

Association of Minority Indigenous Peoples of Irkutsk Oblast (Russia) is seeking project partners to set up the infrastructure necessary to support the activities of communities of minority indigenous peoples.

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Anticipated results:

- At least another three indigenous communities will be set up and officially registered.
- The conditions for the organisation allocation of Territories of Traditional Land use (TTP) will be created and assistance will have been given to these communities in obtaining licenses for long-term use of these lands. GIS data bases will have been created that will make effective monitoring of changes brought about as the result of the activities of logging, or oil and gas companies in these territories possible.
- Two law suites will be have been raised in support of two existing registered communities and legal assistance will have been given to other communities requiring it.
- Assistance in improving the efficiency of traditional husbandry will have been given to indigenous communities by way of cooperation with organs of local government, organisational aspects of their economy and training of members of indigenous communities.
- Three workshops will have been organised for representatives of these communities for training in legal aspects of protecting their rights, economic aspects – for example, for pelt processing, traditional clothes and footwear production.
- The establishment of guest home facilities at district and regional centres for the use of indigenous peoples will have been raised with the authorities at all levels. One such guest home will be rented within the project for the use of representatives of indigenous communities in return for a small fee or free of charge.

Overall result: this two-year project will have a positive social and an environmental impact - indigenous communities will have been strengthened legally and economically, and made more independent and able to stand up for their rights and preserve their cultural identity. The organisation of TTP will mean that large relatively untouched areas of the taiga will be preserved for future generations. The system of monitoring and impact assessment will encourage industrial companies to use environmentally more sensitive practices and enable the communities to seek compensation for economic losses as a result of these companies activities at courts of law.

More details about the organisation available on the EECCA Directory.