

# Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation

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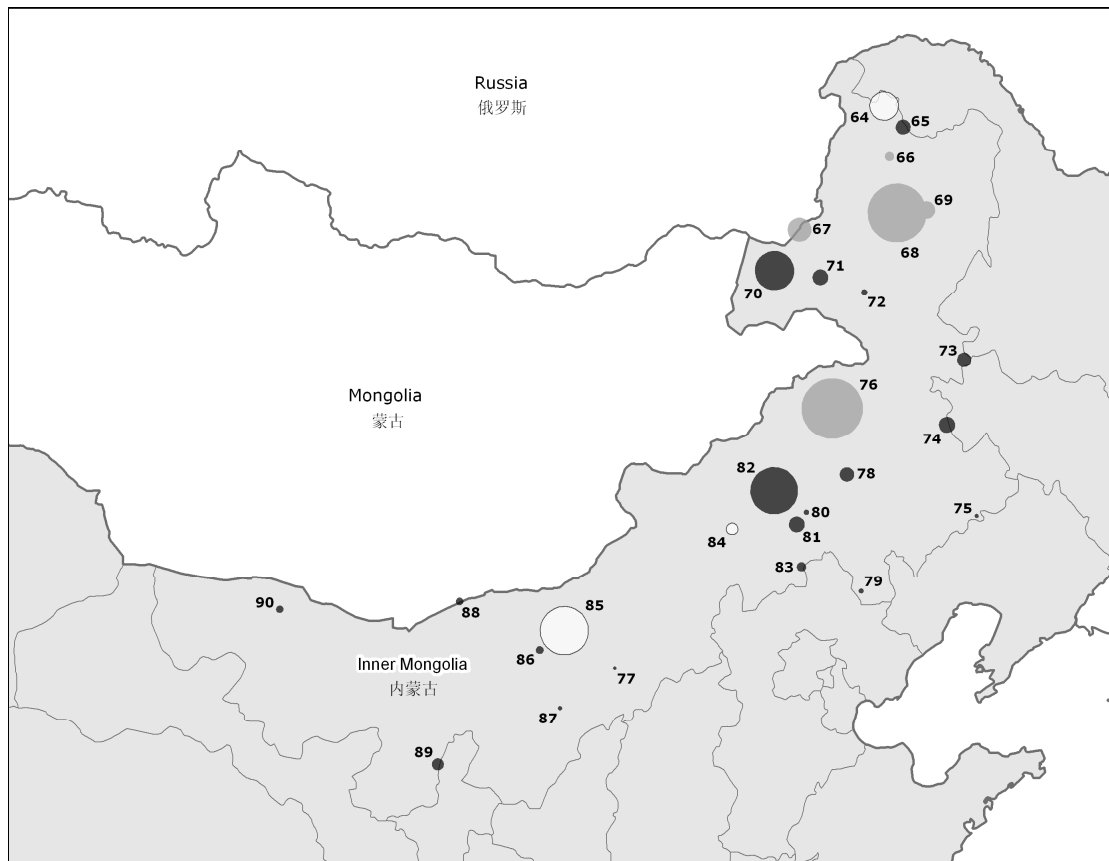
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## Important Bird Areas in Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region



IBAs are represented on the map as circles proportional to their areas.

Key: ● = Protected; ○ = Partially protected; ○ = Unprotected.



Nei Mongol Helan Shan Nature Reserve (CN089) is located in the highest mountain range in Inner Mongolia, which straddles the border with Ningxia Autonomous Region where another nature reserve has been established (CN174). (PHOTO: ZHONG JIA)

IBA CODE: CN064

NAME: Mangui

CRITERIA: A1 A3

AREA: About 385,000 ha

COORDINATES: 52°8'N 122°12'E

ALTITUDE: 700-1,236 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Mangui is adjacent to the northern Da Hinggan Ling mountains, and the northern and eastern parts of the site are on the border with Heilongjiang Province. The topography of the IBA is mountainous.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN)

BIOMES: AS03: North-east Asian temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Animals include *Rangifer tarandus*, *Alces alces* and *Gulo gulo*.

