**Case Study 2.18 Technical Assistance Project for Gobi Bear Protection in Mongolia**

The Chinese government attaches great importance to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, actively participates in international cooperation in wildlife protection through international aid, fulfills relevant international responsibilities and obligations, and is committed to maintaining global ecological security.

In response to Mongolia’s urgent expectation to protect the Gobi bears, following a number of consultations with Mongolia and study tours to the site, the Government of China agreed in May 2017 to undertake technical assistance projects for protection of the Gobi bears in Mongolia. According to the documents exchanged between the Chinese and Mongolian governments, China will carry out a three-year Gobi Bear Habitat Management and Technical Assistance Project. This mainly includes the development of GIS of the important habitats of Gobi bears in the Mongolian Gobi Reserve, undertaking assessments and researches of the reserve’s environmental quality, studying population dynamics of edible plants in the habitats, monitoring and research of biodiversity in the habitats, Gobi bear population research, training of protected area technical and management personnel, provision of special equipment for protected areas, installation of automatic weather stations, and providing food in the wild for the wild Gobi bears and so on. The project implementation unit is the Chinese Academy of Forestry Sciences, which has officially started the implementation of the project since 2018.