

Project Update: September 2015

1. Field work/Field activities

The project site is in Ourei Community Protected Area, Sereimonkol and Trapeangchres Communes, Lumphat Wildlife Sanctuary. It located in Rattanakiri province, one of the Cambodian's most remote and, approximately 600 km northeast of Phnom Penh. Every month, we go to participate with patrolling team to monitor illegal logging, community land forest clearing, wildlife hunting and also to transect walking to observe regularly habitats of the giant ibis and white shouldered ibis. On the other hand, during that time we interviewed with community members and villagers to know information about giant ibis and white shouldered ibis in their community forest and in cropping rice field and about their interested in giant ibis and white shouldered ibis protection and conservation.



Top: With community committee members stand by Rufford project logo in their community forests; Left: Interview with community member about Giant ibis and White shouldered ibis information in her community forests. Right: Interview with community member about Giant ibis and White shouldered ibis information in her community forests.

2. Birds' situation in field

According to monthly report and tracing survey of community patrol team in the community areas every month shows that kind of birds are increasing such as heron, black bird, egret, turtle-dove, ring-dove and especially giant ibis and white shouldered ibis. This data based on during patrolling at the same time but different places/areas in the community zone have

seen those birds present in the different places. These factors are firstly, to enforce law enforcement from local authorities and local institutional department to reduce illegal activities (wildlife hunting), and secondly, to participate from local community members/villagers to protect natural habitat (natural pond), and thirdly, food is available. However, we are difficult to reach and capture the giant ibis and white shouldered ibis because we cannot go to next to those birds.



3. Future plan

Next trip the project plan to invite Mr Lay Sothy, project technical advisor (unpaid Rufford-funded) and local authorities (village chief and commune council) and director or ranger of the Lumphat wildlife sanctuary to visit the project site (Ourei Community Protected Area) and to patrol with the community team in the community forestry. The main objective of field visit is to meet community members and other interested people groups of the project implementation and find the mechanism both present and future for stakeholder participation in wildlife especially giant ibis and white shouldered ibis protection and conservation. Additionally, the project will report to local authorities and local institutional departments about potential and challenges for giant ibis and white shouldered ibis. However, the project will find the ways for future project's intervention to strengthen local people's livelihoods.