

# Directory of Important Bird Areas in China (Mainland): Key Sites for Conservation

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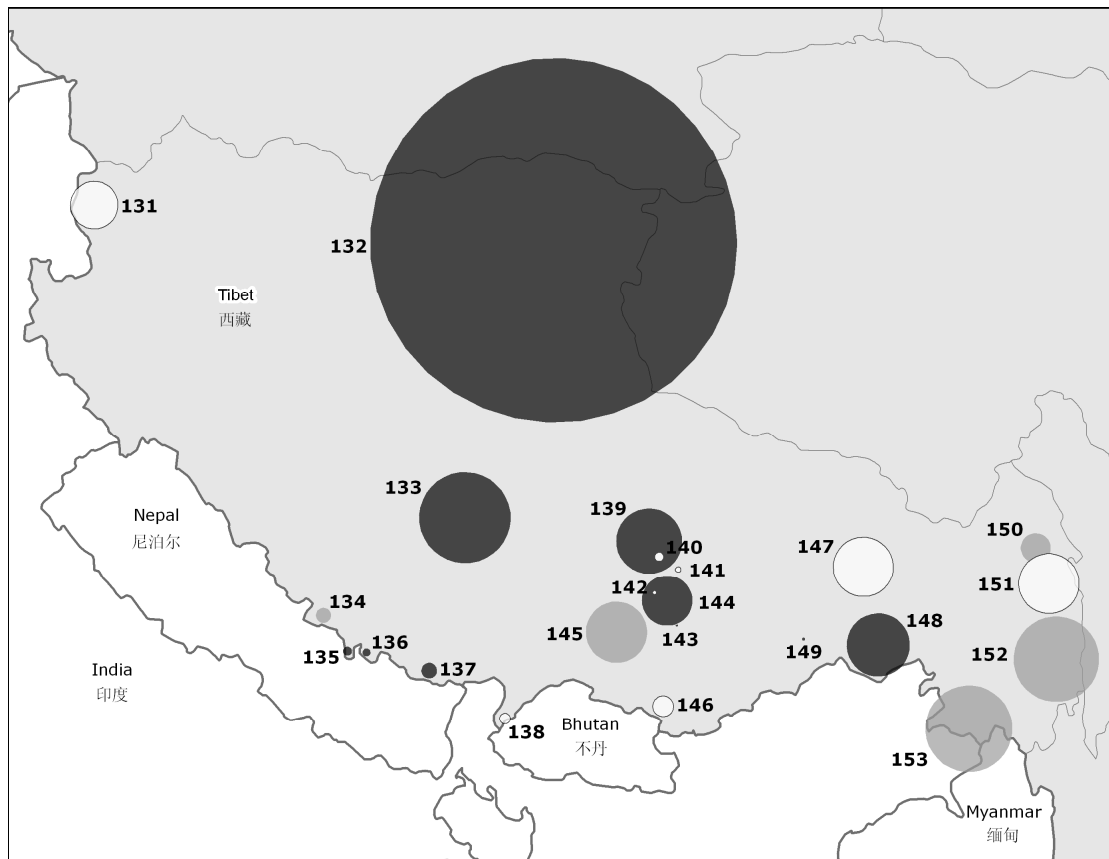
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## Important Bird Areas in Tibet Autonomous Region



IBAs are represented on the map as circles proportional to their areas.

Key: ● = Protected; ◐ = Partially protected; ○ = Unprotected.



Nam Co (CN139), which means 'a lake in the sky', is located at an elevation of about 4,700 m and is the largest high-altitude lake in the world. (PHOTO: DONG LEI)

IBA CODE: CN131

NAME: Bangong Co

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i

AREA: About 560,000 ha

COORDINATES: 33°42'N 79°12'E

ALTITUDE: 4,241 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located at the north-western tip of Tibet. Bangong Co is an elongated lake of 60,400 ha. The islets in the lake, the largest of which is 100 ha, are important breeding areas for birds.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus nigricollis* (VU)

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus nigricollis*, *Larus ichthyaetus*.

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: The area supports *Ursus arctos*, *Panthera uncia*, *Equus kiang* and *Pantholops hodgsoni*.

