

IBA CODE: MN006

IBA NAME: TOLBO LAKE

Aimags(s): BAYAN-OLGII **Criteria:** A1, A3, A4i **Area:** 16,334 ha

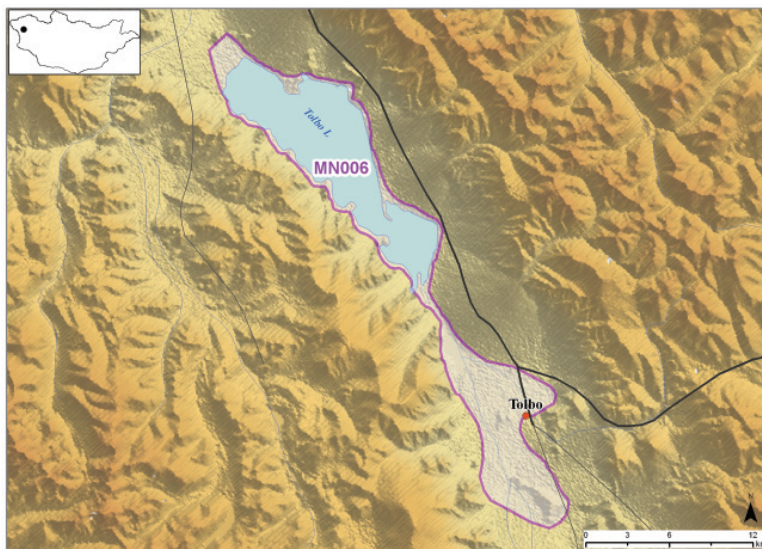
Coordinates: 48°32'N 90°06'E **Altitude:** 2,079-2,594 m

Protection status

Unprotected

Site description

Tolbo Lake is a freshwater lake located in Tolbo soum, Bayan-Olgii aimag. The west side of the lake has numerous inlets and peninsulas. Reed and tall grassy areas have become degraded by overgrazing. The lake is frozen from October to May. A warmer climate and many years of drought have resulted in a decrease in the water level. Illegal hunting threatens wildlife species in adjacent mountains. Uncontrolled fishing in winter is contributing to water pollution.



Importance for birds

The site is important for two Globally Threatened species: Pallas's Fish-eagle *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (VU); and Saker Falcon *Falco cherrug* (EN). The site supports assemblages of species restricted to the Eurasian steppe and desert and Eurasian high montane biomes. The site also supports at least 1% of the flyway populations of the following congregatory waterbird species: Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*; Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*; Bar-headed Goose *Anser*

indicus; Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*; Common Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula*; and Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*.

Importance for other fauna and flora

Grey Wolf *Canis lupus*, Red Fox *Vulpes vulpes* and Pallas's Cat *Felis manul* all occur at the site.



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