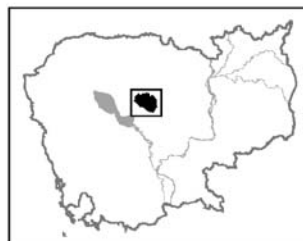


Stung / Prasat Balang

Criteria A1 & A3

Province(s):	Kampong Thom
District(s):	Stung, Prasat Balang and Kampong Svay
Area (ha):	100,675
Altitude (m asl):	4 to 70
Central coordinates:	13°01'N 104°43'E

**General description**

The IBA is located to the north-east of Stung/Chi Kreng/Kampong Svay IBA (KH016), and comprises an area of deciduous dipterocarp forest, interspersed with patches of seasonally inundated grassland, seasonal pools and streams. The IBA is one of the few currently known non-breeding areas for Bengal Florican *Houbaropsis bengalensis* in Cambodia. The species visits the site when its breeding areas in the inundation zone of Tonle Sap Lake are flooded. In addition, the wetland habitats at the IBA are used as a feeding area by a number of large waterbird species, including Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala*, Woolly-necked Stork *Ciconia episcopus*, Asian Openbill *Anastomus oscitans* and Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*.

Key bird species

Common name	Scientific name	IBA criteria
Bengal Florican	<i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i>	A1
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	A1
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	A1

Biome restricted species

One species is restricted to the Indo-Gangetic Plains (see Appendix 4).

Threats to biodiversity

Threats to biodiversity at the IBA have yet to be evaluated in detail. However, one of the major threats is thought to be opportunistic hunting of birds by local people fishing with spotlights at night, during the wet season. Bengal Floricans were at least formerly targeted by some hunters in this IBA.

Recommendations

- Law enforcement and community awareness activities should be initiated based on the successful model at Stung Sen/Santuk/Baray IBA (KH021). These should focus on controlling the hunting and trade of key species, particularly Bengal Floricans and large waterbirds and the potential benefits to local communities

References

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