

JOINT AGREEMENT TO CONSERVE THE PRZEWALSKI'S HORSE AND IT'S HABITAT IN THE DZUNGARIAN GOBI:

Agreement parties:

- A. *The Government of Mongolia*
- B. *International Takhi Group ITG*

Preamble

The two agreement parties, the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism (MNET) of Mongolia and the International Takhi Group (ITG) have through joint efforts and with the help of numerous partners and financial supporters, successfully reintroduced the Przewalski's horse (takhi) to the Dzungurian Gobi region of Mongolia. While the takhi was extinct in the wild at the onset of the collaborative project in 1990, it now roams freely in the Greater Gobi B Strictly Protected Area (GGB-SPA). The IUCN now lists the species in the "critically endangered" category – a spectacular success for Mongolia and its partners. However, the re-introduced takhi population in the Dzungurian Gobi is still small and restricted in range making them vulnerable to catastrophic events and stochastic effects. The partners agree that cooperation is essential in order to achieve a self-sustaining, free-ranging takhi population in the Dzungurian Gobi.

Common Vision: The Takhi, a national and globally important species, will be maintained as a self-sustaining, free-ranging population for present and future generations in the Dzungurian Gobi.

Agreement duration: This agreement will be valid from 01 January 2011 till the end of 2020 for 10 years and the parties will make decision to extend the agreement then.

Mutual duties for parties:

a) The Ministry of Nature Environment and Tourism representing the Government of Mongolia agrees to:

1. be responsible for the expenses for employees and administration and upkeep of the Przewalski horse re-introduction center. The expenses include amongst others: Wages, social insurances, accommodations, maintenance, basic supply of fuel and heating materials.
2. implement the 2010 management plan for the Greater Gobi Part B Strictly Protected Area.
3. maintain and improve the protection status of Gobi B Strictly Protected Area.
4. work towards implementing a single Takhi population management plan for Mongolia
5. provide technical, logistic assistance during natural disasters in the Great Gobi B SPA
6. facilitate intergovernmental exchange with the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Autonomous Region Xinjiang concerning transboundary linkage measures in the Dzungurian Gobi ecosystem

7. support transdisciplinary International-Mongolian research activities related to various aspects of the Dzungarian Gobi ecosystem (e.g. Takhi, Goitered Gazelle, Asiatic Wild Ass, Biodiversity Climate Change)
8. exempt necessary project equipment, tools, research materials, medical supplies from trading and custom taxes and fees.

b) The International Takhi Group agrees to:

1. support in the long-term the restoration and maintainance of Przewalski's horse in the GGB SPA
2. assist in raising funds to support mutually agreed-on projects relating to takhi restoration and maintenance
3. develop and implement state of the art research programs in the Dzungarian Gobi
4. guarantee that all research results are available in Mongolia
5. develop and provide training opportunities for Mongolian researchers
6. support the implementation of the GGB SPA 2010 management plan and environmental laws and regulations of Mongolia
7. maintain a permanent office in Ulaanbaatar city for daily operations. This bureau is officially registered as a non-government organization of Mongolia.

c) Mutual functions both parties agree to:

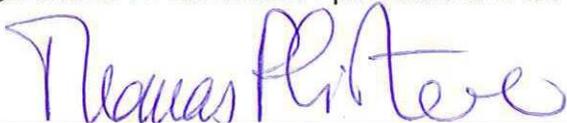
1. appoint a new SPA Director and senior staff in the GGB SPA conjointly between both agreement parties
2. cooperatively evaluate management plans and develop future management plans and conservation strategies
3. keep each other informed of strategic and XX decisions related to the GGB SPA in a timely manner
4. facilitate Mongolian-International research cooperation
5. facilitate exchange of scientists
6. cooperate with other organizations related to environment protection in Mongolia (GEF, WWF, GTZ, IUCN)
7. closely cooperate with the Przewalski's horse re-introduction project of Hustai Nuruu National Park
8. facilitate local stakeholder empowerment and involvement in the management of the GGB SPA
9. develop programs and assist in raising funds to support socio-economic issues in local communities and herders in the Dzungarian Gobi (e.g. Eco-tourism, alternative income schemes)

The parties should honorably fulfill their duties under the agreement to implement the project, which is significant to Global community.

The agreement is made in Mongolian and English and will be valid from the date the both parties sign on.

The agreement is concluded in Ulaanbaatar city

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