

# MONGOLIA

LAND AREA 1,565,008 km<sup>2</sup> HUMAN POPULATION 2,740,000 (2 per km<sup>2</sup>)

NUMBER OF IBAs 41 TOTAL AREA OF IBAs 16,584 km<sup>2</sup> STATUS OF IBAs 12 protected; 4 partially protected; 25 unprotected



The only active breeding colony of Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus* in eastern Asia is at Airag Nuur (IBA 7). (PHOTO: SIMBA CHAN)

## KEY HABITATS AND BIRDS

- There are extensive coniferous boreal forests (*Biome 02: Boreal forest – Taiga*) in parts of northern Mongolia, in the Khentii mountains, around Lake Khovsgol, on the north and east sides of the Khangai mountains and in parts of the Khan Khokhii range.
- Alpine habitats in the Altai and other high mountains in western and central Mongolia have communities of high montane species (*Biome 05: Eurasian high montane – Alpine and Tibetan* and SA 077: *Mongolian mountains*), including the threatened White-throated Bushchat *Saxicola insignis*.
- Mongolia retains vast areas of relatively unspoiled steppe grassland, semi-desert and desert (*Biome 04: Eurasian steppe and desert*), which support important populations of several threatened species including Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni* and Great Bustard *Otis tarda*.
- Wetlands in the steppe zone support large numbers of breeding and migrating waterbirds, notably the threatened Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*, Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides*, White-naped Crane *Grus vipio* and Relict Gull *Larus relictus*.

## CONSERVATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM

In Mongolia, wildlife conservation and the establishment of protected areas are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry for Nature and the Environment. In 1993, the Agency for Protected Areas and Eco-tourism was established as part of the Ministry.

Although the first officially protected area in Mongolia was established in 1778, modern legislation on protected area was not enacted until 1975, when the “Procedure on Strictly Protected Areas of Mongolia” was approved. Subsequent laws and regulations on

protected areas included the “Law on Special Protected Areas” (1994) and the “Law on Buffer Zones of Special Protected Areas” (1997). The Government of Mongolia passed “The General and Special Regulations of Strictly Protected Areas and National Parks” in 1995 and the “The National Program on Special Protected Areas” in 1998.

As of 2004 there were 56 protected areas in Mongolia, covering a total area of 210,063 km<sup>2</sup>, or about 13.5% of the country. The protected areas in Mongolia are classified as: Strictly Protected Areas, National Parks, Nature Reserves and Natural Monuments. Mongolia plans to establish more protected areas, and aims to increase protected areas coverage of the state to c.30% by 2030. Mongolia ratified the Ramsar Convention in 1997, and by 2004 there were 11 Ramsar Sites in the country covering a total of 14,395 km<sup>2</sup>.

## OVERVIEW OF THE INVENTORY

- Mongolia is a large country with a very low human population, and in many places the birds and other biodiversity have not yet been surveyed. The IBAs listed here include all sites in Mongolia that are proven to meet the global IBA criteria, but only cover just over 1% of the total land area of the country. It is anticipated that future field surveys will identify many more sites which qualify as IBAs, especially to improve coverage of forest, grassland and desert habitats.
- Of the 41 IBAs in Mongolia, 40 support globally threatened species, four have restricted-range species, 25 have biome-restricted species and 38 qualify as IBAs because they hold large congregations of migratory waterbirds.
- Seven IBAs (17%) contain boreal forest, 20 IBAs (49%) contain steppe grassland, 10 IBAs (24%) include desert and two IBAs (5%) contain rocky mountain habitats.

- Thirty-nine of the 41 IBAs contain wetland ecosystems. Outstanding wetland IBAs in Mongolia include Uvs Nuur (IBA 6), Airag Nuur (IBA 7), Khar Us Nuur (IBA 10), Ogi Nuur (IBA 27), Onon-Balj (IBA 34) and Mongol Daguur (IBA 36).