IBA CODE: CN065

NAME: Hanma Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3

AREA: 107,348 ha

COORDINATES: 51°35'N 122°42'E

ALTITUDE: 1,000-1,466 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1979, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 1996.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Hulun Buir League, 100 km from Genhe Town. This IBA is on the main ridge of the Da Hinggan Ling mountains, and it includes more than 10 tributories of the Taliya He river. The main vegetation type is northern temperate coniferous forest.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN)

BIOMES: AS03: North-east Asian temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Gulo gulo*, *Ursus arctos*, *Martes zibellina*, *Felis lynx*, *Alces alces*, *Cervus elaphus* and *Lepus timidus*. Important plants include *Triosteum himalayanicum*.

IBA CODE: CN066

NAME: Genhe

CRITERIA: A1 A3

AREA: 40,900 ha

COORDINATES: 51°0'N 122°0'E

ALTITUDE: 784-1,142 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Partially protected.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Genhe Town. There is extensive natural vegetation in the IBA, and *Larix gmelinii* and *Betula platyphylla* are the dominant species.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Anas formosa* (VU)

BIOMES: AS03: North-east Asian temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Moschus moschiferus*, *Lepus timidus*, *Cervus elaphus* and *Gulo gulo*.

IBA CODE: CN067

NAME: Huret

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: About 273,500 ha

COORDINATES: 49°48'N 118°27'E

ALTITUDE: 520-800 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes a county-level nature reserve (68,927 ha) which was established in 2000.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the north-eastern part of the Inner Mongolia Plateau. There are 19 significant freshwater and saltwater lakes in the IBA, which are surrounded by reedbeds and marshy habitats.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus monacha* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Animals include *Procapra gutturosa*, *Marmota spp.* and *Spermophilus dauricus*.

IBA CODE: CN068

NAME: Orqohan

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: About 1,640,000 ha

COORDINATES: 49°45'N 121°50'E

ALTITUDE: 900-1,243 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes the county-level Xiriteqi Nature Reserve (1,000 ha), which was established in 1986.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Orqohan Town, in the northern section of the Da Hinggan Ling mountains. There are many small rivers in the area and large areas of marshland.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Aquila heliaca* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Gulo gulo* and *Alces alces*.

IBA CODE: CN069

NAME: Nuomin-Bila He-Dayangshu

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 148,770 ha

COORDINATES: 49°40'N 122°50'E

ALTITUDE: 600-1,300 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes the county-level Nuomin Nature Reserve (22,181 ha), which was established in 1998.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the eastern slope of the Da Hinggan Ling mountains. The IBA is part of the watershed of the Nen Jiang river.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Mergus squamatus* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Anser erythropus* (VU), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Cervus elaphus*, *Alces alces* and *Felis manul*.

IBA CODE: CN070

NAME: Dalai Nur Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 740,000 ha

COORDINATES: 49°0'N 117°23'E

ALTITUDE: 550-700 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Dalai Nur National Nature Reserve (740,000 ha) in 1992. The reserve was designated in 2002 as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. It was also designated in 2002 as a 'Biosphere Reserve' under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the Hulun Buir Plateau. The northern tip of the IBA is a hilly area (at around 650-1,000 m), with flat land to the south (at around 550-700 m). The wetlands at Dalai Nur have extensive areas of reed and other water plants.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Falco naumanni* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Anser cygnoides*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN071

NAME: Huihe Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 120,000 ha

COORDINATES: 48°41'N 118°52'E

ALTITUDE: 700-800 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Huihe Nature Reserve was established in 1997, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2002.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Hulun Buir League, 30 km from Hailar City. The Huihe is a river which flows north-eastwards from the Da Hinggan Ling mountains to the Hailar He river. The IBA includes many shallow marshes, lakes and ponds, and this is one of the most important reed production area in Inner Mongolia.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus japonensis*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Paeonia lactiflora* and *Pinus sylvestris* var. *mongolica*. Nationally protected animals include *Felis manul*, *Procapra gutturosa*, *Lutra lutra* and *Lepus timidus*.

