Chile has designated Humedales Costeros de la Bahía de Tongoy (coastal wetlands of the Bay of Tongoy, Ramsar Site no. 2361) as a Wetland of International Importance.

Bahía de Tongoy is located within the biodiversity hotspot of the Mediterranean region of central Chile. It comprises three coastal wetlands – Salinas Chica, Salinas Grande and Pachingo – as well as dune and plains ecosystems.

At the regional level, the Site is part of a series of wetlands in arid areas that serve as a refuge and feeding site for more than 46 locally and internationally threatened species, including the Atacama toad (*Rhinella atacamensis*) and the endangered small tern (*Sterna lorata*), as well as numerous migratory birds from both north and south.

The Site provides important ecosystem services for nearby human communities; in addition to providing water for agriculture and goat livestock, it is supporting the early development of ecological tourism.