IBA CODE: CN132

NAME: Changtang plateau

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i,A4iii

AREA: About 33,792,000 ha

COORDINATES: 35°10'N 88°0'E

ALTITUDE: 4,800-5,000 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: This IBA has many nature reserves, including Tibet's Changtang National Nature Reserve (24,712,000 ha) which was established in 1993, and Qinghai's Changtang National Nature Reserve (4,500,000 ha) which was established in 1997.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in north-western Tibet, south-western Qinghai and south-eastern Xinjiang. The climate in the IBA is cold and dry, with strong radiation. The main vegetation type is high-altitude grassland. There are extensive inland river systems within the IBA, including the source of Yangtze River.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Haliaeetus leucoryphus* (VU), *Aquila heliaca* (VU), *Grus nigricollis* (VU, population of 1,200-1,600 birds estimated in 1999)

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Anser indicus* (estimated population of 12,000-16,000, believed to be increasing), *Tadorna ferruginea* (estimated population of over 8000 birds), *Grus nigricollis*, *Larus ichthyaetus*, *Larus brunnicephalus* (up to 10,000 at Siling Co)

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals including *Ursus arctos*, *Panthera uncia*, *Bos mutus*, *Equus kiang* and *Pantholops hodgsoni*.

IBA CODE: CN133

NAME: Siling Co Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i

AREA: 2,032,380 ha

COORDINATES: 30°29'N 87°30'E

ALTITUDE: 4,000-6,000 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The provincial-level Xainza Nature Reserve was established in 1993. It was upgraded to become the present national-level nature reserve in 2003.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in Changtang, north-western Tibet. The average elevation of the IBA is 4,800 m, and it includes an extensive inland river system. The islets in the IBA's lakes are important breeding grounds for birds.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus nigricollis* (VU, several hundreds breed annually)

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Anser indicus*, *Tadorna ferruginea*, *Grus nigricollis*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Ursus arctos*, *Panthera uncia*, *Equus kiang* and *Pantholops hodgsoni*.

IBA CODE: CN134

NAME: Jiang Cun

CRITERIA: A3

AREA: About 54,000 ha

COORDINATES: 28°27'N 85°26'E

ALTITUDE: 1,800-7,300 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The provincial-level Jiang Cun Nature Reserve (34,060 ha) was established in 1985. Qomolangma Feng National Nature Reserve (3,300,000 ha), which partially overlaps with the IBA, was first established in 1988 and fully established in 1993. Qomolangma was designated in 2004 as a 'Biosphere Reserve' under UNESCO's Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the southern slopes of the central Himalayas, at the south-eastern tip of Jilung County. The IBA has high mountains and deep valleys, with dense forests of the following types: pine forest (1,800-2,400 m), coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest (2,400-3,200 m), alpine coniferous forest (3,200-4,000 m) and high-altitude scrub (4,000-4,500 m).

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus* (a primate endemic to the Himalayas), *Ursus arctos*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN135

NAME: Zham

CRITERIA: A3

AREA: 19,500 ha

COORDINATES: 28°0'N 86°0'E

ALTITUDE: 1,600-6,000 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes Zham Nature Reserve (6,852 ha), which was established in 1985. Qomolangma Feng National Nature Reserve (3,300,000 ha), which partially overlaps with the IBA, was first established in 1988 and fully established in 1993.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the southern slopes of the central Himalayas, at the southern tip of Nyalam County, with Nepal to the south. The IBA has high mountains and deep valleys. The dense vegetation shows prominent vertical zonation, with broadleaf evergreen forest (1,600-2,500 m), coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest (2,500-3,100 m), alpine coniferous forest (3,100-4,000 m) and alpine scrub (4,000-4,500 m).

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus* (a primate endemic to the Himalayas), *Ursus arctos*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN136

NAME: Rongxar

CRITERIA: A3

AREA: About 15,000 ha

COORDINATES: 28°3'N 86°20'E

ALTITUDE: 1,600-6,000 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is inside Qomolangma Feng National Nature Reserve (3,300,000 ha), which was first established in 1988 and fully established in 1993.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the southern slopes of the central Himalayas, in Tingri County, to the south-west of Qowowuyag Mountain (8,201 m, the sixth highest peak in the world). The IBA has high mountains and deep valleys, and dense forests. The vegetation shows prominent vertical zonation, with broadleaf evergreen forest (1,600-2,500 m), coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest (2,500-3,100 m), alpine coniferous forest (3,100-4,000 m) and alpine scrub (4,000-4,500 m).

