The Global Effort to Designate an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) in 2026

Presented by IYRP Support and Coordinating Groups
https://IYRP.info (online booth)
https://globalrangelands.org/international-year-rangelands-and-pastoralists-initiative

The IYRP has been endorsed thus far by 58 countries and 298 producer organizations and NGOs worldwide!

Why are rangelands & pastoral systems important? They...

- Cover over 50% of earth’s land surface (www.rangelandsdata.org/atlas)
- Provide livelihood & nutrition for over 500 million people (many from pastoralist communities)
- Support livelihoods of 2 billion people along the entire value chain
- Offer valuable grazing land for livestock & wildlife
- Include 50% of global biodiversity hotspots and habitat for numerous endangered species

Why an IYRP?

- To highlight the important contributions of rangelands & pastoralists for food security, the economy and the environment
- To break myths and misunderstandings
- To encourage more participatory research and fill knowledge gaps
- To influence informed, science-based policies and legislation throughout the world

We need your country’s support to gain a UN designation of the IYRP:

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

What is the current status of the IYRP initiative?

- The Mongolian Government proposal for an IYRP was endorsed by the FAO Conference in June 2021
- The proposal will be considered and voted on by UN General Assembly in late 2021
- The IYRP initiative is collaborating with many Conventions & Events (see IYRP.info)