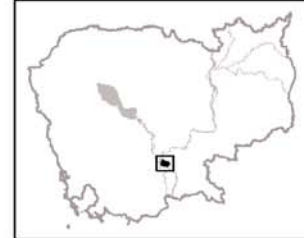


Boeung Veal Samnap

Criteria A1

Province(s):	Kandal
District(s):	Lvea Em and Khsach Kandal
Area (ha):	11,286
Altitude (m asl):	4 to 17
Central coordinates:	11°37'N 105°02'E



General description

The IBA comprises Boeung Veal Samnap, a permanent lake located to the east of Phnom Penh. The areas surrounding the lake become inundated when the Mekong River floods during the wet season, and thus support extensive marshes, bordered by rice cultivation. The vegetation of the marshes comprises various grasses and sedges, while other emergent species and rafts of floating vegetation cover extensive areas of the lake; there are also small patches of swamp forest trees. A number of large waterbirds regularly occur in the wet season, including small numbers of Spot-billed Pelican *Pelecanus philippensis*. In 2000, a colony of Darter *Anhinga melanogaster* was discovered.

Key bird species

Common name	Scientific name	IBA criteria
Darter	<i>Anhinga melanogaster</i>	A1
Black-headed Ibis	<i>Threskiornis melanocephalus</i>	A1
Spot-billed Pelican	<i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	A1
Painted Stork	<i>Mycteria leucocephala</i>	A1

Biome restricted species

One species is restricted to the Indo-Malayan Tropical Dry Zone (see Appendix 4).

Threats to biodiversity

There are many villages located close to the IBA, and the activities of local people, in particular fishing, are a source of disturbance. Hunting is also a problem. For example, a mixed colony of Darters and flying-foxes *Pteropus* sp., discovered in 2000, was reported disturbed by local people collecting eggs and hunting in the following year. A further problem is invasion by the alien plant species *Mimosa pigra*, which is taking over large areas, to the detriment of the natural vegetation.

Recommendations

- Enforcement activities should be initiated as soon as possible focusing on hunting of wildlife (including egg and chick collection) and illegal fishing methods.

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