

## **Ministers Resolution No 114:**

*About the Nuhurluls – group of local citizens, participating in protecting, using owning of the some part of natural resources.*

- Nuhurluls – voluntary association of citizens with dominated rights to own the forest, organized on a contract basis to protect and rationally utilize and restore forest in a given territorial and administrative division;
- The member of Nuhurlul must be aged over than 18 years old, permanent resident and citizen of Mongolia;
- The number of members in Nuhurlul should be more than 30 (15 families) in Khangai area, more than 20 (10 families) in Gobi-Prairie Area;
- The size of forest reserve for 1 Nuhurlul in Khangai Area is less than 10,000 ha;
- Forest protecting, rationally utilizing and breeding shall be financed from the partnerships budget;

*How to organize the citizens group (Nuhurlul, protecting the forest?)*

- Nuhurlul members shall be organized in voluntary basis

What shall be approved during Nuhurlul members session:

- Contract
- Nuhurluls regulations
- Forest protecting activities program
- Forest management plan

Documents should include ways and provisions of forest protecting and organization

*Needful documents to organize the Nuhurlul:*

- a request for possession and protection of a forest parcel;
- a proposal from the bagh or khoroo General Meeting and a decision of the soum or duureg Hural of Citizen Representatives granting the right of possession of a forest parcel;
- a management plan on the forest parcel protection, rational utilization, restoration and reproduction;
- a copy of the agreement of the partnership members on collaboration;
- copies of the citizen ID cards of the partnership members.
- A copy of Nuhurlul regulations

*Powers of Nuhurlul:*

- Nuhurlul can participate, vote in making decisions of forest protecting, be supported by Governmental structure
- use forest harvest in Nuhurluls area
- involve local people in forest protection reproducing activities
- control and prevent illegal activities due to the courses given by professional organizations
- set up the joint fund for forest protection activities

*Duties of Nuhurlul (1):*

- to prevent the shortage of forest area, water, flora, creature and other natural reserves
- to report changes, movements of forest assets to state inspector and environmental ranger
- rationally utilize the non-timber resources (fee)
- to badge the are responsible areas

*Duties of Nuhurluls (2):*

- protect the forest area from the fire, pest infection, disease
- urgent action against the forest fire (informing, organizing quench)
- organize the reproduction of forest resources funding by own budget or with contribution of other structures
- forest maintenance and cleaning under the guidelines of professional organizations
- control of level and size of making firewoods (license, certificates of origin, transportation regulations)
- control the illegal activities of tourists and fares

*Soum Authority:*

- shall meet members of Nuhurlul, provide the needful information, organize the training activities, support the members (receive and solve any requests and transmit to the higher level)
- advertise and explain partnership activities to herders and citizens
- make coherent the Nuhurluls activities to state strategy
- organize all prevention actions against the forest fires and disease urgently (when received a report from Nuhurluls)
- Support the joint fund

*Bag Governor and inspector:*

- control and direct the Nuhurluls in protecting and organizing forest (law, regulations, local authorities strategy)

- report to the Soum, district authorities incorrect actions of Nuhurluls, breaking the agreement
- scheduling and planning the grassland for Nuhurluls members due to Citizens Representative Meeting
- cooperate with Nuhurluls, make requests to high level organizations for financial contributions to the best Nuhurluls, award them
- Provide the permissions (to use forest and its assets) for Nuhurluls, including in a aimag, soum annual plans

*Aimag Environmental Office:*

- make professional support to Nuhurluls
- register the Nuhurluls, provide information on legal framework etc.
- Support in choosing the Nuhurluls area
- Organize the training activities on professional and developing Nuhurluls capacity
- Support to needful areas by order of Soum Governor
- Control, evaluate in implementing of the Nuhurluls program, management plan

*Factors for cancelling Nuhurluls:*

- Illegal hunting, fishing, making firewoods, collecting nuts and berries, without permission
- During the emergency in a country (dry, blight, disease other disasters) Soums Governor can transfer the Nuhurluls land based on Nuhurluls decision
- If Nuhurlul breaches the conditions and terms of the agreement, expending the damage