**CONSERVATION ISSUES**

- The level of threat to Mongolia’s IBAs is currently relatively low in comparison to those in most other Asian countries. However, some Mongolian IBAs and their biodiversity are under pressure from overgrazing by livestock, illegal logging of forest, dam construction, mining, fires, large-scale usage of rodenticides, human disturbance, predation by feral dogs, cutting of reeds, drainage of wetlands, hunting and periodic drought causing drying up of wetlands.
- As Mongolia develops economic links with neighbouring countries, the construction of new roads and other infrastructure could lead to increased pressure on the countries’ natural resources, and a higher level of threat to the IBAs. For example, a new bridge crossing is planned from China into eastern Mongolia, and a “Milleneum highway” across the country. The proposals for these and other development projects should be subject to environmental impact assessments at the strategic level, to consider the potential impacts of the whole development

process on the environment (including IBAs), and to plan the mitigation of any negative impacts.

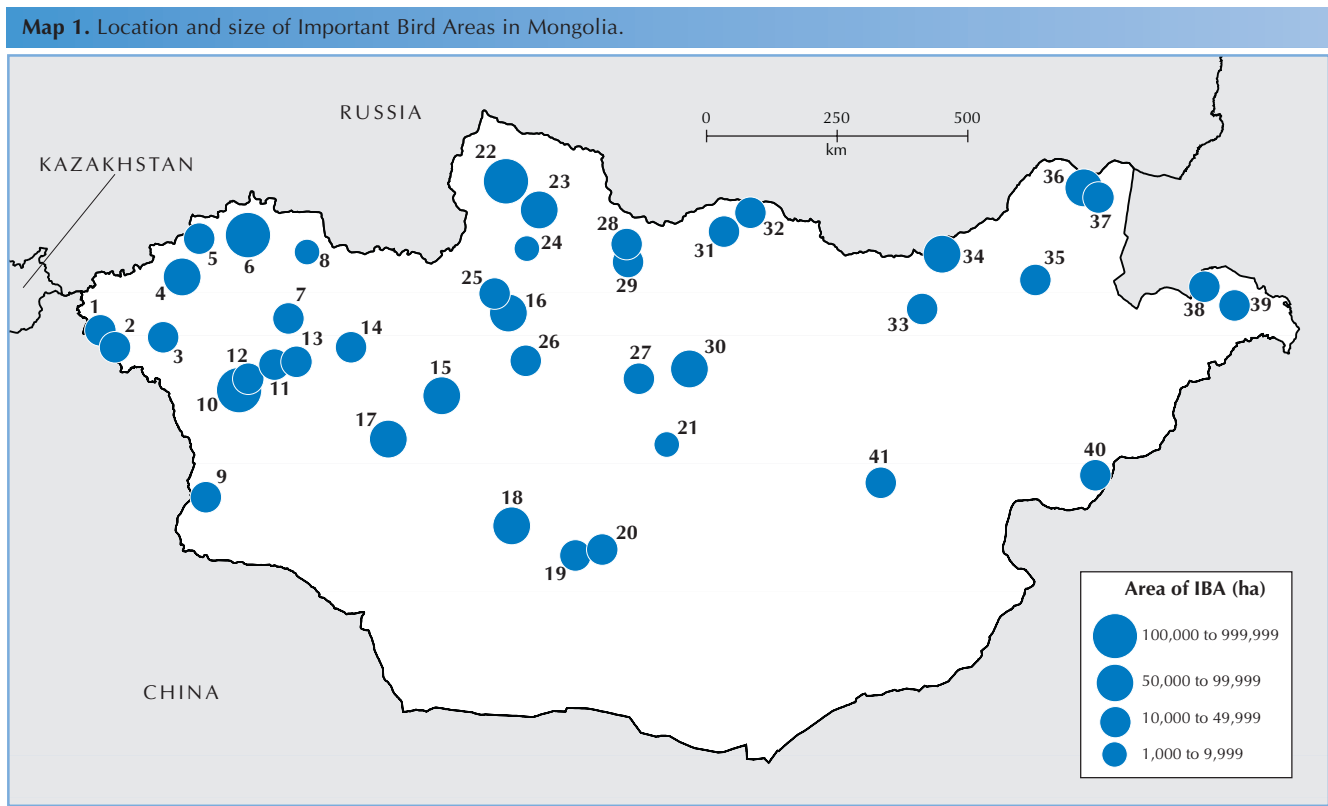
- Of Mongolia’s 41 IBAs, 12 (29%) are wholly within protected areas, four (10%) are partially protected, and 25 (61%) are unprotected. In terms of area, 44% of Mongolia’s IBA network is included within protected areas.

