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**Section B
“Request for Funding” Form**

Note. Please complete and enclose both Section B.1 “Project Summary and Endorsement Form” and Section B.2 “Detailed Project Proposal”, following the section structure and guidance provided below on what to include in each section of the proposal. Thank you.

**Section B.1
Project Summary and Endorsement Form**

Please fill in sections a, b, c, f, g, h and i, and either section d or section e.

- a. Country requesting support: 17.800\$
- b. Title of project proposal: **Conservation through improving the cooperation of local people, stakeholders, fisher man and the tour companies of Ogii lake Ramsar Site in Mongolia**
- c. Category of assistance requested (please consult the Operational Guidelines and indicate one option only):

Contracting Parties:

- ✓ Implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024. Please indicate relevant Goals and Targets (s):

Our project covers following Targets and Strategic goals of Ramsar Convention Strategic 2016-2024: Strategic Goal 1: Target 1 and 3, Strategic Goal 2: Target 5, and Strategic Goal 3: Target 10 and 13.

Please fill in **either** section **d** or section **e** below:

- d. If the financial support sought from the NWF is requested to carry out part of a larger project, please indicate:
 - Title of the main project:
 - Duration of the main project:
 - Total cost of the main project:
 - Amount requested from the NWF:
 - Have the main project and the other funds been approved: Yes No
 - If yes, please indicate the sources of these funds, showing whether the source is in-country or external:

- e. If the proposed project is a stand-alone activity, please indicate:
- Duration of the activities to be covered by NWF grant: 1 year
 - Amount requested from the Ramsar NWF: 17,800 US\$
 - Other financial contributions (including in-kind) – indicate whether these are from in-country or external sources: In country
- f. Name, address (including phone/fax numbers and e-mail address) and website of the recipient agency, i.e. the institution responsible for the project, specifying the name and contact details of the person responsible for preparing and executing the project.

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- g. Summary (maximum 500 words)
Describe background, justification, objectives and intended follow-up. Indicate if the project will be carried out in a Ramsar site(s) or how it otherwise contributes to the implementation of the Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 and the fulfillment of its objectives:

The site was included in the list of Wetlands of International Importance on July 6, 1998. The total covering area is 2.510 hectares and the Ramsar registration number is 955. Coordinates: 47°46'N; 102°46'. The site is a part of the site network of ducks, geese and swan (Anatidae). Ogi Lake holds a significant proportion of the global breeding population of the Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides*, Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*, and many species of water birds including threatened shore birds such as Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*, Relict Gull *Larus relictus*. The lake has maximum depth of 16 m, however 40% of the lake area is not more than 3m in depth. The lake is used by local residents and livestock for drinking water and also tourism, especially fishing, which is quite well developed. But during the last few years, the size of the wetland was decreased due to **density of local families and their livestock and unsustainable tourism including unregulated fishing**. Also, the number of breeding waders such as Asian Dowitcher and other endangered wetland bird species have declined due to habitat loss (illegal and unregulated fish hunting) and marshy areas where shorebirds breed have been destroyed by the livestock. It is very important to understand the importance of the wetlands for local people, tour camps, resorts and the stakeholders in this region. **Poor understanding of wetland conservation** is the another big threat and we need to improve the knowledge on wetland conservation of the local people. The **goal of the project** is improvement of the Ogi Lake wetland conservation, with the cooperation of stakeholders, tour companies and local herders so that the site is better managed to avoid emerging threats to this internationally important wetland. The project proposal is fully comply main criteria of goals at the Nagao Wetland Fund and Ramsar Strategic Plan (2016-2024) requirements and the total project budget is 17,800 US\$ from which 200\$ USD will be provided from other sources.

