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Government of Mongolia
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Dear Minister Enkhbayar Jamdamba,

On behalf of BirdLife International and the Wildlife Science and Conservation Center of Mongolia (WSCC), we are pleased to express our support for the United Nations International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026.

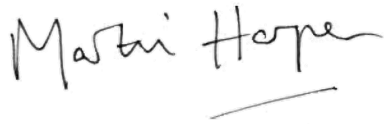
BirdLife International is the world's largest civil society partnership dedicated to conserving birds, their habitats, and the natural systems that sustain people and nature, uniting and strengthening efforts through a global network of over 120 national conservation organisations and millions of supporters. Our work spans science, site protection, policy advocacy, and community engagement to safeguard biodiversity and the essential ecosystems on which livelihoods depend. In Mongolia, our national BirdLife partner, the WSCC has a strong track record in wildlife research, monitoring, and outreach, and plays a vital role in advancing science based conservation and community engagement. Last year, BirdLife International and the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Mongolia signed a MOU on the conservation on migratory birds, emphasizing our common vision for protecting birds and the sites they depend on.

Grasslands are globally important landscapes for biodiversity, climate resilience, food systems, and pastoralist cultures. We welcome IYRP 2026 as a timely opportunity to elevate understanding of these values and to stimulate coordinated action. BirdLife International is committed to contributing to IYRP objectives through awareness raising activities, exchange of technical knowledge on grasslands conservation and restoration, and engagement in policy dialogues that link biodiversity, climate action, and pastoralist livelihoods.

BirdLife International intends to contribute staff time, technical expertise, and communications capacity to support IYRP related activities, and will explore opportunities to mobilise additional resources aligned with the priorities of the Year.

We commend the Government of Mongolia for its leadership in championing IYRP 2026, and we look forward to working with the IYRP Global Alliance, FAO, national partners, and stakeholders globally to ensure impactful and lasting outcomes beyond 2026.

Yours sincerely,



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