**SOURCES OF IBA DATA**

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**Table 1. Important Bird Areas in Mongolia.**

AP = IBA is wholly or partially an Asia-Pacific Waterbird Network site; BR = IBA is wholly or partially a Biosphere Reserve; R = IBA is wholly or partially a Ramsar Site; WH = IBA is wholly or partially a World Heritage Site

<b>1</b>	<b>Khoton Nuur and Khorgon Nuur at Altai Tavan Bogd National Park</b>	<b>Protected</b>	A1 A2 A3 A4i
Admin region Bayan-Olgii Coordinates 48°35'N 88°25'E Altitude 2,072–3,245 m Area 34,000 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland; Wetlands			
Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Saxicola insignis</i> Endemic Bird Areas s077: Mongolian mountains Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>2</b>	<b>Dayan Nuur at Altai Tavan Bogd</b>	<b>Protected</b>	A1 A2 A3 A4i
Admin region Bayan-Olgii Coordinates 48°20'N 88°50'E Altitude 2,232–2,671 m Area 20,800 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland; Wetlands			
Threatened species <i>Saxicola insignis</i> Endemic Bird Areas s077: Mongolian mountains Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane Congregatory waterbirds <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>3</b>	<b>Tolbo Nuur</b>	<b>Unprotected</b>	A1 A3 A4i
Admin region Bayan-Olgii Coordinates 48°32'N 90°06'E Altitude 2,079–2,594 m Area 24,400 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands			
Threatened species <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane Congregatory waterbirds <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> , <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			

Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Mongolia.		Partially protected <sup>R</sup>	A1	A3	A4i
<b>4</b>	<b>Achit Nuur</b>	Partially protected <sup>R</sup>	A1	A3	A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Bayan-Olgii; <b>Uvs</b> <b>Coordinates</b> 49°30'N 90°32'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,435–1,863 m <b>Area</b> 73,700 ha <b>Habitats</b> Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>, <i>Falco naumanni</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i> <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i></p>					
<b>5</b>	<b>Uureg Nuur</b>	Unprotected	A1	A3	A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Uvs <b>Coordinates</b> 50°07'N 90°57'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,425–1,911 m <b>Area</b> 44,800 ha <b>Habitats</b> Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>, <i>Falco naumanni</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i> <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i></p>					
<b>6</b>	<b>Uvs Nuur</b>	Protected <sup>R, BR, WH</sup>	A1	A3	A4i,iii
<p><b>Admin region</b> Uvs <b>Coordinates</b> 50°12'N 92°17'E <b>Altitude</b> 758–908 m <b>Area</b> 100,000 ha <b>Habitats</b> Desert; Forest; Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>, <i>Aquila clanga</i>, <i>Aquila heliaca</i>, <i>Falco naumanni</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i> <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>, <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>, <i>Anser anser</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Netta rufina</i>, <i>Bucephala clangula</i>, <i>Grus grus</i>, <i>Fulica atra</i>, <i>Charadrius dubius</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>, <i>Larus ichthyaetus</i></p>					
<b>7</b>	<b>Airag Nuur</b>	Protected <sup>R</sup>	A1	A3	A4i,iii
<p><b>Admin region</b> Uvs <b>Coordinates</b> 48°54'N 93°26'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,030–1,079 m <b>Area</b> 34,800 ha <b>Habitats</b> Desert; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i> <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Netta rufina</i>, <i>Aythya ferina</i>, <i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>, <i>Charadrius leschenaultii</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i></p>					
<b>8</b>	<b>Baga Nuur and Bayan Nuur of the Zuungovi</b>	Unprotected		A3	A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Uvs <b>Coordinates</b> 49°57'N 93°55'E <b>Altitude</b> 932–1,176 m <b>Area</b> 6,800 ha <b>Habitats</b> Desert; Wetlands  <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>, <i>Anser anser</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Netta rufina</i>, <i>Grus virgo</i>, <i>Grus grus</i></p>					
<b>9</b>	<b>Bulgan River</b>	Partially protected	A1		
<p><b>Admin region</b> Khovd <b>Coordinates</b> 46°03'N 91°24'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,133–1,751 m <b>Area</b> 36,800 ha <b>Habitats</b> Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Aquila heliaca</i>, <i>Falco naumanni</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i></p>					
<b>10</b>	<b>Khar Us Nuur</b>	Protected <sup>R</sup>	A1	A3	A4i,iii
<p><b>Admin region</b> Khovd <b>Coordinates</b> 47°45'N 92°10'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,157–1,452 m <b>Area</b> 140,400 ha <b>Habitats</b> Desert; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>, <i>Falco naumanni</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i>  <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>, <i>Casmerodius albus</i>, <i>Platalea leucorodia</i>, <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i>, <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>, <i>Anser anser</i>, <i>Anser indicus</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>, <i>Anas strepera</i>, <i>Anas penelope</i>, <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>, <i>Anas clypeata</i>, <i>Anas acuta</i>, <i>Anas crecca</i>, <i>Netta rufina</i>, <i>Aythya ferina</i>, <i>Aythya fuligula</i>, <i>Bucephala clangula</i>, <i>Mergus merganser</i>, <i>Grus grus</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>, <i>Calidris temminckii</i>, <i>Calidris subminuta</i>, <i>Larus ichthyaetus</i>, <i>Sterna caspia</i></p>					

