

**IBA CODE:** MN041

**IBA NAME:** SHARGA LAKE

**Aimag(s):** BULGAN **Criteria:** A1, A4i **Area:** 2,118 ha

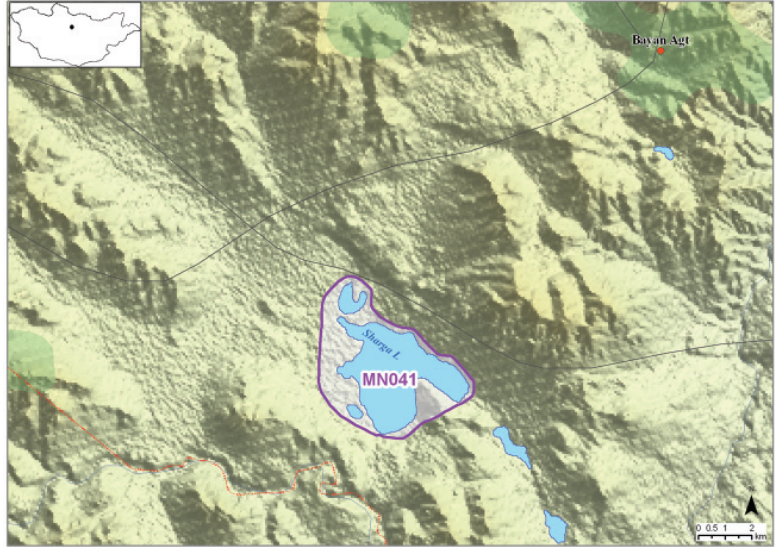
**Coordinates:** 48°55'N 101°57'E **Altitude:** 1,334 m

**Protection status**

Unprotected

**Site description**

The site is composed of a lake located in a beautiful valley. There is also a small shallow lake, rich in aquatic vegetation, separated by a narrow spit from the main lake. Many small pools are found along the western side of the lake. There is a high cliff along the southern shore of the lake. The north and northwestern shores of the lake have many peninsulas and inlets with good aquatic vegetation. The southern shore is sandy with fine gravel. The surrounding area is grassy steppe, where the main land use is livestock husbandry. There are no obvious potential threats to the site.



**Importance for birds**

Globally Threatened species occurring at Sharga Lake include Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides* (EN), Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* (EN), Lesser Kestrel *F. naumanni* (VU) and Pallas's Fish-eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (VU). Thousands of ducks and grebes use the site during migration, including Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps*

*nigricollis*. A recent count of 432 Black-necked Grebes exceeds 1% of the flyway population. The most common ducks at the site comprise Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*, Common Pochard *Aythya ferina* and Green-winged Teal *Anas crecca*.

**Importance for other fauna and flora**

No information on other fauna and flora is available.



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