World Oral Literature Project voices of vanishing worlds

Accession Form for Individual Recordings:

| Collection / Collector Name | ALTAIAN HEROIC EPICS 2010-11/ CAROLE PEGG |
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| Disk No. / Track / Item No. | 2/7 |
| Length of track | 1 m 25 secs |
| Title of track | Ai sürlü |
| Translation of title | The Moon is Beautiful. |
| Description (to be used in archive entry) | This is not a ritual song and is therefore performed after rather than during the ritual. The Moon and Sun are revered by Ak Jang practitioners. |
| Genre or type (i.e. epic, song, ritual) | Altaian popular <i>kozhong</i> song |
| Medium (i.e. reel to reel, web-based file, DVD) | Audio recording in MP3 format, with .wav CD as hard copy. |
| Related tracks (include description/relationship if appropriate) | See disk 1 for videos of <i>alkysh</i> 'requests for blessings' in epic performance mode held in the neighbouring mountain temple ritual above Lower Talda. |
| Name of recorder (if different from collector) | |
| Date of recording | 20 October 2010 |
| Place of recording | Museum, Kulady village, Karakol Valley, Ongudai region, Republic of Altai, Russian Federation |
| Name(s), age, sex, place of birth of performer(s) | Valentina Todoshevna Chechaeva, 57 yrs, female, Kulady Elena Tölösövna Mandaeva, 58 yrs, female, Kulady |
| Language of recording | Altaian |
| Performer(s)'s first / native language | Altaian |
| Performer(s)'s ethnic group | Altai Kizhi: 1. Todosh 2. Tölös. |
| Musical instruments and / or other objects used in performance | Unaccompanied vocal |
| Level of public access (fully closed, fully open) | Fully open |
| Notes and context (include reference to any related documentation, such as photographs) | See Pegg & Yamaeva: "Sensing 'Place': Performance, Tradition and Improvisation in the Hidden Temples of Mountain Altai", http://oraltradition.org/issues/27ii. |