

IBA CODE: MN023

IBA NAME: ZAVKHAN RIVER - EREEN LAKE

Aimag(s): GOBI-ALTAI **Criteria:** A1, A4i **Area:** 65,735 ha

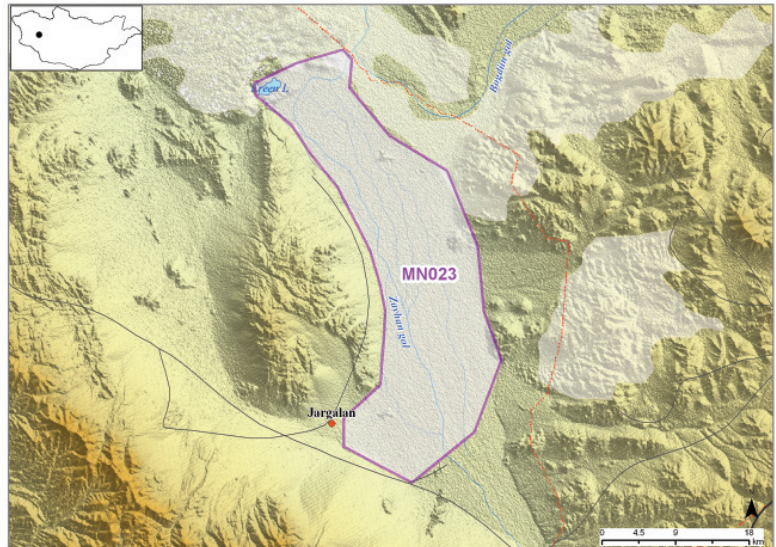
Coordinates: 47°00'N 96°05'E **Altitude:** 1,482-1,696 m

Protection status

Unprotected

Site description

The site is composed of several small lakes and a 12 km-wide wetland area surrounding Chandmani hill in Zavkhan River valley. There is a soum centre close to the site. The largest lake in the area is Ereen Lake, which is an important stopover site for Dalmatian Pelican *Pelecanus crispus*. Lakes, wet grassy meadows, and tall grassy areas provide excellent breeding habitat for a variety of birds. A tour camp is being built by the shore of Ereen Lake, which may cause disturbance to birds.



Importance for birds

Two Globally Threatened species are known from the site: Dalmatian Pelican (VU); and Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides* (EN). The site regularly supports at least 1% of the flyway populations of the following congregatory waterbirds: Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*; Dalmatian Pelican; Great Cormorant *Phalacrocorax*

carbo; Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*; and Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*.

Importance for other fauna and flora

The site is not known to have special significance for species other than birds.



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