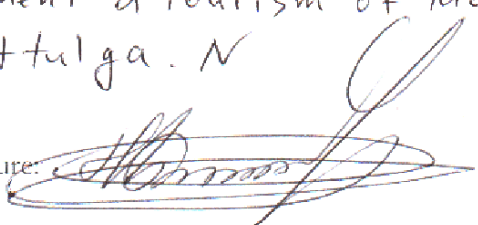
- h. Endorsement of this project application by the Ramsar Administrative Authority:**
Please confirm the importance of this proposed project in relation to your national Ramsar Convention implementation priorities. **Please tick (✓) only one of the following statements:**

1. The project's outcomes will deliver significantly increased implementation capacity for a high national priority.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OR	
2. The project's outcomes will deliver increased implementation capacity for a lower national priority.	<input type="checkbox"/>
OR	
3. The project's outcomes will not directly lead to increased implementation capacity.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Institution/Agency: *Director, Division of River Basin management, Ministry of Environment & Tourism of Mongolia*

Name/Title: Ramsar Administrative Authority *Battulga. N*

Date: 28 / 12 / 2016

Signature: 

Please return this form along with the Detailed Project Proposal to:
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Section B.2

Structure and contents of Detailed Project Proposal

Notes:

- i) Please follow the section headings and sequence and the guidance for what to include in each section.
- ii) Please use a maximum of **five (5) pages** (A4 size paper) to provide detailed information on your proposal, following the headings and instructions given below. Please do not use margins of less than 1.5 cm, and do not use letters smaller than 10-point font size.

Details of proposal

A. Background and justification

Background information should provide basic factual and descriptive information to put the problem(s) in its local, provincial, national, or regional context, including relevant sectoral information, government objectives, policies, plans, and ongoing programmes. The amount of background information presented should be limited to what is essential to understand the current circumstances. Describe briefly the human population living in the project area and, if the project will be carried out at a certain location, the site should be described and ideally a map should be attached to show the location.

Ogii Lake is one of the two Ramsar sites that have no State Government protection in Mongolia (Oyungerel, 2004). It is protected by local governor in 2006. The site was included in the list of Wetlands of International Importance on July 6, 1998 and designated as Important Bird Area (MN042) in 2009 (Nyambayar and Tseveeniyadag, 2009). The total covering area is 2,510 hectares and the Ramsar registration number is 955 (Ramsar National Report, 2012). The site is a part of the site network of ducks, geese and swan (Anatidae). Ogii Lake holds a significant proportion of the global breeding population of the Swan Goose *Anser cygnoides*, Bar-headed Goose *Anser indicus*, and many species of water birds including threatened shore birds such as Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*, Relict Gull *Larus relictus*. The lake has maximum depth of 16 m, however 40% of the lake area is not more than 3m in depth. The lake is used by local residents and livestock for drinking water and also tourism, especially fishing, which is quite well developed (Report of project “Conservation of Ogii Lake Ecosystem” 2006). But during the last few years, the size of the lake was decreased due to **density of local families and their livestock and unsustainable tourism including unregulated fishing**. Main marshy area in western part of the lake has been dried out due to density of livestock. There are nearly 20,000 livestock from 55 local families is grazing all the year around (Erdenetuya, 2015). Unsustainable tourism has been affected to the habitat of the lake and domestic tourists make many rubbish points and camping near the lake during the wetland breeding bird seasons. And also, illegal fishing is increased last years and fisher men leave the fishing net in the lake and kills many fishes and birds (Baldandorj, Ts et al. 2012). Therefore, the number of breeding waders such as Asian Dowitcher and other endangered wetland bird species have declined due to

habitat loss (illegal and un regulated fish hunting) and marshy areas where shorebirds breed have been destroyed by the livestock. It is very important to understand the importance of the wetlands for local people, tour resorts and the stakeholders in this region. **Poor understanding of wetland conservation** is the another big threat and we need to improve the knowledge on wetland conservation of the local people. The **goal of the project** is improvement of the Ogi Lake wetland conservation, with the cooperation of stakeholders, tour companies and local herders so that the site is better managed to avoid emerging threats to this internationally important wetland. The project proposal is fully comply main criteria of goals at the Nagao Wetland Fund and Ramsar Strategic Plan (2016-2024) requirements (COP12, Ramsar Strategic Plan, 2015).

B. The problem(s) to be addressed

In this section identify the problem(s) that can usefully be addressed by this project and covered by the objectives described in section C. Determine the underlying causes of the problem(s) and the aspects that can be addressed by this proposal with NWF support.

