

# Oyu Tolgoi Mine Biodiversity Offset — Net Positive Impact Programme (Mongolia)

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

## Summary

Rio Tinto's Oyu Tolgoi mine runs an 80,000 km<sup>2</sup> landscape biodiversity offset (~880x its footprint); WCS-verified khulan (~36,000) and goitered gazelle (~28,500) populations have held steady since 2013, though lender audits still flag non-conformances.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                               | Score |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced             | 0/3   |
| Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced    | 2/3   |
| Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control | 0/3   |
| Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced             | 0/3   |
| Governance, certification & transferability             | 2/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Rio Tinto / Oyu Tolgoi LLC, with Wildlife Conservation Society Mongolia and The Biodiversity Consultancy](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[WCS: Mining company pays for conservation in Mongolia](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Forest Trends: Oyu Tolgoi Net Positive Impact Forecast \(TBC & FFI, 2012\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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[Conservation Hierarchy: Oyu Tolgoi Mine case study](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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