area size $\approx 175,200\text{km}^2$

Uses

- Fuelwood
- Construction, concession logging
- Medicinal plants
- Hunting

Challenges

- Intensive logging during socialist period
- Central governance with low capacity
- “Open access”
- Corruptive system



PFM in Mongolia



- 2002,2007: legal rights to hand over forest to local herders Result: >370 Forest User groups (FUGs)
- 5 year project with focus on capacity building and institutional strengthening in field and forest administration
 - Adapt legal framework
 - Development of a stepwise approach for functional FUGs with 12 pilot groups
 - Capacity building on different levels

Steps

- Obtaining legal status
- Simple forest assessment
- Identification of problems on Forest conservation
- Mapping of the area
- Enterprise development
- (Wildlife monitoring)



Forest resources based enterprises

Activities

- Improvement of legal user rights
- Application of Marketing Analysis and Development approach (MA&D)
- MAPs (Rhondendron, Ephedra, Edelweiss etc etc..)
- Berries (Seabuckthorn, Blueberry, Red Currant, Hawthorn ..)
- Pine Nuts (*Pinus siberica*)
- *Allium sp.*
- Fuelwood

Challenges

- Is “Community” the right form in Mongolia?
- Genuine commitment of government
- Livestock is main source of income which leads to overgrazing
- Isolated markets
- Barriers for genuine entrepreneurship
- Coordination between development organisations

Photo: Siberian Roe deer, *Capreolus pygargus*, Khustai NP



Thank you!



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