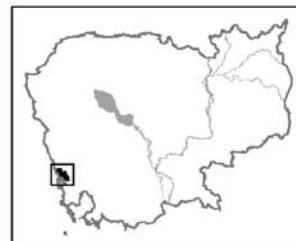


## Koh Kapik

Criteria A1 &amp; A4i

Province(s):	Koh Kong
District(s):	Koh Kong, Smach Meanchey and Mondul Sema
Area (ha):	27,289
Altitude (m asl):	0 to 110
Central coordinates:	11°30'N 103°02'E



### General description

The IBA is situated to the south of Koh Kong provincial town, and comprises all areas of mangrove forest on Koh Kapik island and associated coastal areas on the mainland. The IBA supports the most intact mature mangrove forest in Cambodia and, arguably, in the whole of the Gulf of Thailand. The mangroves around Koh Kapik island are bisected by many creeks. Along the western coastline of the island, there are well developed mudflats, while the northern coastline is more sandy. There is a single village (Koh Kapik) on the island, where the main industry is fishing. Much of the IBA is included within Peam Krasop Wildlife Sanctuary, and the southern parts, centred on the island, have been designated as Koh Kapik Ramsar site. The IBA is an important site for migratory waterbirds, including Nordmann's Greenshank *Tringa guttifer* and Asian Dowitcher *Limnodromus semipalmatus*. In addition, there are historical records of Milky Stork *Mycteria cinerea* and Lesser Adjutant *Leptoptilos javanicus* from 1944, although there have been no recent records, and the current status of these globally vulnerable species at the IBA is unknown.

### Key bird species

Common name	Scientific name	IBA criteria	
Nordmann's Greenshank	<i>Tringa guttifer</i>	A1	A4i
Asian Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus semipalmatus</i>	A1	

### Globally threatened primate species

Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*.

### Threats to biodiversity

There has been extensive cutting of the mature mangrove forest at the IBA, particularly for charcoal production. Establishment and expansion of aquacultural ponds has also contributed significantly to loss of mangrove forest. In addition, there is some hunting of shorebirds at the IBA, primarily by the members of the Cham ethnic group.

### Recommendations

- Increase patrolling within Peam Krasop Wildlife Sanctuary and Koh Kapik Ramsar site to control illegal cutting and clearance of mangrove and hunting of shorebirds.
- Continue to eliminate illegal charcoal kilns in and around the IBA.
- Carry out education and extension on wildlife hunting and laws, focusing on Cham communities.
- Further surveys need to be carried out throughout the mudflat and mangrove area focusing on identifying and better understanding important sites for migratory and wintering shorebirds.

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