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus* (a primate endemic to the Himalayas), *Ursus arctos*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN137

NAME: Pum Qu

CRITERIA: A3

AREA: 57,400 ha

COORDINATES: 28°0'N 87°29'E

ALTITUDE: 1,600-6,000 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA is inside Qomolangma Feng National Nature Reserve (3,300,000 ha), which was first established in 1988 and fully established in 1993.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the southern slopes of the central Himalayas, in Tingri and Dinggyê counties, to the east of Mount Everest (8,848 m, the highest peak in the world). The IBA has high mountains and deep valleys, and dense forest. The vegetation shows prominent vertical zonation, with broadleaf evergreen forest (1,600-2,500 m), coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest (2,500-3,100 m), alpine coniferous forest (3,100-4,000 m) and alpine scrub (4,000-4,500 m).

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus* (a primate endemic to the Himalayas), *Ursus arctos*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.



Yadong (CN138) is located on the border with Bhutan, in the lowest altitude region of Tibet, and is covered by subtropical forest. (PHOTO: DONG JIANGTIAN)

IBA CODE: CN138  
NAME: Dromo (Yadong)  
CRITERIA: A3  
AREA: 27,100 ha  
COORDINATES: 27°31'N 88°58'E  
ALTITUDE: 1,800-5,000 m  
CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the southern slopes of the Himalayas, in Yadong County. The vegetation shows prominent vertical zonation, with broadleaf evergreen forest (1,800-2,500 m), coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest (2,500-3,000 m), alpine coniferous forest (3,000-4,000 m) and alpine scrub (above 4,000 m).  
BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: The fish *Salmo trutta* can only be found in this area. Other nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus* (a primate endemic to the Himalayas), *Ursus arctos*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN139  
NAME: Nam Co  
CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i  
AREA: About 1,060,000 ha  
COORDINATES: 30°42'N 90°54'E  
ALTITUDE: 4,750 m  
CONSERVATION STATUS: Nam Co Nature Reserve is established at the provincial level.  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in central Tibet, about 210 km from Lhasa. The south-eastern section of the IBA is mountainous, and the eastern and western sections have open plains near the lake. Nam Co is the largest and highest-altitude lake in Tibet, with an open-water area of 192,000 ha. The islets in the lake are used as breeding habitat by birds.  
THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus nigricollis* (VU, hundreds of birds breed in the area annually)  
BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane  
CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus nigricollis*  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: The area supports a nationally protected bird, *Tetraogallus tibetanus*, and nationally protected animals including *Ursus arctos*, *Panthra uncia*, *Equus kiang* and *Pantholops hodgsoni*.

IBA CODE: CN140  
NAME: Damxung  
CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i  
AREA: About 20,000 ha  
COORDINATES: 30°29'N 91°8'E  
ALTITUDE: 4,300 m  
CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The IBA is a complex of open wetlands and grassland near Nam Co lake (CN139).  
THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus nigricollis* (VU)  
BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane  
CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus nigricollis*  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN141  
NAME: Razhêng Temple  
CRITERIA: A2 A3  
AREA: About 7,500 ha  
COORDINATES: 30°20'N 91°31'E  
ALTITUDE: 4,100-5,385 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the mountains around the upper Lhasa River, near the middle reaches of the Yarlong Zangbo river. The habitats in the IBA include scrub of *Spiraea* spp., *Salix* spp. and *Rhododendron parvifolium* on shaded slopes at 4,100-4,900 m, *Sabina tibetica* forest on sunny slopes, meadows at 4,900-5,200 m and high-mountain alpine vegetation above 5,200 m, with bare rocks above and no glacial development.

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 133: Southern Tibet

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected species include *Ursus arctos* and *Moschus sifanicus*.

IBA CODE: CN142

NAME: Karze Reservoir

CRITERIA: A1 A4i

AREA: About 4,000 ha

COORDINATES: 29°54'N 91°10'E

ALTITUDE: 3,700 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The IBA is a small reservoir near a village and agricultural land.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Aythya baeri* (VU), *Grus nigricollis* (VU)

CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus nigricollis*

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN143

NAME: Shongsep Temple

CRITERIA: A2 A3

AREA: 400 ha

COORDINATES: 29°27'N 91°40'E

ALTITUDE: 3,600-5,800 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the mountainous region around the Lhasa River. The habitat below 3,900 m is dry river valley scrub, from 3,900-4,500 m there is scrub dominated by *Spiraea* spp. on sunny slopes and *Rhododendron parvifolium* on the shaded slopes, from 4,500-4,900 m there is short *Cypress* spp. in sunny areas and *Rhododendron parvifolium* and *Salix* spp. on the shaded slopes, from 4,500-4,900 m there is *Rhododendron parvifolium* scrub, and from 4,900-5,200 m there is meadow. Above 5,200 m is high-mountain alpine vegetation, with bare rocks above and no glacial development.

