

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Towards the World Heritage nomination of the Eastern Mongolian steppes



Eastern Mongolian Steppe

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#### Background

The Eastern Mongolian Steppes are still in a largely natural state today. They are home to the complete inventory of native species. At the same time, the steppes play a crucial role in supporting the livelihoods of the Mongolian population, who practice mobile pastoralism. However, the flora and fauna of these areas and thus the livelihoods of the population are threatened by increasing resource extraction, transportation infrastructure and overgrazing. In order to ensure the protection and preservation of the steppes, the Mongolian government is striving to nominate the steppes as a World Heritage Site. German partners are supporting the nomination process.

#### Project details

The overarching goal of the project was to enhance conservation of the particularly valuable ecosystems of the temperate steppes of Eastern Mongolia. To this end, a complete dossier for the World Heritage nomination was developed together with various partners and experts. Through numerous workshops, meetings, and site visits in the region, the project team could raise awareness of World Heritage in Mongolia and emphasize the significance of using the World Heritage nomination as a conservation tool. During the course of the project, a model for the integrated management of the proposed serial World Heritage property was developed jointly with local partners. Challenges and threats to the area were also discussed and possible solutions were identified. The successful World Heritage nomination of the Eastern Mongolian Steppes will significantly contribute to the protection of Mongolia's rich biodiversity and the preservation of its vast, pristine landscapes.

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