

Red Camel Wool of Bayankhongor

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The Bactrian camel, adapted to the harsh arid conditions of the Bayankhongor region, is known as eco-friendly because it mainly consumes shrubs and twigs for food and drinks less water. This also means that the camel is friendly to other types of livestock as it does not compete with them for food.

Concerned about environmental sustainability and climate change issues, Gobi herders have started taking actions to mitigate rangeland degradation. Whilst resting and rotating their pastures all year round according to a yearly plan under their pasture-user group management, they seek to increase the value of the rangeland-friendly animals, such as camels. For example, in the hope of improving the value of camel wool, they are preparing baby camel wool by combing the animal in specifically designed yards. As a result of a number of trials, they have shown us that baby Bactrian camel wool can potentially become the eco-friendly substitute of cashmere, if prepared through combing.

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