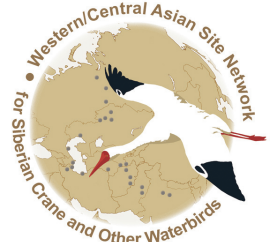


Western/Central Asian Site Network for the Siberian Crane and Other Waterbirds

Termez Uzbekistan



Date of Designation

18 May 2007

Coordinates

37°19'N, 67°06'E

Area

8,400 ha

Overview

Termez is a protected site on the flood lands of the Amudarya River with cultivated grain fields, which are good forage reserve for migrating and wintering waterbirds.



Importance for the Siberian Crane

The Siberian Crane has never been recorded on this territory. However Termez is considered a suitable habitat for this species (extensive shoal with rich food resources and a low level of disturbance) with the purpose of introducing this disappearing species using birds reared in captivity.



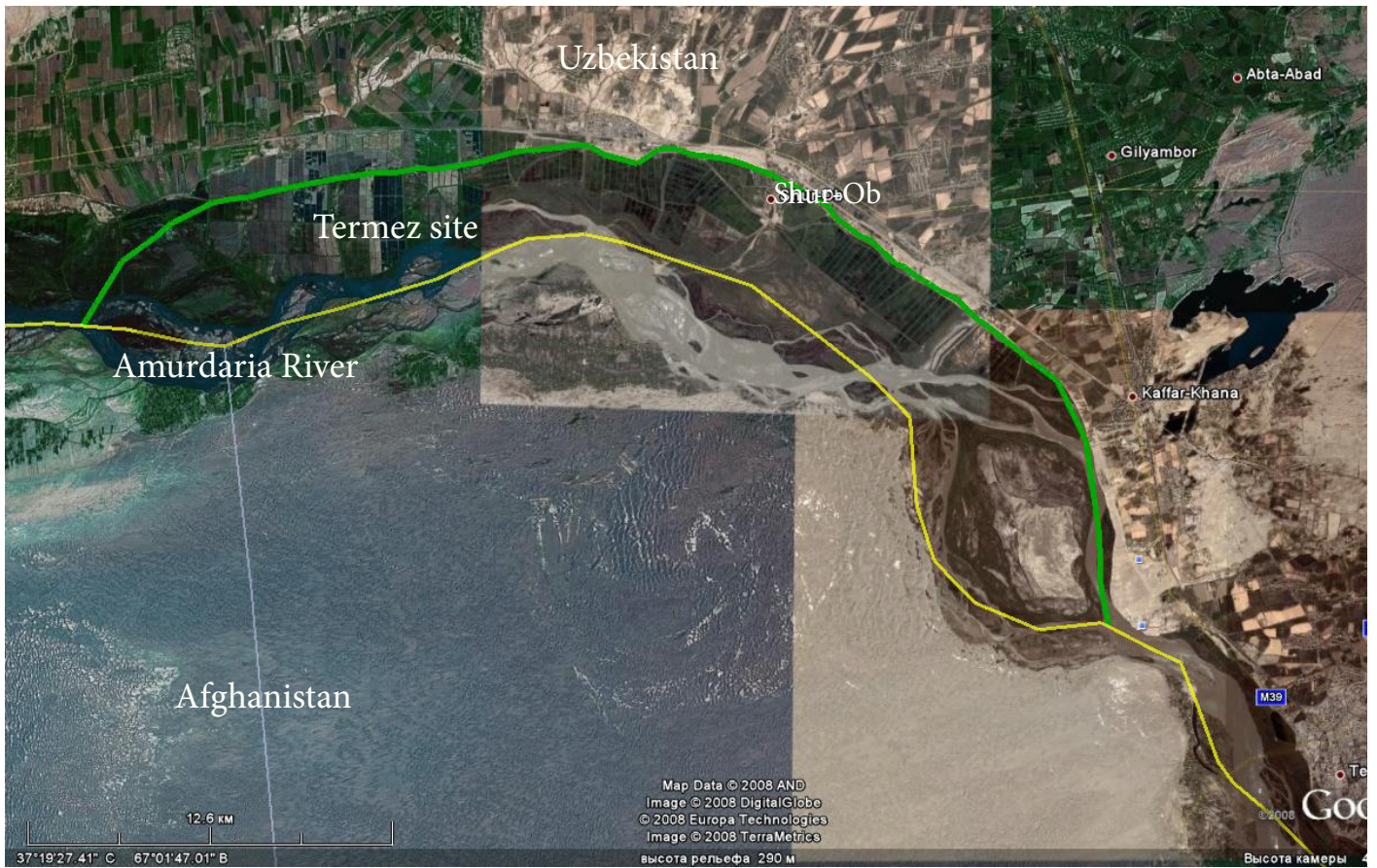
Importance for other cranes and waterbirds

In 2001 this site was first recognized as an important wintering site of Eurasian Cranes. Since this discovery time annual counts has been conducted with results of up to 22,000 cranes.

More than 20,000 waterbirds spend the winter on the territory. According to annual winter counts in 2003 55,868 birds of 30 species, including Greylag Geese (18,996), Mallards (5,728), Eurasian Cranes (11,652) were registered; in 2004 – 68,881 birds of 38 species, including Greylag Geese (17,512), Mallards (14,057), Eurasian Cranes (22,169), Lapwings (2,193); in 2005 – 39,811 birds of 40 species, including Greylag Geese (5,942), Mallards (9,360), and Eurasian Cranes (10,745).



Maps of Termez



yellow line - border between Uzbekistan and Afghanistan

green line - border of Termez site