IBA CODE: CN072

NAME: Honggolj Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 20,085 ha

COORDINATES: 48°10'N 120°13'E

ALTITUDE: 780-1,113 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Honggolj Nature Reserve in 1998, to protect the forest of the area and to prevent desertification, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2003.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Hulun Buir League, 100 km south of Hailar City.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Pinus sylvestris* var. *mongolica* (the biggest forest of this species grown on arid zone in Asia), and animals include *Ursus arctos*, *Cervus elaphus*, *Lutra lutra* and *Lepus timidus*.

IBA CODE: CN073

NAME: Tumuji Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 94,830 ha

COORDINATES: 46°14'N 122°56'E

ALTITUDE: 180-450 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1996 to protect rare birds such as *Otis tarda* and *Grus japonensis*, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2002.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the north-eastern part of Inner Mongolia. The IBA lies within the Nen Jiang river region, and has extensive wetland habitats. It is an important breeding and staging site for birds.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.





Tumuji Nature Reserve (CN073) is one of the most important breeding grounds of Great Bustard *Otis tarda* in mainland China, and in the late 1990s the Northeast Forestry University and BirdLife Asia worked together to study and conserve the species there. (PHOTO: CHEN LIANG)

IBA CODE: CN074

NAME: Holqin Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 126,987 ha

COORDINATES: 44°54'N 121°57'E

ALTITUDE: 180-200 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Holqin National Nature Reserve in 1995.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Holqin Youyi Zhongqi (a district unit similar to a 'village'). The IBA includes the flood plain near the southern slopes of the Da Hingan Ling mountains, with large areas of marshland. The natural vegetation is well preserved in this area.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus leucogeranus* (CR), *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Grus monacha* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus japonensis*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: *Procapra gutturosa* occurs in this area.

IBA CODE: CN075

NAME: Daqinggou Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 8,183 ha

COORDINATES: 42°46'N 122°14'E

ALTITUDE: 168-253 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Daqinggou National Nature Reserve in 1998, after which facilities such as hotels and roads were constructed for tourists, which has caused serious disturbance to birds and their habitats.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the south-western part of Horqin Zuoyi Houqi, Jirem League, 25 km from Ganjig. The IBA includes a 24 km long valley, 200-300 m wide and 40-50 m in depth, which was formed by erosion caused by water flow. In the valley dense forest grows along the river banks, and the area was designated as a forest preservation area in 1952

and established as a forestry farm since 1958. Outside the valley the habitats are sand dunes, grassland and scrub.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected plants include *Quercus mongolica* and *Fraxinus mandshurica*.

IBA CODE: CN076

NAME: Ulgai

CRITERIA: A1 A4iii

AREA: About 1,800,000 ha

COORDINATES: 45°45'N 118°30'E

ALTITUDE: 890-1,020 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes the provincial-level Hesigechuor Nature Reserve (47,200 ha, established in 2001), and the provincial-level Inner Mongolia Ulgai Wetland Nature Reserve (615,650 ha, established in 2004).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Dong Ujimqin Qi of Xilin Gol League, 200 km from Xilinhot and 30 km from the town of Uliastai, on the eastern edge of the Inner Mongolia Plateau. The typical habitat is grassland, where *Otis tarda* breeds. Ulgai marshes are located along the Ulgai River in the eastern and southern sections of the grassland, and include riverine marshes, lakes and reservoirs.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: The grassland is important habitat for *Procapra gutturosa*.

IBA CODE: CN077

NAME: Hasuhai Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4iii

AREA: 5,360 ha

COORDINATES: 40°36'N 110°59'E

ALTITUDE: 0-989 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a county-level nature reserve in 1996.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Hasuhai is located on the flood plain of the northern bank of the Huang He (Yellow River), in an old channel of the river. The southern section of the lake has extensive reedbeds and bulrushes suitable for breeding birds, and the IBA is an important breeding and staging area for waterbirds. Over-fishing has caused serious disturbance to birds, and an increase in tourist activities is also affecting birds and their habitats.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Aythya baeri* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN078

NAME: Saihan UI Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 100,400 ha

COORDINATES: 44°14'N 118°36'E

ALTITUDE: 1,000-1,997 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Saihan UI Nature Reserve in 1998, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2000. This IBA was designated in 2001 (under the name 'Saihan Wula') as a 'Biosphere Reserve' under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the southern section of the Da Hinggan Ling mountains. The mountains in the IBA extend from north-east to south-west and average over 1,000 m, with the highest peak, named Wulanbashan, at 1,997 m. The vegetation is complex, with grassland and broadleaf forest.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: One hundred and forty *Naemorhedus goral* were discovered here in 1999.



