

IBA CODE: MN022

IBA NAME: OTGONTENGER MOUNTAIN

Aimag(s): ZAVKHAN **Criteria:** A1, A2, A3, A4i **Area:** 88,753 ha

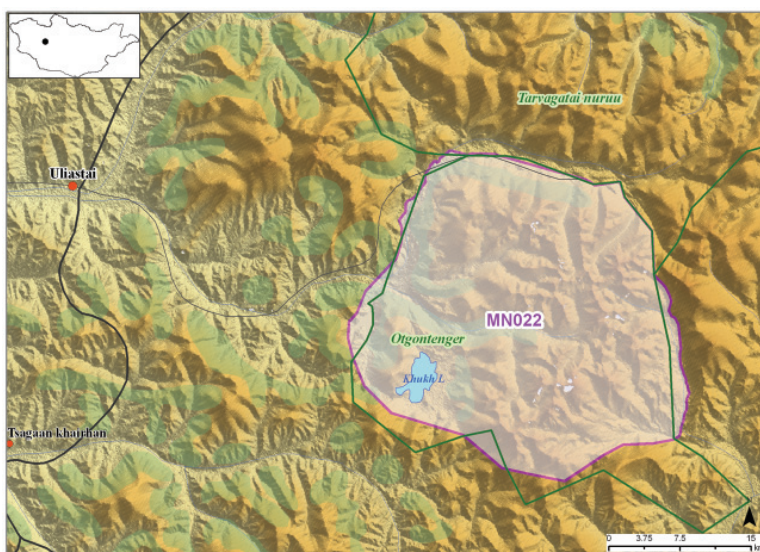
Coordinates: 47°40'N 97°30'E **Altitude:** 2,140-3,905 m

Protection status

Partially protected by Otgontenger Strictly Protected Area

Site description

Otgontenger Mountain is the highest peak in the Khangai mountain range, and is worshiped by local people. Habitats include steppe, arid steppe, forest steppe, broadleaf and coniferous forest with rich understorey, rocky slopes and ravines, and alpine tundra and peat lands near mountain peaks. The Shurgiin, Bogdin and Yaruugiin Rivers rise on the Otgontenger Mountain. Livestock are grazed in surrounding areas. There are medicinal hot springs in the area, which attract many people.



Importance for birds

Globally Threatened species include White-throated Bushchat *Saxicola insignis* (VU). The site supports assemblages of species restricted to the Eurasian steppe and desert, Eurasian high montane biomes and boreal forest (taiga) biomes. The site also supports Mongolian Accentor *Prunella koslowi*, whose breeding range defines the Mongolian Mountains Secondary Area. Bar-headed Geese *Anser indicus* breed, moult and occur in high

numbers during migration. Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos* and Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* also congregate in large numbers. Populations of all three species reach at least 1% of their flyway populations.

Importance for other fauna and flora

Rare species of mammal include Argali *Ovis ammon* (NT), Siberian Ibex *Capra sibirica*, Snow Leopard *Uncia uncia* (EN) and Siberian Marmot *Marmota sibirica* (EN).



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