UBNR 957
NOT in Rinchen 957 - Puntsoglin sum

Tibetan name: phun-tshog gling
Mongolian translation of the name: Khotol chuulalt sum
English name: Puntsoglin temple

GPS was taken at Dar’ ekhiin sum (UBR 931 Rinchen 931) and is given here only to mark the area of Amgalan (its temples were situated very near to each other).
Elevation 1293 m
N 47° 54.375’
E 106° 59.955’

Sources: Sereeter, Ö., Mongoliin Ikh Khüree, Gandan khiidin tüükhen bütetsiin towch. 1651-1938. Ulaanbaatar 1999
Photos: none

History

Puntsoglin sum was one of the six Mongolian assemblies situated around the Chinese town (Maimaachen), in the present area of Amgalan. However, Rinchen only records Dashsamdanlin datsan (Rinchen 935) and Puntsoglin temple is one of the five he omitted.

This temple is mentioned only in Sereeter’s book (p. 82.). According to him, Puntsoglin or Khotol chuulalt sum was also situated outside the Chinese town.

According to Sereeter, the temples Dagdanlin (UBNR 958 NOT in Rinchen 958), Choinkhorlin (UBNR 955 NOT in Rinchen 955), Dejidlin (UBN 956 NOT in Rinchen 956) and Puntsoglin were temples of the four aimags with the same names situated around the Maimaachen. Forty lamas belonged to Puntsoglin aimag and 80-90 lamas to the others. These temples had their own financial units, along with the aimag believer’s donations and offerings serving as the financial basis of their operation. He also says that the lamas in these four aimags used to participate in the ceremonies of Dashsamdanlin datsan (UBR 935 Rinchen 935).

No further data was found on this temple.

Current situation

There are no known remains. Based on the sources, the exact sites of the temples of Amgalan can be determined roughly in relation to the ruins of Dar’ ekh temple (Rinchen 931) and the remnants of a Chinese store building. In the whole area there are no other temple remnants than that of Dar’ ekh temple.