

Biographies

Sarantuya worked for the Mongolian Ministry of Nature and Environment as the Director of Strategic Planning and Management prior to establishing the Environmental Initiative Center (EIC), a non-governmental organization working to influence national and local conservation policy. She participated in the TNC/Mongolia conservation capacity-building workshop earlier this year, and has been involved in preparing the National Program for Protected Areas in Mongolia, biodiversity action plans, and in drafting laws for wildlife conservation. She holds a Ph.D. in biology, is a liaison with the Mongolian government, and will likely be the spokesperson for the Mongolian group during their Colorado visit.

Onon works as a wildlife biologist for the World Wildlife Fund in Mongolia, primarily concerned with conservation of rare species including the snow leopard, the Mongolian saiga, and the argali. She has considerable GIS experience with assessing human impact on rare species. She attended the TNC ecoregional peer review in Turkey after working on the Altai ecoregional plan, and is most interested in learning about strategy implementation.