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As per the activities and timescale of the project social survey was conducted to provide information on degree of awareness, peoples' perception and attitudes towards the conservation of bird, general disturbances and threats to the white-bellied heron (WBH) and its habitats. In general, 97% of the local residents were much aware of the WBH in the proximity of their village. However, a few people still need to be educated why this species has to be conserved. There was no evidence of direct killing and hunting of birds by human but the movement of people for fishing, animal herding, firewood collection, and rafting were recognised as direct threats and disturbances to the birds. Therefore, complete protection of the WBH and its habitat through enforcement of laws, continuous raising awareness of local communities are voiced as immediate conservation action to be taken in the study area.