Main threats on Ogi Lake wetland are:

1. Density of local families and their livestock
2. Un consensual tourism including unregulated over fishing
3. Poor understanding of wetland conservation and values

C. Objective(s)

General Objective(s):

Please study the Ramsar Convention Strategic Plan 2016-2024

(http://www.ramsar.org/library/field_document_type/resolutions-and-recommendations-530/field_tag_body_event/conference-of-contracting-parties-366/field_tag_body_event/cop12-punta-del-este-2015-509) and indicate the issues that are being addressed in this project, and to which Goals and Targets of the Plan they relate.

Our project covers following Targets and Strategic goals of Ramsar Convention Strategic 2016-2024:

Strategic Goal 1: Addressing the Drivers of Wetland Loss and Degradation

1. Wetland benefits are featured in national/local policy strategies and plans relating to key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure,
3. The public and private sectors have increased their efforts to apply guidelines and good practices for the wise use of water and wetlands.

Strategic Goal 2: Effectively Conserving and Managing the Ramsar Site Network

5. The ecological character of Ramsar sites is maintained or restored, through effective planning and integrated management.

Strategic Goal 3: Wisely Using All Wetlands

10. The traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities relevant for the wise use of wetlands and their customary use of wetland resources are documented, respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention, with a full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities at all relevant levels.

13. Enhanced sustainability of key sectors such as water, energy, mining, agriculture, tourism, urban development, infrastructure, industry, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries, when they affect wetlands, contributing to biodiversity conservation and human livelihoods.

Specific Objective(s):

The objective states the results to be achieved by the project. These results should address and solve the problems and issues identified in Section B. Objective statements should define the intended results that should have been achieved by the end of the project. For clarity and ease of understanding, objectives should be written in standard grammatical patterns and phrases, e.g., ...to develop the management and governance of a wetland..., ...to achieve the wise use of..., ...to raise awareness of wetland values..., ...to reinforce the capacity of institutions to..., ...to identify the wetlands..., etc.

1. To organize the parties meeting with local herders and the Ogii soum (town) governors to explain the importance of Ogii lake wetland area
2. To develop an agreement on **wise use of wetland** and the pasture management on **traditional knowledge** for breeding season of ground nesting bird species
3. To develop the sustainable fishing management
4. To develop the further cooperation of main parties around the wetland
5. To produce brochures about Ogii lake wetland importance.
6. To increase the public awareness on knowledge of wetland conservation through organizing the conservation events

D. Outputs

Outputs are results or products of the project to achieve an objective. Several outputs may be necessary to enable the achievement of an objective. The vocabulary used should describe the finished products or a completed result, e.g., “a management plan”, “a feasibility study”, “trained personnel”.

1. An agreement on pasture management
2. Management plan on sustainable tourism and fishing
3. Brochures on understanding of conservation and values of Ogii Lake wetland

E. Activities

Explain all the activities that will be undertaken to produce each output. Explanation of the activities should be detailed and analytical so that at the end of this section the methodology of the project is clear. The vocabulary used should describe actions that will be taken, e.g., “conduct training”, “consultation with ministries”, “organize seminars”. A full description of how these activities will be carried out should be provided, including details such as, for example, the person and organization executing the activity, sampling or monitoring methodologies, types of materials to be produced, number of publications to be printed, number of people attending workshop, cost of food and accommodation, etc.

Threat 1: Density of local families and their livestock:

Activity 1: To organize the parties workshop with local herders and the Soum (town) governors to explain the importance of wetland areas in Ogii Lake and talk about that how to establish the effective conservation and sustainable pasture management during the breeding season of the wetland bird species.

Activity 2: To produce an agreement on **wise use of wetland** and the pasture management based on **traditional knowledge** for breeding season of ground nesting bird species. Because basically, Mongolia has very good culture on how to wisely use the pasture for sustainable use.

Threat 2: Unsustainable tourism and unregulated over fishing

Activity 3: Working group will prepare the draft management plan for following workshop

Activity 4: To organize workshop with Division of River Basin Management, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, local tourist camps and resorts, local fisherman, local rangers and the Soum (town) governors to explain the importance of wetland areas in Ogii Lake and talk about that how to establish the sustainable tourism and wise use of wetland.

