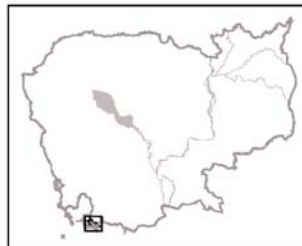


Prek Taek Sap

Criteria A1

Province(s):	Sihanoukville
District(s):	Prey Nup
Area (ha):	3,579
Altitude (m asl):	0 to 111
Central coordinates:	10°34'N 103°41'E

**General description**

The IBA comprises the estuary of the Taek Sap River, which flows into the Gulf of Thailand to the east of Ream National Park. At the mouth of the estuary is situated a large island, called Koh Thmei. The vegetation of the IBA is dominated by intertidal mudflats and coastal mangrove, with some stands of *Nypa* and areas of degraded *Melaleuca* forest on the landward side of the mangrove. The IBA is a non-breeding site for a number of large waterbirds, including Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus*, Painted Stork *Mycteria leucocephala* and Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*. Most significantly, the IBA is the most important known non-breeding site in Cambodia for Milky Stork *Mycteria cinerea*, which breeds at Prek Toal IBA, and most probably at an as-yet-undiscovered location in south-western Cambodia, quite possibly nearby (perhaps even within) this IBA.

Key bird species

Common name	Scientific name	IBA criteria
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	A1
Milky Stork	<i>Mycteria cinerea</i>	A1
Painted Stork	<i>M. leucocephala</i>	A1
Lesser Adjutant	<i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	A1

Globally threatened primate species

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*.

Threats to biodiversity

One of the major threats to biodiversity at the IBA is habitat loss, particularly clearance of mangrove. In addition, hunting is a serious problem in the neighbouring Ream National Park, although the severity of this threat within the IBA has not been assessed.

Recommendations

- Increase patrolling along the Prek Taek Sap within Ream National Park to control illegal cutting and clearance of mangrove.

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