Uvs Nuur (IBA 6) supports large numbers of congregatory waterbirds, including threatened species such as White-headed Duck *Oxyura leucocephala*. (PHOTO: SIMBA CHAN)



Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Mongolia.				
<b>11</b>	<b>Khar Nuur</b>		Protected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Khovd Coordinates 48°10'N 93°05'E Altitude 1,132–1,254 m Area 25,200 ha Habitats Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> , <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i> , <i>Anser anser</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Mergus merganser</i> , <i>Grus grus</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i> , <i>Sterna caspia</i>				
<b>12</b>	<b>Jargalant Khairkhan mountain</b>		Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3
Admin region Khovd Coordinates 47°56'N 92°24'E Altitude 1,219–3,796 m Area 15,600 ha Habitats Grassland; Rocky areas ■ Threatened species <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Saxicola insignis</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas s077: Mongolian mountains ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane				
<b>13</b>	<b>Khomyn tal</b>		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Zavkhan Coordinates 48°13'N 93°40'E Altitude 1,132–1,249 m Area 35,600 ha Habitats Desert; Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Larus relictus</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				
<b>14</b>	<b>Santmargatsyn Bayan Nuur</b>		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Zavkhan Coordinates 48°27'N 95°07'E Altitude 1,491–1,781 m Area 14,800 ha Habitats Desert; Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>				
<b>15</b>	<b>Otgontenger mountain</b>		Protected	■ A1 ■ A2 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Zavkhan Coordinates 47°40'N 97°30'E Altitude 2,140–3,905 m Area 95,500 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Saxicola insignis</i> ■ Endemic Bird Areas s077: Mongolian mountains ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert; AS05: Eurasian high montane ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anser indicus</i>				
<b>16</b>	<b>Telmen Nuur</b>		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Zavkhan Coordinates 48°56'N 99°21'E Altitude 1,789–2,305 m Area 51,600 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				
<b>17</b>	<b>Small lakes near Chamdmani Tolgoi, Jargalant soum</b>		Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Gobi-Altai Coordinates 47°00'N 96°05'E Altitude 1,482–1,696 m Area 50,400 ha Habitats Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				
<b>18</b>	<b>Boon Tsagaan Nuur</b>		Unprotected <sup>R</sup>	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Bayankhongor Coordinates 45°35'N 99°11'E Altitude 1,312–1,384 m Area 54,800 ha Habitats Desert; Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Larus relictus</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> , <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>				
<b>19</b>	<b>Orog Nuur</b>		Unprotected <sup>R</sup>	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Bayankhongor Coordinates 45°04'N 100°45'E Altitude 1,217–1,244 m Area 28,000 ha Habitats Desert; Wetlands ■ Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Larus relictus</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>				

White-naped Crane *Grus vipio* breeds in grassy marshes at several IBAs in eastern Mongolia. (PHOTO: SIMBA CHAN)



Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Mongolia.			
<b>20</b>	<b>Taatsiin Tsagaan Nuur</b>	Unprotected <sup>R</sup>	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Ovorkhangai Coordinates 45°08'N 101°26'E Altitude 1,234–1,478 m Area 15,600 ha Habitats Desert; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Larus relictus</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Pelecanus crispus</i>			
<b>21</b>	<b>Ulziitiin Sangiin Dalai Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Ovorkhangai Coordinates 46°42'N 103°17'E Altitude 1,704–1,863 m Area 4,000 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>22</b>	<b>Darkhad basin</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Khovsgol Coordinates 51°01'N 99°27'E Altitude 1,538–1,970 m Area 109,900 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Anas strepera</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i>			
<b>23</b>	<b>Khovsgol Nuur</b>	Protected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Khovsgol Coordinates 50°32'N 100°20'E Altitude 1,645–2,094 m Area 86,000 ha Habitats Forest; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anas formosa</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Aquila heliaca</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Grus monacha</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Mergus merganser</i>			
<b>24</b>	<b>Erkhel Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Khovsgol Coordinates 49°56'N 99°56'E Altitude 1,544–1,850 m Area 2,400 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			
<b>25</b>	<b>Khovsgoliin Sangiin Dalai Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Khovsgol Coordinates 49°15'N 99°00'E Altitude 1,889–2,612 m Area 16,500 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>			
<b>26</b>	<b>Terkhiin Tsagaan Nuur</b>	Protected <sup>AP,R</sup>	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Arkhangai Coordinates 48°10'N 99°45'E Altitude 2,060–2,703 m Area 26,800 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Mergus merganser</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>27</b>	<b>Ogii Nuur</b>	Unprotected <sup>AP,R</sup>	■ A1 ■ A4i,iii
Admin region Arkhangai Coordinates 47°46'N 102°42'E Altitude 1,332–1,454 m Area 15,200 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anas formosa</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Grus monacha</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> , <i>Vanellus gregarius</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Pelecanus crispus</i> , <i>Cygnus cygnus</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anser indicus</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Grus grus</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>28</b>	<b>Teshigiin Olon Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Bulgan Coordinates 49°54'N 102°40'E Altitude 983–1,525 m Area 12,800 ha Habitats Wetlands Threatened species <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Aquila heliaca</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Oxyura leucocephala</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Grus grus</i>			
<b>29</b>	<b>Airkhan Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Bulgan Coordinates 49°37'N 102°40'E Altitude 936–1,319 m Area 11,200 ha Habitats Artificial landscapes (terrestrial); Wetlands Threatened species <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Aquila heliaca</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Grus grus</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>30</b>	<b>Dashinchilen Bayan Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Bulgan Coordinates 47°51'N 104°03'E Altitude 1,088–1,164 m Area 50,200 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i> , <i>Grus grus</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>31</b>	<b>Selengiin Tsagaan Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Selenge Coordinates 49°57'N 105°21'E Altitude 662–1,077 m Area 18,000 ha Habitats Artificial landscapes (terrestrial); Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anser fabalis</i> , <i>Anser anser</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i>			
<b>32</b>	<b>Confluence of Orkhon and Selenge rivers</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Selenge Coordinates 50°12'N 106°08'E Altitude 594–894 m Area 26,800 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anas formosa</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anser fabalis</i> , <i>Anser anser</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i>			
<b>33</b>	<b>Valley of Khurkh-Khutien</b>	Unprotected <sup>R</sup>	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Khentii Coordinates 48°19'N 110°22'E Altitude 1,074–1,361 m Area 42,900 ha Habitats Artificial landscapes (terrestrial); Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anser erythropus</i> , <i>Aquila heliaca</i> , <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Grus monacha</i> , <i>Grus japonensis</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Podiceps cristatus</i> , <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anser fabalis</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i> , <i>Grus grus</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			
<b>34</b>	<b>Onon-Balj</b>	Partially protected	■ A1 ■ A4i
Admin region Khentii Coordinates 49°07'N 111°08'E Altitude 860–1,385 m Area 78,000 ha Habitats Forest; Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Anas formosa</i> , <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i> , <i>Aquila clanga</i> , <i>Aquila heliaca</i> , <i>Falco naumanni</i> , <i>Grus leucogeranus</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Grus monacha</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Aythya ferina</i> , <i>Bucephala clangula</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i> , <i>Grus grus</i>			
<b>35</b>	<b>Tsengeleg Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1 ■ A3 ■ A4i
Admin region Dornod Coordinates 48°27'N 113°28'E Altitude 825–896 m Area 25,000 ha Habitats Grassland; Wetlands Threatened species <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Grus vipio</i> , <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ Biomes AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ Congregatory waterbirds <i>Anser cygnoides</i> , <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i> , <i>Tadorna tadorna</i> , <i>Grus virgo</i> , <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>			

