MONGOLIA: POTENTIAL GLOBALLY AGRICULTURAL IMPORTANT HERITAGE SITES

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BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE MONGOLIAN LIVESTOCK SECTOR

- **Herder families:** 146.1 thousand
- **Herders:** 289 thousand
- **Available pasture land:** 113,0 mil. hec.
- **Head of livestock:** 40,9 mil
- **Share of agriculture sector on the GDP in 2012:** 17.6%
- **The livestock sector:** 82.0%
About nomadic culture of Mongolia

About 40 percent of the population continues to live traditional nomadic lifestyle tending more than 40.0 million livestock in Mongolia. Animal husbandry remains a backbone of the national economy, providing 20 percent of the world's cashmere production. The nomads' life changed very little since old days and Mongolia remains the last refuge of the pastoral nomadism, preserving and continuing the traditional cultural heritage of the many nomadic nations that once flourished on the present day territory of Mongolia.
Mongolia is producing 223,100 tons of meat, 457,400 liters of milk, 20,800 tons of sheep wool, 5,800 tons of cashmere, 10,000 tons of camel wool and 9.9 million pieces of hide each year; however the local and international market value of those products is also declining year by year.

The Mongolian Government has adopted and implemented several national programs in the past such as: “Livestock health”, “To improve livestock quality”, “To support development of intensive livestock”, “Milk”, “Livestock fodder” and “Food security”. In addition, more than 20 projects have been implemented with the funding of foreign countries and donor organizations. Unfortunately these programs have not realized their full effect because of an unconsolidated policy, weak monitoring and coordination and insufficient funding.
Pastoral livestock industry plays an important role in the national economy, national identity and livelihood.
Potential agricultural heritage sites in Mongolia

Gobi-Altai province
- Home for camels
- With extreme climate condition
- Active in herders cooperative
- Camel milk and wool value chain is under development
- Wool and milk subsidy
- Camel milk value market opportunity
Traditional dairy product making practices
Huvsgul province: REINDeER HERDERS

• Ethnic minority – protect nature and biodiversity
• President special order
• Reindeer national programme
• Government activities and support
Proposal for cooperation

• Organize awareness raising workshop on the importance of safeguarding agricultural heritage at national level
• Support for promoting local existing initiatives for GI products and cooperative based value chain activities
• Use this concept as the important tool for rural development
• Sharing experience of other countries in the similar practice areas