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 133: Southern Tibet

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Moschus sifanicus*.

IBA CODE: CN144

NAME: Yarlong Zangpo Middle Reaches Black-necked Crane Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4i

AREA: 614,350 ha

COORDINATES: 29°49'N 91°25'E

ALTITUDE: 3,000-4,000 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The provincial-level Painbo Nature Reserve was established in 1993, mainly to protect the wintering *Grus nigricollis*. It was expanded and upgraded into the present national nature reserve in 2003.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This IBA comprises plains along the Yarlong Zangpo river.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus nigricollis* (VU, 3,041 birds in 1990, 70% of the world population at that time)

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane



CONGREGATORY WATERBIRDS: *Grus nigricollis*  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN145  
NAME: Yamdrok Co  
CRITERIA: A1 A3 A4iii  
AREA: About 900,000 ha  
COORDINATES: 29°11'N 90°37'E  
ALTITUDE: 4,500 m  
CONSERVATION STATUS: This IBA overlaps with Yaluzangbu Nature Reserve (614,350 ha).  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Yamdrok Co is a highland lake with an area of 67,800 ha, with some agricultural land and villages nearby. It is becoming an important tourist attraction.  
THREATENED SPECIES: *Grus nigricollis* (VU)  
BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: No information.

IBA CODE: CN146  
NAME: Lhaxhang  
CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3  
AREA: About 103,000 ha  
COORDINATES: 28°10'N 91°40'E  
ALTITUDE: 800-7,089 m  
CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located on the southern slope of the Himalayas. The vegetation shows prominent vertical zonation, with tropical evergreen rainforest (below 1,000 m), montane broadleaf evergreen forest (1,000-2,600 m), coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest (2,600-3,400 m), coniferous forest (3,400-4,100 m), rhododendron scrub (4,100-4,400 m), and high-mountain scrub and grassland (above 4,400 m).  
THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan blythii* (VU), *Lophophorus sclateri* (VU), *Aceros nipalensis* (VU)  
ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 130: Eastern Himalayas  
BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest; AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus* (a primate endemic to the Himalayas), *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ursus arctos*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Capricornis sumatraensis*.

IBA CODE: CN147  
NAME: Banbar  
CRITERIA: A3  
AREA: About 878,000 ha  
COORDINATES: 30°49'N 94°52'E  
ALTITUDE: 3,000-5,302 m  
CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected  
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the northern part of the Hengduan Shan mountains, within Nu Jiang region. The IBA has high mountains and deep valleys, with dry river valleys at 3,000-3,400 m, *Picea likiangensis* forest on shaded slopes at 3,400-4,300 m, Cypress spp. forest on sunny slopes at 3,400-4,300 m, and alpine scrub and grassland above 4,300 m.  
BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane  
IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Macaca mulatta*, *Selenarctos thibetanus* and *Cervus albirostris*.

IBA CODE: CN148

NAME: Yarlung Zangbo Daxiagu Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: 961,800 ha

COORDINATES: 29°37'N 95°19'E

ALTITUDE: 641-7,764 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA has been partially protected since 1985, and protection was expanded in 2000 to become the present national nature reserve (961,800 ha).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located between Nyainqêntanglha Mountain and the eastern Himalayas, adjacent to India. The IBA includes well-developed glaciers and part of the 'big bend' area of the Yarlung Zangbo river (known as the Brahmaputra in its lower reaches), which is the deepest and longest canyon in the world. The vegetation shows prominent zonation, with lowland tropical rainforest and semi evergreen rainforest (600-1,100 m), broadleaf evergreen forest (1,100-2,200 m), coniferous forest (2,800-4,000 m), and alpine scrub and grassland (above 4,000 m).

THREATENED SPECIES: *Tragopan blythii* (VU), *Lophophorus sclateri* (VU), *Aceros nipalensis* (VU), *Saxicola insignis* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 130: Eastern Himalayas

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest; AS08: Sino-Himalayan subtropical forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Presbytis entellus*, *Panthera tigris*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ursus arctos*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Capricornis sumatraensis*, *Moschus chrysogaster* and *Naemorhedus cranbrooki*.



