

H.E. Mr. Enkhbayar Jamdamba

Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI)
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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Geneva, 2 June 2025,

The International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026)

Dear Minister Jamdamba,

The [Global Rewilding Alliance](#) (GRA) hereby wishes to join the International Support Group (ISG) of the IYRP 2026.

Anchored in the [Global Charter for Rewilding the Earth: Advancing nature-based solutions to the extinction and climate crises](#), the Global Rewilding Alliance was founded by [The Wild Foundation](#) and [Re:wild](#) in 2020. The network of currently 250+ organisations works across Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, Latin America, North America and globally to protect and rewild 2.2 million km² of land and freshwater and 5 million km² of sea in 124 countries.

The aim as a global rewilding community is to maintain and restore the functionality of Planet Earth's ecosystems, on land, in freshwater, and across the oceans, showing how this benefits the well-being and prosperity of all sectors of society.

The GRA Secretariat is legally established under Swiss Law and our home address is with the International Institute for Sustainable Development, [IISD-Europe in Geneva](#). IISD is an award-winning independent think tank "working to create a world where people and the planet thrive".

The Global Rewilding Alliance is partner to the UN Decade on Ecosystem restoration, and our climate/biodiversity work has been incorporated in their 2030 [action plan](#). We have also been invited and joined the [High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People](#) as an official supporter.

In 2023/24, the GRA Secretariat participated in a [project](#), led by the UN University in Bonn, Germany, assessing how seven 'new' land and water management approaches, of which rewilding was one, could enhance the work of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), with a focus on their contribution to ecosystem health, food security, human

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well-being, and a set of socio-economic criteria, all with a reference to the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) concept.

A **GRA Rangelands Working Group** was formed in January 2025 consisting of representatives from the Biophilia Foundation (USA), American Prairie (USA), Rewilding America Now (USA), Rewilding Chile, Rewilding Argentina, Enonkishu Conservancy (Kenya), Southern Plains Land Trust (USA), Corbett Foundation (India), Altyn Dala (Kazakhstan), the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Nelson Mandela University (South Africa), Utrecht University (The Netherlands), the University of Cape Town (South Africa), and GRA Secretariat. A Position Paper and agenda called **"The Ecological Uplift"** serves as the foundation for our future work.

Recently contacts have been established with the FAO in Rome for future collaboration.

With expertise and practical experience in many fields, our primary aim is to join the IYRP Working Groups, especially those on Afforestation, Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Water.

Since the GRA has a global outreach and a significant capacity in communications and social media, we're also happy to support the IYRP Global Communications Team.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you to learn more of how we best could contribute to global goals of the IYRP 2026, and what the process is for joining the Working Groups, in particular.

With kind regards,

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cc:

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- Gregorio Velasco-Gil, AGAG, FAO
- Igshaan Samuels, Co-Chair IYRP Global Alliance for the IYRP

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