

The Global Effort to Designate an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)

Presented by the IYRP Support Group

<https://globalrangelands.org/international-year-rangelands-and-pastoralists-initiative>

Why Are Rangelands & Pastoralist Systems Important? They...

- Cover 50% of the global land surface
- Support livelihoods for more than 500 million people (many from marginalized pastoralist communities)
- Provide 2 billion people with animal protein, water, fiber & other ecosystem services
- Offer valuable grazing land for livestock and wildlife
- Harbor 35% of global biodiversity hotspots
- Provide habitat for 28% of endangered species



Why an IYRP?

- To highlight the important contributions of rangelands & pastoralists to global needs
- To increase understanding of the complexities and values of rangelands & pastoral systems
- To expand knowledge of rangelands' and pastoralists' support for food security & the environment
- To influence informed policymaking throughout the world

How You Can Help:

- Promote the IYRP initiative on social media & other communications outlets
- Contact governmental officials in your country requesting support for the Mongolian proposal
- Participate in IYRP events at international conferences & meetings

What is the Current Status?

- In July 2019 the Mongolian Government, with supporting countries & organizations, submitted a proposal for an IYRP to FAO-COAG to be considered at its 2020 meeting
- Upcoming events & outreach activities: UNCCD CoP14; Tropentag workshop & film festival on pastoralism; Global Landscape Forum 2019; IRC/IGC 2020

