



# planetGOLD Mongolia newsletter

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## Hello and Welcome!

It is a pleasure to meet all of you with the first edition of the newsletter from planetGOLD Mongolia. We are working towards the formalization and professionalization of the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector in Mongolia, including the elimination of mercury use in gold processing. We are working with various stakeholders along the gold supply chain – miners, gold traders, local and national governments as well as civil society – to sustainably improve artisanal mining operations as an important livelihood opportunity for remote communities and to support the revision of regulations governing the sector. In partnership with the national government, the project team is working to create an enabling environment for a formalized artisanal mining sector that enhances community development, improves productivity, and eliminates the use of mercury.

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## Training program



The planetGOLD Mongolia team organized sets of training for miners in collaboration with the Artisanal and Small-scale Mining National Federation of Mongolia (ASM NF) in Selenge and Khovd provinces in September, November, and December 2021. The training covered the following topics:

- Responsible ASM practices
- Environmental Responsibility and Rehabilitation in ASM
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Business and Financial Management
- Due Diligence and CRAFT Code
- Gender and Human Rights

[Click here to read our training blog post](#)

## Newly released reports

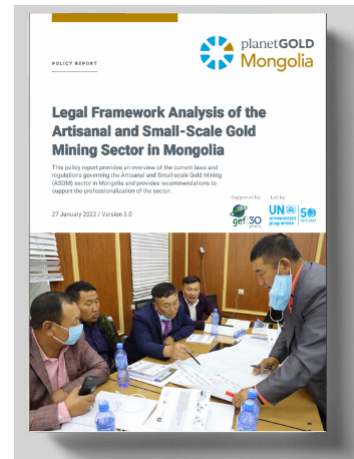
### **ASM Gold Trade Sector in Mongolia**

This report provides an overview of the existing gold trading practices in the ASGM sector including the Mongolian state gold-buying program, opportunities, and challenges to regulate and formalize gold trade in Mongolia. You can download our full report [here](#).



## Legal Framework Analysis of the ASGM sector in Mongolia

The report provides an overview of the current laws and regulations governing the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining sector in Mongolia, with a focus on formalization, extraction and processing, and gender sensitivity. Please read our full report [here](#).



# Meetings



## Latest reports introduced to government stakeholders

On December 14, 2021, the planetGOLD Mongolia project organized a meeting to present the recently released reports on Gold Trade and Legal Frameworks of the Artisanal and Small-scale Gold Mining in Mongolia. Representatives from key stakeholders including the Ministry of

Environment and Tourism, the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, Bank of Mongolia, Financial Regulatory Commission, Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority, Ecological Police Department, Fresh Water Resources and Nature Conservation Center, ASM NF and Precious Metals Association attended the meeting. The reports were well received by the stakeholders and they were interested to learn more about other planetGOLD country projects.

## Meeting with Mongolian journalists organized

The planetGOLD Mongolia team organized a meet and greet informational session for journalists on November 4, 2021. During

the meeting, the project activities were introduced, and an open discussion was held on issues such as formalization, environmental protection, rehabilitation, traceability, supply chain, gold origin and technology in the ASGM sector. Journalists from the Mongolian National Broadcasting and Voice of Mongolia radio, Star TV, Mongolian Mining Journal, Mongolian Center for Investigative Reporters, Economic Journalists Club and freelance journalist who reports for Nikkei Asia and [France24.com](https://www.france24.com/) participated in the meeting.



### **Project Steering Committee meeting organized**

The fourth PSC meeting chaired by Mr. Tuvdendorj G., Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism was held on February 10, 2022. At the meeting, planetGOLD project reported its 2021 activities and presented the 2022 work plan. The PSC members concluded that the reported activities were satisfactory and approved the 2022 work plan. The planetGOLD Mongolia PSC includes representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Mining, the Ministry of Health, the Bank of Mongolia, and ASM-NF.



### planetGOLD Mongolia on media

The planetGOLD Mongolia project was featured in several media channels and you can find those media features here below:

- [Interview](#) in English on MNB World
- [Interview](#) in English on the Voice of Mongolia radio
- [Interview](#) in Mongolian on Mandal TV about Selenge province's training
- [Interview](#) in Mongolian on Minjit Bulgan TV on Khovd province's training

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