Activity 5: To organize the meeting and training with Ogii Lake Information Center, Tourist Camps and local Governor to improve their further cooperation on wise use of Ogii Lake Wetland.

Threat 3: Poor understanding of wetland conservation and values

Activity 6: To produce the brochures on wetland conservation for school kids in Ogii soum and local people.

Activity 7: To organize the face to face meeting with every local families who live in/near the Ogii Lake wetland to explain the effective conservation and wise use of the wetland and will distribute the brochures.

Activity 8: To organize the World Bird Migratory Day and Water Bird Census training for local people and tour camps and provide bird guide booklet.

F. Logical frame of the project

Use the table below to summarize the activities undertaken to produce each output and to reach each objective. This table should be consistent with the paragraphs B, C, D and E above. It will be used to assess the project's progress.

Problems/ threats	Objectives	Outputs	Activities
1. Density of local families and their livestock due to overgrazing and disturbance on breeding water birds	To organize the parties meeting with local herders and the Ogii soum (town) governors to explain the wise use of Ogii lake wetland area and discuss about the traditional knowledge that how to reshape the effective pasture management to protect the wetland and ground nesting species during their breeding season. To help them to make an agreement on pasture management based on traditional knowledge between Ogii soum governors and local herders. In this way, we can reduce the density of local families and the livestock (overgrazing) around the wetland area during waterbird breeding seasons.	An agreement on wise use of wetland and the pasture selection during the ground nesting bird seasons This outputs will implement the Strategy Goal 3: wisely using all wetlands of the Convention plan 2016-2024	1.1 Project team involving Ogii soum governors and local herder man 1. 2 Preparing the meeting 1. 3 Project team prepare the presentation on wetland habitats and nesting wetland bird conservation 1. 4 Discussing the draft agreement plan on wise use of wetland and traditional knowledge on pasture selection 1. 5 Review of the draft agreement plan by the project team

2. Unsustainable tourism and fishing	<p>To organize workshop with all stakeholders to explain the importance of wetland areas in Ogii Lake and talk about that how to establish the sustainable tourism and wise use of wetland.</p> <p>To organize the meeting and training with Ogii Lake Information Center, Tourist Camps and local Governor to improve their further cooperation on wise use of Ogii Lake Wetland.</p>	Sustainable tourism and fishing management plan and further cooperation.	<p>- Project team involving Division of River Basin Management, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, local tourist camps and resorts, local fisher man, local rangers, Ogii Lake Information Center, the Soum (town) governors and 4 experts.</p> <p>- Preparing the draft plan</p> <p>- Review of the draft management plan by the project team</p>
3. Poor understanding of wetland conservation and values	<p>To organize the face to face meeting with every local families who live in/near the Ogii Lake wetland to explain the effective conservation and wise use of the wetland and will distribute the brochures and calendars.</p> <p>To organize the World Bird Migratory Day and Water Bird Census training for local people and tour camps, school kids and students from Universities.</p>	Brochures and calendars Local people knowledge on wetland conservation will be improved Celebration on migratory bird day and training will be organized and bird guide booklet will be provided.	<p>1.1 Project team organize the trip to every local family who live in/near the Ogii Lake wetland</p> <p>1.2 Preparing the draft brochures</p> <p>1.3 Preparing the calendars</p> <p>1.4 Preparing the bird guide booklet on migratory and water birds for the events</p>

G. Project management arrangements and stakeholders

A plan or flow chart for management and implementation arrangements of the project should be prepared. This section should include information on the agency or body executing the project, describe institutional and technical capacities to undertake the work, and indicate the monitoring and evaluation procedures to ensure that the objectives are met. It should also include an identification of the stakeholders concerned by the project. If the implementing agency is not the Ramsar Administrative Authority, general information on the implementing agency should be provided, including details about its institutional and/or working relations with the Administrative Authority.

Project team involved the Division of River Basin Management, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, Ogii Lake Information Center, the Soum (town) governors, representatives of local tourist camps and resorts in Ogii lake, and representatives of local fisher man in Ogii lake, head of local communities, local rangers, and Mongolian Bird Conservation Center to the flow chart of the project.

