

IBA CODE: MN040

IBA NAME: SELENGE - TEEL

Aimag(s): BULGAN **Criteria:** A1, A3 **Area:** 18,568 ha

Coordinates: 49°27'N 102°33'E **Altitude:** 940-980 m

Protection status

Unprotected

Site description

The site comprises summer pasture, which is grazed by livestock, and also private wheat fields and fallow. The site borders Namnangiin Uul Nature Reserve to the north and extends west until the valley narrows, east until Hutag Ondor Sum, and northeast to hills and the major road from Moron. The site also includes the valley northward to Jantsan Uul, and southern branches of the Selenge River. Threats to biodiversity include disturbance to nesting birds (due to a major road, the nearby large population centre of Hutag Ongor, and summer grazing), accidental destruction of eggs and nests by agricultural machinery, and, probably, poaching.

Importance for birds

The site is important for the Globally Threatened Great Bustard *Otis tarda* (VU). Significant numbers of Demoiselle Crane *Anthropoides virgo* gather in wheat fields before migration but this species is not thought to

meet the 1% threshold for IBA criterion A4i. The riparian forest along the Selenge River provides good habitat for many bird species during the breeding season and migration.

Importance for other fauna and flora

The nationally endangered Taimen *Hucho taimen* occurs in the Selenge River.

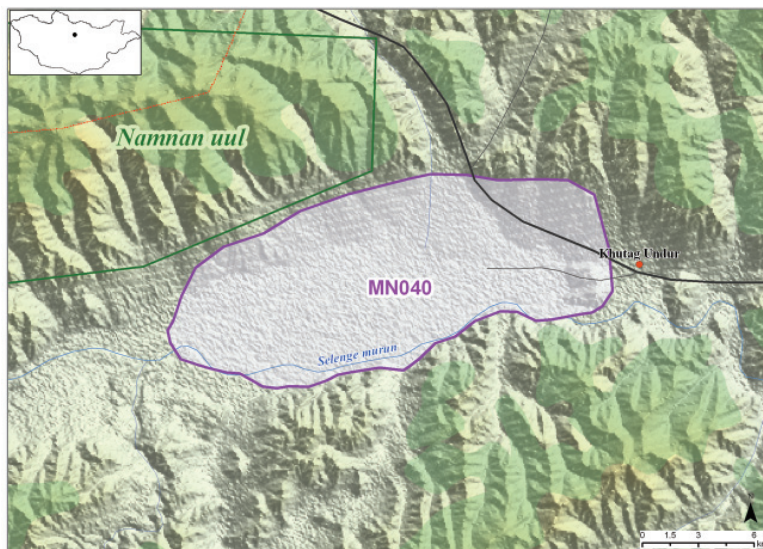


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