

AMENDMENT/PROPOSAL

Agenda Item	8B
Draft Decision	47 COM 8B.5
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TEXT

Draft Decision: 47 COM 8B.5 The World Heritage Committee,

1. Having examined Documents WHC/25/47.COM/8B and WHC/25/47.COM/INF.8B2,
2. **Refers** ~~DRD~~ defers the nomination of the **Eastern Mongolian Steppes, Mongolia, back to the State Party** ~~taking note of the strong potential of the nominated property to meet criterion (ix), and potentially also criterion (x),~~ in order to allow the State Party, with the advice of IUCN and the World Heritage Centre, if requested, ~~to prepare a fully revised and expanded nomination and to:~~
 - a) unequivocally abandon any mining licenses, **in line with national legislation, within Toson- Khulstai Nature Reserve** ~~and ensure the restoration of mining operations within the nominated property, restoring any affected areas according to internationally accepted standards, and~~ **ensure** ~~provide~~ effective legal guarantees that mining will not be permitted within the nominated areas,
 - b) **ensure to** not expand any mining licenses and operations within the buffer zones of the nominated property, and to **ensure assess impacts of existing** ~~that any mining operations and potential proposals, if any, within the buffer zones~~ **proposals and operations are subject to environmental and heritage impact assessment undertaken in accordance with the Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context,**
 - c) finalise the boundaries of the protected areas of the nominated component parts of Jaran Togoo "A" Nature Reserve and Jaran Togoo "B" Nature Reserve,
 - d) designate buffer zones for all nominated component parts and enhance connectivity between the nominated component parts through the creation of effectively functioning migration corridors,

- e) ensure valid management plans are in place for all nominated component parts, supported by adequate funding and staffing levels across all nominated component parts,
 - f) complete and update species data for each nominated component part to enable a full assessment of the potential of the nominated property under criterion (x), including an update of the comparative analysis demonstrating potential Outstanding Universal Value under criterion (x);
3. Requests commends the State Party to **include in its further submission of information, and a clear demonstration that there is effective and long-term implementation of protection and management of all the nominated component parts, in line with their legal status; and** ~~also consider, in proposing its revised approach to the nomination to:~~
- a) include in the management plan information and measures on monitoring of population trends of threatened species as well as on threats,
 - b) ensure that the strengthened and effective long-term legal protection of all of the nominated component parts is demonstrated,
 - c) ~~confirm the timeline and action plan to~~ establish a joint management committee with an integrated management plan for the entire nominated property;
4. Notes with appreciation the State Party's efforts to include local stakeholders in the planning for the nominated property, and requests the State Party to assure in the conservation approaches to the property that the long-standing traditional herding communities are fully included in governance and management arrangements, and that their sustainable use of the property and wider landscapes is recognised and supported.