

## A SHORT REPORT ON OPTIC DONATIONS BY TO MONGOLIAN ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Since we started the collaborative project on Common Sand Martin *Riparia riparia* and Pale Sand Martin *Riparia dliuta* in Mongolia collaborating with Dr. Manuel Schweizer, the Mongolia team had asked to donate some optics from the binoculars4charity programme in Swizerland. After few email exchange, Dr. Mathias Ritschard coordinated the optics with very good quality and good condition.



*Mongolia and Swizerland field team on Sand Martin in Central Mongolia*

*June, 2018*

We well received all your donated optics, 2 spotting scopes (Swarovski and Iralin Vergutong (30x75) with 2 tripods and small backpack and 4 pairs of binoculars (Leica 10x42, Zeiss B8 x 25, Celestron 12 x 50, and Zeiss) in good condition on 18 June, 2018.

It was the great help to my team and students in the field to observe not only Sand Martins but also other wetland birds. We are very appreciated the donations.

Since we received your donations, all optics used by my students and members of the Society in the field.

Swarovski spotting scope and Leica binoculars used for autumn shore bird counts by Gombobaatar Sundev and Tuvshin Unenbat, graduate student of the National University of Mongolia and other field members of the Society.

Iralin Vergutong spotting scope and Celestron binoculars are in use of Wind Farm's Bird monitoring field work by Munkh-Erdene Jamsran, researcher of the MOS and Javkhlan Todgerel, under graduate students. They will use these optics from August to October, 2018.



*J. Munkh-Erdene in the field July, 2018. T. Javkhlan in the field August, 2018*

Field team enjoyed the optics for an avian influenza field survey on 01-10 August, 2018.



*U. Tuvshin, counting of waterbirds. August, 2018. Ms Sarangua, observation of waterbirds August, 2018.*

These optics will be very helpful for bird research and conservation in Mongolia. Particularly these donations will contribute the significant achievement to field surveys and birding activities and actions of new generation of bird watchers and bird conservationists in the country.

The donations will be used for future bird conservation works such as:

- Salkhit Wind Farm bird monitoring by P. Davaasuren, graduate student at the National University of Mongolia from 2019 to 2020.
- Choir Bird Monitoring Programme by J. Munkh-Erdene, a member of the Society in 2018-2021.
- Phylogeny and taxonomy of Palearctic Birds survey in collaboration with Harvard University in 2018
- One Health programme, bird sampling by D. Bayanmunkh, a member of the Society in 2018-2019.
- National Bird Watchers' Day activity on 9 September in 2018-2020 and coming years.
- World Migratory Bird Day Celebration each year by more than 200-400 local primary and secondary school children in Ulaanbaatar and local towns.
- Daily bird observation by members of the Society in summer and winter seasons.

#### **Further use and concerns**

- We will acknowledge the optic donation programme, **binoculars4charity's** name in our publications.
- We will use the donations as we agreed in the original proposal.
- If you could send us the contact detail of people who donated the optics, we would like to send our warm thanks and small souvenirs of the society.
- We will update the use of optics with some images for coming years.