



Fifty Globally Vulnerable Sarus Crane Chicks Successfully Hatch in Northern Plains of Cambodia

Fifty globally Vulnerable Sarus Crane chicks hatched from 27 nests protected by conservationists of Ministry of Environment, WCS, and local communities in the Northern Plains of Cambodia, giving hope for the conservation of the species.

The Sarus Crane (*Antigone antigone*) is the tallest flying bird standing up to 165 cm tall. This species lives only in Australia, Cambodia, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Vietnam. Its global population numbers around 10,000, of which 500 individuals live in Cambodia.

Mao Khean, WCS's Wildlife Research Project Coordinator in the Northern Plains of Cambodia, said, "With support and cooperation from local villagers, rangers and the research team, we found 27 nests of globally Vulnerable sarus cranes in the Northern Plains this year. Ten nests are located in Chhep Wildlife Sanctuary, and 17 nests in Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary." [Read full story](#)

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1. [PNN TV](#) 2. [Bayern TV](#) 3. [Phnom Penh Post](#) 4. [Radio Free Asia](#) 5. [Khmer Times](#)

Two Critically Endangered Giant Ibis Chicks Recorded in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary

A nest and two chicks of the Critically Endangered Giant Ibis have been found in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary (KSWs) for the first time, Ministry of Environment (MoE) and WCS's research team reveals. This finding makes KSWs one of the few remaining breeding sites for the species in Cambodia.



Giant Ibises on the nest in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary. © Sot Vandoeun / WCS

"After finding two pairs of Critically Endangered Giant Ibis in late August, our team continued searching for the species and its nest, because we know KSWs is a very good natural habitat and ideal for their feeding and breeding," said Sot Vandoeun, WCS's Wildlife Research and Monitoring Team Leader in KSWs. [Read full story](#)

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1. [PNN TV](#) 2. [Bayern TV](#) 3. [Khmer Times](#) 4. [Thmey Thmey news](#) 5. [Radio Free Asia \(RFA\)](#)

New Signboards Installed to Protect Critically Endangered Siamese Crocodile

Conservationists from Fisheries Administration, WCS and local communities installed five signboards along Sre Ambel River system in Koh Kong Province to inform local communities about the risks facing the critically endangered Siamese crocodile.



Conservationists are installing the signboard along Sre Ambel River system. © Som Sitha / WCS

The purpose is to inform local communities about the Critically Endangered Siamese Crocodile and encourage them to protect this species by preserving its habitat and preventing poaching or collecting eggs. In June 2017, a nest with 19 eggs of the Siamese Crocodile was recorded in Sre Ambel River System for the first time in six years.

Jahoo Gibbon Camp shortlisted for Euro Award

Jahoo Gibbon Camp, in Keo Seima Wildlife

Sanctuary, has been shortlisted out of 131 projects from around the world for a \$35,000 award from the European Outdoor Conservation Association.

If the project wins the vote, the funds will be used to support Ministry of Environment ranger patrols around Andong Kraloeng where Jahoo Gibbon Camp is located, and to support gibbon habituation at the community ecotourism project. Jahoo Gibbon Camp community members would also benefit directly from capacity building and from payments to the gibbon habituation team, as well as from a study trip to another successful ecotourism project to allow them to share ideas and experiences.

Key coverage:

1. [Khmer Times](#) 2. [Phnom Penh Post Khmer](#) 3. [Sabay news](#) 4. [Vayo FM](#)



Tent in Jahoo Gibbon Camp. © Olly Griffin / WCS

Trees Planted in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary

Over 100 people from the Ministry of Environment in collaboration with JCI, WCS, provincial authorities, private sectors, local communities, and students planted trees in Keo Seima district of Mondulkiri province, inside Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary. As planned by JCI, about 50,000 trees will be planted inside the sanctuary by the end of 2018.



Participants planted tree in Keo Seima Wildlife Sanctuary. © Toeun Bann / WCS

The purpose of planting these trees is to promote environmental awareness among local communities within Keo Seima district participating in the Keo Seima REDD+ project in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment.

TV Crew Visited Northern Plains of Cambodia

WCS in collaboration with Department of Environment hosted a field visit for Apsara TV crew to the Northern Plains of Cambodia. The TV crews visited Tmatbouy Ecotourism Community Protected Area in Kulen Promtep Wildlife Sanctuary and the Vulture Restaurant in Chhep Wildlife Sanctuary.

The main purpose of this visit was to increase public awareness about the importance of Northern Plains landscape for biodiversity conservation and local livelihood initiatives.



Apsara TV crew interviewed a local villager about his understanding of vulture restaurant and ecotourism. © Eng Mengey / WCS

Stakeholders Verified Boundary of Phnom Tbeng Natural Heritage Park

Stakeholders from Preah Vihear Department of Environment, WCS, district/ communal authorities and local communities worked together to verify the boundary of Phnom Tbeng Natural Heritage Park in Preah Vihear Province.

With support from the Rainforest Trust, WCS will work closely with Department of Environment to install concrete poles next year after boundary verification is completed. This demarcation combined with effective law enforcement, aims to inform local communities and reduce land grabbing, illegal logging and settlement by migrants.



Stakeholders stand in front of tree where they marked for boundary demarcation. © Uly Sitha / WCS

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