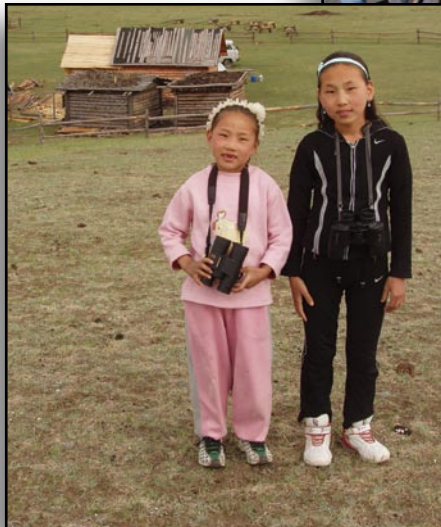


A New Generation of Scientists

In celebration of our 15th anniversary, and as detailed in our last newsletter, we offered free transmitters for use in a project involving school children. Our aim is to introduce middle and high school kids to satellite tracking and an opportunity to experience field research. In so doing, we hope to foster a love of science and conservation.

We decided to sponsor not one, but two very deserving projects. The projects were chosen based on the benefit to the school children, their involvement in the project and the scope of the project.

We are delighted to sponsor the school children from Erdenebulgan Sum in rural Mongolia who will be tracking the Great Bustard breeding in their region, and from the Box Elder School District (four schools submitted one proposal) in Utah who will be tracking Marbled Godwits that migrate through the Great Salt Lake and Bear River Refuge.



A. Bulgan and A. Nyamaa, two school children from Erdenebulgan Sum, northern Mongolia, participating in Great Bustard pilot research in June 2006.



Photo by Kathi Stopher

Two classes of fourth graders from Box Elder School District are happy having just found out that they had won the free PTTs for their school project.

*Congratulations
to the winners!*

*We look forward to reading about their
projects in upcoming newsletters.*

Photo by Aimee Kessler

Max Update

Our readers may remember Max, the White Stork, from our winter 2005 newsletter. Max, born in May 1999 in Switzerland, was fitted with a solar 35 gram PTT in July 1999. Over the next 6 years Max was tracked to her wintering ground in Africa and back. This is an update on Max from Adrian Aebischer.

In 2006, Max was in her 5th breeding season near the village of Salem in Southern Germany. After having reared 4 young, Max left the breeding site on 9 September 2006. She took the same route as in past years to reach Spain. On 17 September, she crossed the Strait of Gibraltar for the 15th time and reached Africa. On 28 September, after having visited several places in Morocco, she arrived in her wintering quarter near the town of Guercif, Morocco.

Max has now been tracked for more than 7 years and 161 days as of December 1. We look forward to seeing her at her breeding site in 2007.