Gongbo Nature Reserve (CN149), with Sejila Mountain in the background. (PHOTO: ZHANG GAOFENG)

IBA CODE: CN149

NAME: Gongbo Nature Reserve

CRITERIA: A2 A3

AREA: 2,212,833 ha

COORDINATES: 29°33'N 93°58'E

ALTITUDE: 2,077-6,804 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Established as a provincial-level nature reserve in 2003.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located between the eastern Himalayas and central Nyainqêntanglha Mountain. Shaded slopes below 4,300 m are dominated by *Picea* spp. and *Abies* spp. while the sunny slopes at 3,700-4,200 m are dominated by montane *Quercus* spp., *Sabina* spp. forest occurs at 4,200-4,600 m, and alpine scrub and grassland above 4,600 m.

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 133: Southern Tibet

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Capricornis sumatraensis* and *Naemorhedus cranbrooki*.

IBA CODE: CN150

NAME: Chamdo

CRITERIA: A2 A3

AREA: About 220,000 ha

COORDINATES: 31°25'N 98°0'E

ALTITUDE: 3,000-5,524 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes the provincial-level Chengmaoling Nature Reserve (63,700 ha), which was established in 1993 to protect *Cervus elaphus* and its habitat.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the northern part of the Hengduan Shan mountains. The IBA has high mountains and river valleys, and at 3,000-3,400 m there are dry river valleys, at 3,400-4,300 m there is *Picea likiangensis* forest on shaded slopes and *Juniperus chinensis* forest is dominant on sunny slopes, and at higher altitudes there is alpine scrub and grassland.

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 134: Eastern Tibet

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals including *Macaca mulatta*, *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Cervus albirostris* and *Cervus elaphus*.

IBA CODE: CN151

NAME: Gonjo

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: About 890,000 ha

COORDINATES: 30°52'N 98°18'E

ALTITUDE: 2,600-5,274 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: Unprotected

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the northern part of the Hengduan Shan mountains, along the Jinsha Jiang river (the upper reaches of the Yangtze River). The vegetation shows vertical zonation, with arid montane deciduous scrub below 3,400 m, *Picea likiangensis* forest on shaded slopes and *Juniperus chinensis* forest on sunny slopes at 3,200-3,900 m, and alpine scrub and grassland above 3,900 m.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Lophophorus lhuysii* (VU), *Perisoreus internigrans* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 134: Eastern Tibet; 138: West Sichuan mountains

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Macaca mulatta*, *Cervus albirostris* and *Selenarctos thibetanus*.

IBA CODE: CN152

NAME: Markam

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: About 1,760,000 ha

COORDINATES: 29°41'N 98°33'E

ALTITUDE: 2,000-6,500 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes the provincial-level Yanjing Nature Reserve, which was established to protect *Rhinopithecus bieti* and its habitat.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Located in the southern part of the Hengduan Shan mountains, with the Yunnan border to the south. The IBA has a canyon landscape, with arid montane deciduous scrub below 3,400 m, montane coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest at 3,400-3,800 m, coniferous forest at 3,800-4,600 m, and alpine scrub and grassland above 4,600 m.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Lophophorus lhuysii* (VU), *Perisoreus internigrans* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 134: Eastern Tibet; 138: West Sichuan mountains

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Rhinopithecus bieti* (around 700 individuals found within the reserve, 70% of the world population), *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ursus arctos*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Capricornis sumatraensis* and *Naemorhedus cranbrooki*.

IBA CODE: CN153

NAME: Zayü

CRITERIA: A1 A2 A3

AREA: About 1,800,000 ha

COORDINATES: 28°28'N 97°6'E

ALTITUDE: 700-6,764 m

CONSERVATION STATUS: The IBA includes Zayü Nature Reserve (101,412 ha), which was established at the provincial-level in 1985 and upgraded to Zayü Cibagou National Nature Reserve.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Zayü is located at the south-eastern tip of the Qinghai-Tibetan Plateau, where the Himalayas meet the Hengduan Shan mountains. The IBA includes the largest glacier in Tibet. The habitats include tropical evergreen rain forest below 900 m, montane broadleaf evergreen forest at 900-2,400 m, montane coniferous-broadleaf mixed forest at 2,400-3,200 m, coniferous forest at 3,200-4,200 m, and alpine scrub and grassland at 4,200-4,800 m.

THREATENED SPECIES: *Lophophorus sclateri* (VU)

ENDEMIC BIRD AREAS: 130: Eastern Himalayas

BIOMES: AS05: Eurasian high montane; AS07: Sino-Himalayan temperate forest

IMPORTANCE TO OTHER FAUNA AND FLORA: Nationally protected animals include *Selenarctos thibetanus*, *Ursus arctos*, *Ailurus fulgens*, *Capricornis sumatraensis* and *Panthera tigris*.