IBA CODE: CN079

NAME: Wangyedian Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2

AREA: 12,500 ha

COORDINATES: 41°37'N 118°25'E

ALTITUDE: 1,090-1,750 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a city-level nature reserve in 1997.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Chifeng City, Harqin Qi. The main habitat in the IBA is secondary forest, and forest protection has allowed the regeneration of dense vegetation.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Turdus feae* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 136: Shanxi mountains

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Panthera pardus*, *Selenarctos thibetanus* and *Cervus elaphus*.

IBA CODE: CN080

NAME: Bayan Obo Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 13,862 ha

COORDINATES: 43°33'N 117°11'E

ALTITUDE: 1,300-1,500 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1979, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2000.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the north-western part of Hexigten Qi, Chifeng City, in the transitional area between the Da Hinggan Ling mountains and the Inner Mongolia Plateau.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Felis lynx*, *Procapra gutturosa* and *Cervus elaphus*.

IBA CODE: CN081

NAME: Dali Nur Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i,A4iii

AREA: 119,413 ha

COORDINATES: 43°19'N 116°50'E

ALTITUDE: 1,226-1,300 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Dali Nur National Nature Reserve in 1997.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Dali Nur is the third largest lake in Inner Mongolia, and is located in the eastern part of the Inner Mongolia Plateau. In the eastern part of the IBA, the main habitat is the forests in the Da Hinggan Ling mountains. In the southern and south-eastern parts there are sand dunes, and in the northern and north-western parts there are grasslands.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN, over 10,000 birds), *Grus japonensis* (EN), *Aquila clanga* (VU), *Falco naumanni* (VU), *Grus vipio* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Cygnus cygnus* (over 2,400 birds), *Anser cygnoides*, *Grus vipio*, *Fulica atra* (over 10,000 birds)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN082

NAME: Xilin Gol Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i,A4iii

AREA: 1,078,600 ha

COORDINATES: 44°8'N 116°18'E

ALTITUDE: 950-1,500 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1985, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 1997. Xilin Gol was designated in 1987 as a 'Biosphere Reserve' under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme, and the reserve joined the Chinese Man and Biosphere Reserve Network in 1993.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the eastern part of Inner Mongolia Plateau, asnd linked with the lower western part of the Da Hinggan Ling mountains. The main habitat in the IBA is grassland, with sparse woodland and scrub on sand dunes. There are meadows and marshes along the Xilin River and on lake shores.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN, 15,000 birds), *Grus vipio* (VU, over 7,000 birds in 1993), *Otis tarda* (VU)

BIOMES: AS03: North-east Asian temperate forest

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Cygnus cygnus* (20,000 birds in 1989), *Anser cygnoides*, *Grus vipio*, *Fulica atra* (annual average 30,000 birds)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: *Procapra gutturosa* and *Marmota* spp. are found in this area.

IBA CODE: CN083

NAME: Caimushan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 42,477 ha

COORDINATES: 42°22'N 116°47'E

ALTITUDE: 1,200-1,400 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1998.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the southern section of the Da Hinggan Ling mountains. The IBA has a high diversity of habitats, including forest, scrub, grassland, wetland, sand dunes, mountains and agricultural lands, and eight rivers flow through the area.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Anas formosa* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Panthra uncia*, *Procapra gutturosa*, *Felis lynx* and *Cervus elaphus*.

