

WCASN Site Information List

The relevant site management body intending to nominate a site to be included in the Western/Central Asian Site Network for the Siberian Crane and Other Waterbirds (WCASN) established under the CMS Memorandum of Understanding concerning Conservation Measures for the Siberian Crane (*Grus leucogeranus*) is requested to complete a Site Information Sheet and submit a Site Map.

The Site Information Sheet is based on the Ramsar Information Sheet. Please note that not all Ramsar sites would necessarily qualify for inclusion in the WCASN, and not all network sites would necessarily satisfy all of the Ramsar criteria for listing under that convention.

Guidance to fill in the form is provided in Explanatory Notes for the WCASN Site Information Sheet uploaded at SCFC website (www.sibeflyway.org).

All information provided and communications should be in the English language in view of the international nature of this site network.

This information sheet may be used:

- (a) For an existing Ramsar Site (if so, please update the entries in the existing Ramsar Information Sheet here on this form, and provide additional information in Questions 9 & 13); or
- (b) For a site that is not listed under the Ramsar Convention (please complete all the entries in the Site Information Sheet form).

The Site Information Sheet has been divided into two parts. It is essential to provide all of the basic information requested in Part 1, comprising Sections 1-13. Part 2 seeks additional information. It is strongly encouraged that both parts be completed as fully as possible.

The completed Site Information Sheet, Site Map and supplementary information with an Endorsement Letter should be submitted to the CMS Secretariat:

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Part 1

1. Date of submission
 2. Country
 3. Name of site
 4. Geographical coordinates
 5. Altitude
 6. Area
 7. Outline map of site (specify digital or hardcopy of map format)
 8. Overview
 - 9a. WCASN criterion and qualifiers
- A. **CRITERION 1:** Site's Importance for Siberian Cranes
- Temporal Sub-criteria** for the Siberian Crane: a site must meet one of the following sub-criteria (listed in order of importance). Please tick only **ONE** of the following boxes: :

Sub-criterion 1.1: Siberian Crane(s) were recorded at the site at least five times during the last 10 years. This should not include records within the same season or repeated sightings of the same individual birds.

● **Sub-criterion 1.2:** The site has held one or more Siberian Cranes during the last 50 years, but there are less than five records during the 10 last years.

● **Sub-criterion 1.3:** The site is historical habitat of the Siberian Crane, but there are less than five records during the last 50 years.

● **Sub-criterion 1.4:** There are no records of Siberian Crane at a site, but it is considered to contain appropriate habitat for the species (wide expanses of shallow water containing appropriate food resources, and with low levels of disturbance) and it is suitable for release and re-introduction projects (e.g., safety of the site is secured, a management regime is in place, etc.).

- B. **QUALIFIER 1:** Site's importance for other crane species

Please tick this box if the site meets the following qualification:

The site is important for other crane species when it is known to support a total of 25 or more migratory cranes (which can be of more than one species) at any stage of their life cycle (e.g., breeding, migration stop-over (staging), non-breeding birds (wintering), etc.).

B. QUALIFIER 2: Site's importance for other waterbird species.

Please tick ANY of the following boxes that apply:

Sub-qualifier 2.1: The site regularly supports 20,000 or more migratory waterbirds during migration periods.

• **Sub-qualifier 2.2:** The site regularly supports 5,000 or more migratory waterbirds or 0.25% of a migratory waterbird population on a single count during a single migration period.

• **Sub-qualifier 2.3:** The site regularly supports 1% of the individuals in a population of one species or subspecies of migratory waterbird.

• **Sub-qualifier 2.4:** The site supports migratory waterbird species at a critical stage in their life cycles, or provides refuge during adverse conditions.

- 9b. Justification of the WCASN criterion and qualifiers (summary of the Siberian Crane records)
- 10. Wetland types (see explanatory notes for codes)
- 11. Jurisdiction
- 12. Management authority
- 13. Name and address of compiler

Part 2

(Please limit this part to a maximum of 10 pages)

- 14. General Location
- 15. Physical features of site
- 16. Physical features of catchment area
- 17. Hydrological values
- 18. Ecological features
- 19. Noteworthy flora
- 20. Noteworthy fauna
- 21. Social and cultural values
- 22. Land tenure/ownership
- 23. Current and potential site usage
- 24. Factors (past, present or potential) adversely affecting the site's ecological character, including changes in land (including water) use and development projects
- 25. Conservation measures taken (the lack of any current protection status/regime does not disqualify a site for consideration for inclusion in the Network if it meets listed criteria for Siberian Crane)
- 26. Conservation measures proposed, but not implemented yet
- 27. Current scientific research and monitoring (although the presence of constant monitoring is not a requirement for nominating a site for inclusion in the Network)
- 28. Current conservation communication, education and public awareness
- 29. Current recreation and tourism
- 30. Bibliographical references