

eedless to say, when Sweetwater Travel traveled to Mongolia in 1995 to chase down rumors of 60-inch Taimen eating dry flies, Sweetwater Travel was shown the light. Within minutes of our arrival in the Eg-Uur watershed, we had broken a fly rod, landed a 52-inch Taimen, and fallen in love with Mongolia. This love affair spawned the world's finest taimen fishing operation and inspired a conservation project that will preserve one of the most robust Taimen populations on earth.

We invite you to join us as fisherman continue to test their mettle against the world's largest salmonid. Our fishing has remained consistent over the years, and there is simply no better place to catch, and release, a trophy Taimen on a fly rod. We hope you will come join us.







here else can you catch a 50 inch Taimen on a dry fly? In recent years, we have landed consistent numbers of Taimen over 50-inches with one fish measuring 60 inches, eclipsing our two previous world records.

Between battles with Taimen, the Asian Trout (Lenok) keep anglers entertained as they gorge themselves on mayflies and terrestrials each afternoon. The Lenok are the oldest trout species in the world. Each year, anglers land Lenok in excess of 28 inches. Lenok anglers beware, however. We consistently lose Lenok to aggressive Taimen taking advantage of Lenok suspended on end of our angler's fly lines.

We continue to improve our accommodations in camp. With new gers, new lodge buildings, and two masseuses, our camp experience is the most comfortable in Mongolia. While our Mongolian camps will never rival the luxury provided by our Alaska, Montana, Bahamas, Brazil, or British Columbia lodges, Mongolia's camps are a great blend of Mongolian atmosphere and western comforts and provide a wonderful home while you explore Mongolia.

> Sweetwater is committed to improving upon its past successes in Mongolia. With exceptional guides, great staff, and the best Taimen fishing in Mongolia, Sweetwater's Fly-Fish Mongolia is a trip that should not be missed.







## n recent years, several outfitters have offered fly-fishing trips for Taimen. For many anglers, Mongolia is the trip of a lifetime. Sweetwater respectfully suggests that anglers should choose the only outfitter with a track record of providing a world class angling experience in Mongolia since 1995. The Eg-Uur watershed is the only watershed in Mongolia which is managed for catch and release sports fishing. Our guide staff is the most experienced of any guide staff in Mongolia. Of our guides, Ron Meek has guided in

Our guide staff is the most experienced of any guide staff in Mongolia. Of our guides, Ron Meek has guided in Mongolia since 1997, Charlie Conn and Matt Ramsey have guided in Mongolia since 1998, and Bayaraa Saikhan and Enebish Ganpurev, Mongolia's first fly-fishing guides have guided for us since 2000. For our guides, guiding is a profession, not a summer job.

Sweetwater Travel is the only full time, professional fly-fishing outfitter operator in Mongolia. We have operated in Mongolia since 1995. Through our conservation efforts, and our dedication to providing a world class angling experience, anglers visiting Sweetwater camps can rest assured that they are seeing the best Mongolia has to offer.

From their guide staff to their equipment and river management, Sweetwater Travel provides anglers an experience that merits the phrase,

Trip of a lifetime.

## Taimen Conservation Report Anglers Help Protect Taimen

ur Taimen conservation project has been very successful in accomplishing long-term protection for the Taimen. The project, originally funded by the Global Environmental Facility and the World Bank, is the world's only Taimen conservation project and insures that anglers visiting the Eg-Uur watershed will find healthy populations of Taimen and Lenok in the river.

Our anglers actively participate in the conservation efforts through tagging the Taimen which they catch and release. The scientific results have yielded some fascinating data with some fish traveling over 70 kilometers during the course of the fishing season only to return to the exact run where they were tagged the following year.

With the help of our anglers, and the Tributary Fund, we have completely restored the Buddhist Dayan Derkh monastery. The reconstruction is a central component of the watershed conservation project and marks the return of Buddhism to the Eg-Uur valley. Herders from all over the valley witnessed the ceremony and tearfully thanked us for supporting their faith and their heritage.

Our anglers have continued to support our Taimen conservation project and have donated over \$400,000 for Taimen conservation in the past several years. Sweetwater is committed to protecting the Eg-Uur watershed and its fish. We feel very blessed to have spent so many wonderful days in the Eg-Uur valley and feel a profound obligation to protect the Taimen and the river which the Taimen call home. By visiting Sweetwater's camps in Mongolia, anglers will provide critical support to this unique and important conservation project.







Thank you Sweetwater Travel for what you are doing to preserve this great and unique fishery. Your actions will serve the area and countryside for generations to come. I totally enjoyed my adventure with good friends, good guides, beautiful country, wonderful people, and amazing fish.

- HL, Seattle, WA