IBA CODE: CN084

NAME: Qagan Nur

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 64,800 ha

COORDINATES: 43°25'N 114°52'E

ALTITUDE: 1,010-1,150 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Not protected for its wildlife.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Xilin Gol, Abag Qi, 100 km from Xilinhot City. Qagan Nur is formed by two linked lakes, with 10,993 ha of open water.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Grus vipio* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN085

NAME: Damaoqi

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: About 1,100,000 ha

COORDINATES: 41°30'N 109°35'E

ALTITUDE: 1,100-1,700 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected, but there have been many studies of the grassland ecosystem and biodiversity in the IBA.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Damaoqi, northern Baotou City, with the Mongolian border to the north. The IBA comprises 85% desertified grassland.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Falco naumanni* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Procapra gutturosa*, *Canis lupus* and *Vulpes vulpes*.

IBA CODE: CN086

NAME: Ulansuhai Nur Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A4i A4iii

AREA: 29,333 ha

COORDINATES: 41°6'N 108°50'E

ALTITUDE: 1,000-1,017 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1998.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the eastern part of Houtao Plain. Ulansuhai is the second largest lake in Inner Mongolia, extending 35-40 km from north to south and 5-10 km from east to west, with more than 290 km<sup>2</sup> of open water. Emergent reeds and bulrushes cover 50% of the lake area, and these water plants separate the lake surface into several different sections. Ulansuhai supports one of the most important fisheries in Inner Mongolia.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (VU), *Falco naumanni* (VU), *Otis tarda* (VU), *Larus relictus* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Platalea leucorodia* (over 1,000 birds), *Fulica atra*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN087

NAME: Ordos Taolimiao-Alashanwan Haizi

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: 8,800 ha

COORDINATES: 39°48'N 109°20'E

ALTITUDE: 1,360-1,520 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1998, subsequently upgraded to Ordos National Nature Reserve. It was designated in 2002 (under the name 'Eerduosi National Nature Reserve') as a 'Wetland of International Importance' (or Ramsar site) under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located where the Mau Us Desert of the Ordos plateau meets the Hobq Desert. The IBA is in a transitional area between typical grassland and desertified grassland, but since 2004 the area has become much drier and it has been reported that the *Larus relictus* population has declined drastically.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Ciconia boyciana* (EN), *Anser cygnoides* (EN), *Larus relictus* (VU, over 10,000 birds in 1999, the largest population in the world)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Larus relictus*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN088

NAME: Nudeng

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 28,040 ha

COORDINATES: 42°14'N 106°31'E

ALTITUDE: 840-960 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a nature reserve in 1985, and expanded and upgraded to become Urad Saxaul Forest-Asian Wild Ass Nature Reserve (68,000 ha) in 2001.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Urad Houqi, Bayannur League, in the Alxa-Gobi desert.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Falco naumanni* (VU)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: *Haloxylon ammodendron* is distributed along the river bank and in the sandy area. Nationally protected animals include *Equus hemionus*, *Capra ibex*, *Felis lynx* and *Gazella subgutturosa*.

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NAME: Nei Mongol Helan Shan Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 67,700 ha

COORDINATES: 38°39'N 105°49'E

ALTITUDE: 1,500-3,500 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as Helan Shan National Nature Reserve (Nei Mongol) in 1992.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the eastern part of Alxa Zuoqi, 30 km from Bayanhot and 50 km from Yinchuan. Helan Shan, at 3,556 m, is the highest mountain in Inner Mongolia.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Falco naumanni* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 135: Qinghai mountains

BIOMES: AS03: North-east Asian temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Martes foina*, *Felis bieti*, *Felis silvestris*, *Felis lynx*, *Panthera uncia*, *Cervus elaphus* and *Pseudois nayaur*.

IBA CODE: CN090

NAME: Ejin Qidaoqiao Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1

AREA: 26,253 ha

COORDINATES: 42°0'N 101°10'E

ALTITUDE: 900-3,600 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 1986, and upgraded to a national nature reserve in 2003.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Alxa Zuoqi, 20 km east of Dalain Hob. The IBA includes the typical desert habitat of Central Asia.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Larus relictus* (VU, the type specimen of the species was collected in this area in 1929)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.