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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### **Changes in and driving factors of the lake area of Huri Chagannao'er Lake in Inner Mongolia**

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**Tab. S1.** Landsat remote sensing data information used in this study.

| Satellite name | Spatial resolution | WRS-2 Path/Row | Date       | Cloud cover |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1988/9/26  | 6%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1989/9/13  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1990/10/18 | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1991/9/3   | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1992/9/21  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1993/9/8   | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1994/9/27  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1995/9/14  | 34%         |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1996/9/16  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1997/9/3   | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1998/9/6   | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 1999/10/11 | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2000/10/13 | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2001/8/13  | 17%         |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2002/9/1   | 4%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2003/9/20  | 1%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2004/10/8  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2005/8/8   | 4%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2006/9/28  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2007/10/1  | 9%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2008/9/17  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2009/10/6  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2010/9/23  | 0%          |
| Landsat 5/TM   | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2011/9/26  | 0%          |
| Landsat 7/ETM+ | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2012/10/6  | 0%          |
| Landsat 8/OLI  | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2013/9/15  | 0.16%       |
| Landsat 8/OLI  | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2014/9/2   | 2.85%       |
| Landsat 8/OLI  | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2015/10/23 | 0.97%       |
| Landsat 8/OLI  | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2016/9/23  | 0.02%       |
| Landsat 8/OLI  | 30 m               | 125/30         | 2017/9/26  | 0.03%       |

**Tab. S2.** Lake area information for Huri Chagannao'er Lake between 1988 and 2017.

| Date       | Lake area             | Amount of change       | Rate of change |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 1988/9/26  | 98.99 km <sup>2</sup> |                        |                |
| 1989/9/13  | 97.68 km <sup>2</sup> | -1.32 km <sup>2</sup>  | -1.34%         |
| 1990/10/18 | 93.57 km <sup>2</sup> | -4.11 km <sup>2</sup>  | -4.20%         |
| 1991/9/3   | 93.50 km <sup>2</sup> | -0.07 km <sup>2</sup>  | -0.07%         |
| 1992/9/21  | 98.08 km <sup>2</sup> | 4.57 km <sup>2</sup>   | 4.89%          |
| 1993/9/8   | 97.33 km <sup>2</sup> | -0.75 km <sup>2</sup>  | -0.77%         |
| 1994/9/27  | 91.74 km <sup>2</sup> | -5.58 km <sup>2</sup>  | -5.74%         |
| 1995/9/14  | 92.24 km <sup>2</sup> | 0.50 km <sup>2</sup>   | 0.55%          |
| 1996/9/16  | 92.72 km <sup>2</sup> | 0.48 km <sup>2</sup>   | 0.52%          |
| 1997/9/3   | 88.70 km <sup>2</sup> | -4.02 km <sup>2</sup>  | -4.33%         |
| 1998/9/6   | 94.05 km <sup>2</sup> | 5.35 km <sup>2</sup>   | 6.03%          |
| 1999/10/11 | 86.19 km <sup>2</sup> | -7.86 km <sup>2</sup>  | -8.36%         |
| 2000/10/13 | 81.54 km <sup>2</sup> | -4.65 km <sup>2</sup>  | -5.40%         |
| 2001/8/13  | 46.78 km <sup>2</sup> | -34.76 km <sup>2</sup> | -42.63%        |
| 2002/9/1   | 27.69 km <sup>2</sup> | -19.08 km <sup>2</sup> | -40.80%        |
| 2003/9/20  | 55.23 km <sup>2</sup> | 27.54 km <sup>2</sup>  | 99.42%         |
| 2004/10/8  | 85.83 km <sup>2</sup> | 30.60 km <sup>2</sup>  | 55.41%         |
| 2005/8/8   | 75.12 km <sup>2</sup> | -10.72 km <sup>2</sup> | -12.48%        |
| 2006/9/28  | 32.17 km <sup>2</sup> | -42.94 km <sup>2</sup> | -57.17%        |
| 2007/10/1  | 26.28 km <sup>2</sup> | -5.90 km <sup>2</sup>  | -18.33%        |
| 2008/9/17  | 54.27 km <sup>2</sup> | 27.99 km <sup>2</sup>  | 106.53%        |
| 2009/10/6  | 27.38 km <sup>2</sup> | -26.88 km <sup>2</sup> | -49.54%        |
| 2010/9/23  | 34.77 km <sup>2</sup> | 7.39 km <sup>2</sup>   | 26.97%         |
| 2011/9/26  | 29.39 km <sup>2</sup> | -5.38 km <sup>2</sup>  | -15.47%        |
| 2012/10/6  | 77.49 km <sup>2</sup> | 48.10 km <sup>2</sup>  | 163.64%        |
| 2013/9/15  | 81.23 km <sup>2</sup> | 3.74 km <sup>2</sup>   | 4.83%          |
| 2014/9/2   | 62.66 km <sup>2</sup> | -18.57 km <sup>2</sup> | -22.86%        |
| 2015/10/23 | 45.10 km <sup>2</sup> | -17.56 km <sup>2</sup> | -28.02%        |
| 2016/9/23  | 32.30 km <sup>2</sup> | -12.81 km <sup>2</sup> | -28.40%        |
| 2017/9/26  | 29.81 km <sup>2</sup> | -2.49 km <sup>2</sup>  | -7.71%         |

The amount of change is equal to the difference between the area of the current year and the area of the previous year. The rate of change is equal to the difference between the area of the current year and the area of the previous year as a percentage of the area of the previous year.