



Fish Mongolia
Delger Muron River

Perspectives of an Ecological
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FISH MONGOLIA

- GOAL: to establish an eco-tourism business based on high-end sustainable catch and release fly fishing for Taimen, that can engage with local communities and contribute to the protection and conservation of Taimen.
- Mongolian Company, established 2003. Eight seasons later we are still in business and there are still fish in the river.
- What have we achieved? What have we learned? What are the next challenges?



Principles

- Business - needs to make a profit
- Eco-tourism - People, Planet, Profit
- Community Based Conservation
- Community Tourism Partnerships
- NOT a project





LOCATION, DELGER MURON, MONGOLIA



THE PRODUCT - FLY FISHING FLOAT TRIP

Community & Conservation

- We make our contracts and buy permits according to the Law.
- Contribute to local community via annual donation / fee, and one-off.
- Engage and Participate (at Soum, Aimag and Ministry levels).
- Started tagging 2011.
- Angler education campaign 2011.

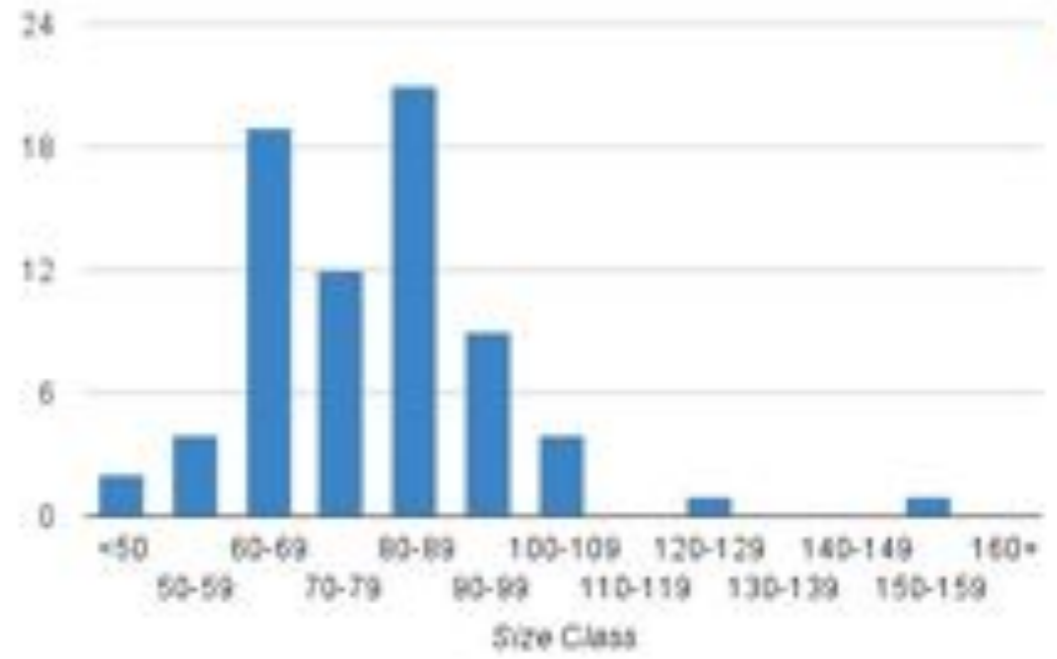




WATER QUALITY MONITORING WORKSHOP



Taimen Size Distribution



Tagging and data collection



Angler Education Campaign - Spirit of the River

Community Based Approaches

- Who is the community?
- Can they work together?
- Can they get the natural resource rights?
- Do they have enough river under their management?
- How to negotiate a partnership?
- Managing expectations
- Is there a viable product?





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THREATS Licensed Mining and related Infrastructure. Northern Mongolia Rail Alliance



THREATS Irresponsible sport fishing, bad catch and release: treble hooks and poor handling kill fish.

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- Commercial fishing / illegal harvest for local markets and export
- Illegal Artisanal Mining - Ninjas
- Catch and kill angling (international and domestic anglers)
- Overgrazing, habitat degradation
- Licensed Mining (and related infrastructure)
- Irresponsible catch and release sport fishing (treble hooks, poor handling)
- Poor management and threats to the viability of responsible fly fishing eco-tourism
- Hatcheries



Монгол улсын Байгаль орчин, аялал жуулчлалын яам
Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Mongolia

ЗАГАС БАРИХ ТУСТАЙ ЗӨВШӨӨРӨЛ № 10.128

SPECIAL FISHING PERMIT

Зуучлагч компани /Company/

Аймаг/Province/

2010
Ховогол

Ангийн пүүс /Outfitters/

Сум/Soum/

Загасчны нэр/Name of angler/

Загасчлах гол, отог/Fishing camp/River/

Улс/Country/

Олгосон /Issued date/

2010 оны 8 сарын 23

Барих загасны нэр, тоо /Fish species, quantity/

Тамга/stamp/

Зөвшөөрөл олгосон
/Permission issued by/

Хуучин загас 12 /дунд, зөв, хуртгал,
бусад загас 60/жар/ хуртгал

Гарын үсэг
/Signature/

ХБООБНГ-ын дарга ДЭНХБАТ

Загасчлах хугацаа/Fishing period/ 2010 оны 8-р сарын
28-нээс 9-р сарын 04-нийг хүртэл

Note: According to the Ministerial Order # 79 in 2008, it is prohibited to use multi-barbed hook for catching rare fish species of fish and you must release them once you have caught! You must be aware of the Taimen is one of the rare fish.

Threat # 7 Poor Management: threatening viability of responsible fly fishing eco-tourism outfitters

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Erdenebulgan			16							1	17
Galt						6					6
Tumurbulag			6								6
Tsagaan uul		4									4
Batshireent					6						6
Binder									4		4
Bayan Adraga									8		8
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8	Tumurbulag			14						14	
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10	Batshireent					6				6	
11	Binder								4	4	
12	Bayan Adraga								8	8	
13	Dadal								15	15	
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15	Bulgan	Teshig		8						8	
	Total		78	44	41	19	6	8	6	27	229

Permits Issued 2009 and 2010

Updates, news and opinions

- Khovsgol Aimag Taimen Conservation Plan
- New contracts for outfitters
- Need for new permit system
- Fly or spin?
- Focus on the real threats





Taimen 150cm + Delger Muron September 2011
THANK YOU