Table 1 ... continued. Important Bird Areas in Mongolia.				
<b>36</b>	<b>Mongol Daguur</b>	Partially protected <sup>AP,R</sup>	■ A1	■ A3 ■ A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Dornod <b>Coordinates</b> 49°43'N 115°15'E <b>Altitude</b> 610–821 m <b>Area</b> 65,000 ha <b>Habitats</b> Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Grus leucogeranus</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Grus monacha</i>, <i>Grus japonensis</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i>, <i>Vanellus gregarius</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i>, <i>Megalurus pryori</i> ■ <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>, <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>, <i>Anser fabalis</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Grus virgo</i>, <i>Grus grus</i>, <i>Grus monacha</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i></p>				
<b>37</b>	<b>Khukh Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1	■ A3 ■ A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Dornod <b>Coordinates</b> 49°31'N 115°35'E <b>Altitude</b> 566–615 m <b>Area</b> 13,200 ha <b>Habitats</b> Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Grus monacha</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i> ■ <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert  <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>, <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Aythya ferina</i>, <i>Grus virgo</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i></p>				
<b>38</b>	<b>Buir Nuur</b>	Unprotected <sup>R</sup>	■ A1	■ A3 ■ A4i,iii
<p><b>Admin region</b> Dornod <b>Coordinates</b> 47°46'N 117°48'E <b>Altitude</b> 583–609 m <b>Area</b> 43,200 ha <b>Habitats</b> Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Ciconia boyciana</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Anas formosa</i>, <i>Haliaeetus leucoryphus</i>, <i>Falco naumanni</i>, <i>Grus leucogeranus</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i>, <i>Larus relictus</i> ■ <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>, <i>Ardea cinerea</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i></p>				
<b>39</b>	<b>Tashgain Tavan Nuur</b>	Unprotected	■ A1	■ A3 ■ A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Dornod <b>Coordinates</b> 47°22'N 118°27'E <b>Altitude</b> 714–823 m <b>Area</b> 31,200 ha  <b>Habitats</b> Artificial landscapes (terrestrial); Grassland; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Aythya baeri</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Grus japonensis</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert  <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Tadorna tadorna</i>, <i>Anas strepera</i>, <i>Aythya ferina</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Grus virgo</i>, <i>Vanellus vanellus</i></p>				
<b>40</b>	<b>Ganga Nuur</b>	Protected <sup>R</sup>	■ A1	■ A3 ■ A4i
<p><b>Admin region</b> Sukhbaatar <b>Coordinates</b> 45°15'N 114°00'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,227–1,537 m <b>Area</b> 32,800 ha <b>Habitats</b> Desert; Wetlands  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Grus vipio</i>, <i>Otis tarda</i> ■ <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert ■ <b>Congregatory waterbirds</b> <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>, <i>Cygnus cygnus</i>, <i>Anser cygnoides</i>, <i>Tadorna ferruginea</i>, <i>Tadorna tadorna</i></p>				
<b>41</b>	<b>Ikh Nartiin Chuluu Nature Reserve</b>	Protected	■ A1	■ A3
<p><b>Admin region</b> Dornogobi <b>Coordinates</b> 45°43'N 108°38'E <b>Altitude</b> 1,200 m <b>Area</b> 43,740 ha <b>Habitats</b> Grassland; Rocky areas  <b>Threatened species</b> <i>Falco naumanni</i> ■ <b>Biomes</b> AS04: Eurasian steppe and desert</p>				