

**IBA CODE:** MN015

**IBA NAME:** JARGALANT KHAIRKHAN MOUNTAIN

**Aimag(s):** KHOVD **Criteria:** A1, A2, A3 **Area:** 162,264 ha

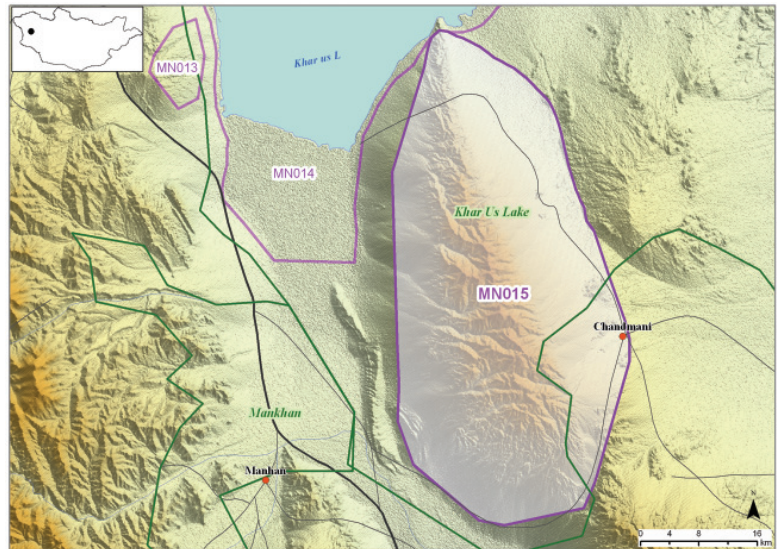
**Coordinates:** 47°56'N 92°24'E **Altitude:** 1,219-3,796 m

### Protection status

Partially protected by Khar Us Lake National Park

### Site description

Jargalant Khairkhan Mountain is an isolated extension of the Mongol Altai mountain range. Located in the middle of Khar Us Lake Depression, the diversity of habitats and wildlife at the site is rich in many ways. Habitats vary from high-mountain tundra, alpine meadows and high-mountain steppe to arid steppe. There is year-round grazing of domestic livestock, which is leading to degradation of the pastures and competition with the rare wild ungulates that occur there.



### Importance for birds

The site supports two Globally Threatened species, Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* (EN) and White-throated Bushchat *Saxicola insignis* (VU), as well as the Near Threatened Cinereous Vulture *Aegypius monachus* (NT). The site also supports species typical of the Eurasian steppe and desert and Eurasian high montane biomes, such as Altai Snowcock *Tetraogallus altaicus*. Finally, the site supports Mongolian Accentor *Prunella koslowi*, whose breeding range defines the Mongolian Mountains Secondary Area.

### Importance for other fauna and flora

Rare mammals found on the mountain include Argali *Ovis ammon* (NT), Siberian Ibex *Capra sibirica* and Snow Leopard *Uncia uncia* (EN). Goitered Gazelle *Gazella subgutturosa* (VU) occurs in the foothills, and Siberian Marmot *Marmota sibirica* (EN) occurs in the middle and lower part of the foothills. Rare plants, like Altai Onion *Allium altaicum* and Roseroot *Rhodiola rosea*, can also be found at the site.



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