Project implementing agency is Mongolian Bird Conservation Center. One of the main strengths of the organization is the extensive experience in multi-faceted bird research, that is possessed by our scientists and researchers. Our researchers are capable of conducting various wildlife studies, including; breeding ecology, wildlife habitat use relating with nomadic families, community based studies, transect surveys and rapid biodiversity assessments, nest monitoring, various bird species capture and marking, satellite and radio tracking etc. Researchers from Mongolian Bird Conservation Center NGO will implement the project. Our researchers are members of the *World Conservation Coaches Network* and produced the management plans of two wetland protected

areas in western Mongolia. This plan requires community based knowledge and practice. Our researcher participated in the Flyway and Wetland Site Manager Workshop in East and Southeast Asia which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 25-29 August 2014 to share his information and experience. We also participated in the research of biodiversity of the Ganga lake Ramsar site and its surrounding wetlands in 2013 and produced the recommendations to mitigate the threats on Ganga wetlands (Gankhuyag *et al*, 2013). We closely work with Environmental department of Ulaanbaatar Capital governor and organize the winter bird census and training for rangers around the Ulaanbaatar. Our researchers have been conducted several survey on breeding endangered water birds in ponds in Ulaanbaatar and produced articles on “Toodog” Mongolian Ornithological Journal (Gankhuyag *et al*, 2016) and those ponds are locally protected based on our recommendations.

H. Work Plan

A schedule should be presented for production of all the outputs of the proposed project during the life of the project. This work plan should indicate the order in which activities will be undertaken so as to show the sequence and relationship between activities.

Outputs & Key Activities	Months											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Output 1: An agreement on pasture management												
Activity 1:												
Activity 2:												
Output 2: Management plan on sustainable tourism and fishing												
Activity 3:												
Activity 4:												
Activity 5:												
Output 3: Brochures and public awareness on understanding of conservation and values of Ogii Lake wetland												
Activity 6:												
Activity 7:												
Activity 8:												
Activity 9: Meeting to discuss result of the project and to produce the Justification of Ogii Lake to include the State Protected Area Network.												

I. Budget

The NWF provides a maximum of US Dollars (USD) 18,000 per strategic project or activities to support projects submitted by non-Contracting Parties to assist with their accession.

Please provide the budget costs in **your local currency and converted to US Dollars (USD) – but NOT in any other currency**. Please distinguish between the amounts to be covered by the NWF grant and by counterpart funding (if any). If there is counterpart funding, please indicate whether the funds have been secured and, if so, from which organization these funds will come. Also, distinguish clearly between counterpart funds coming from, or proposed to come from, sources within and from outside the country.

In this section a detailed budget, consistent with the previous sections, in particular with the activities described, should be presented. All items (especially salary costs) for which support is requested from the NWF must be justified in the activity section. Please include unit costs (e.g., monthly salaries, number of copies and unit cost of publications, etc.) where appropriate. Present the budget for a one-year period: the NWF contribution should be spent during a one-year period, in line with the work plan provided.

In addition to the cash funds in the budget, please also provide additional information in this section of the project proposal about any additional “in-kind” contributions to the project (e.g., provision of office accommodation, provision of technical equipment, work time of personnel paid from other sources, etc.).

Use the format below for the project budget tables.

i) *Budget summary*

This proposal is a sample for your reference and budget information has been removed from this version of the proposal.

ii) *Overall itemized budget*

J. Follow Up

Intended follow-up after completion of the project timetable. Please mention here what is going to be done after the project is over to ensure the long-term sustainability of the results.

- To improve the pasture management through whole soum area and follow it for long time.
- To produce the Justification of Ogi Lake to include the State Government Protection Network.
- Soum governor have to be responsible to implement the management plans on sustainable tourism, regulated fishing and an agreement on pasture management.
- To increase the number of water points in the buffer zone of the wetland protected area. Specially, local government and local communities need to increase the fund to rebuild or repair the old wells and water points in the buffer zone. In this way, we can reduce the density of local families and livestock near the wetlands.

K. Bibliography

Please list key references.

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