

IBA CODE: MN047

IBA NAME: BORZON GOBI

Aimag(s): OMNOGOBI **Criteria:** A1, A3 **Area:** 399,467 ha

Coordinates: 42°20'N 105°30'E **Altitude:** 1,000-1,200 m

Protection status

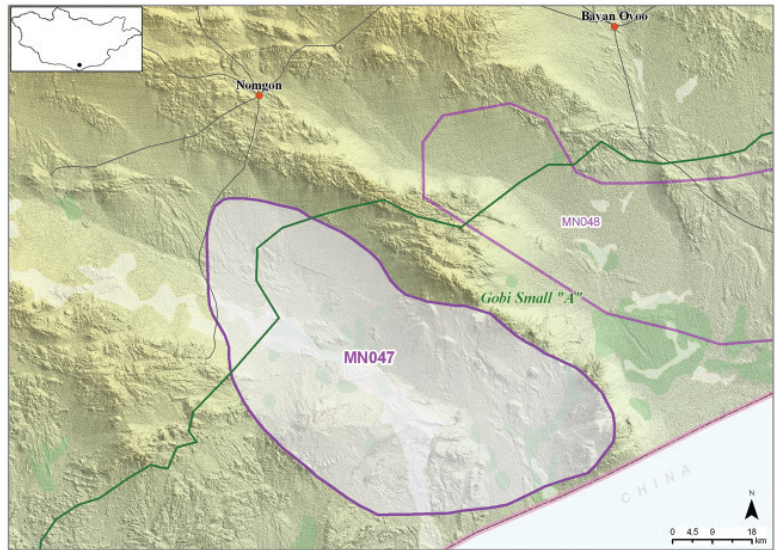
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Site description

The Borzon Gobi is a fine example of a desert landscape. The site is characterized by semi-desert steppe, valleys and plains with rolling hills, sand dunes, and dry river beds with elm and saxaul trees. Some rocky hills and oases are found in the area. Rocky hills and elms along the dry river beds provide good nesting habitats for large raptors and other birds, while the oases are important for thousands of migratory waterbirds, as well as other wildlife. Illegal hunting of ungulates and unsustainable cutting of saxaul trees for firewood are the main threats to biodiversity at the site.

Importance for birds

Globally Threatened birds found at the site include Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* (EN), Lesser Kestrel *F. naumanni* (VU) and Houbara Bustard *Chlamydotis undulata* (VU). The site also supports an assemblage of species restricted to the Eurasian steppe and desert biome, including Mongolian Ground Jay *Podoces hendersoni* and Saxaul Sparrow *Passer ammodendri*.



Importance for other fauna and flora

There are many rare and threatened wildlife species at the site, such as Asiatic Wild Ass *Equus hemionus* (EN), Goitered Gazelle *Gazella subgutturosa* (VU), Mongolian Gazelle *Procapra gutturosa*, Argali *Ovis ammon* (NT), Siberian Ibex *Capra sibirica*, Daurian Hedgehog *Mesechinus dauuricus* and Long-eared Jerboa *Euchoreutes naso*.



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