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A RECORD OF WHITE-SHOULDERED IBIS IN EAST KALIMANTAN

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Ringkasan

Dipertelakan catatan tentang 13 ekor *Pseudibis davisoni* di Sungai Mahakam.

At the request of Marcel Silvius, Asian Wetland Bureau, Jens Madsen and the author visited the River Mahakam on 16 - 25 November 1989 to look for the White-shouldered Ibis *Pseudibis davisoni*. All bird-watching was done from a boat.

On 18 November at 09-10 hrs, between the villages of Long Wae and Tukon (at approx. 115°29'E, 0°15'N), 12 ibis with distinct down-curved bills and straight necks were seen flying across the river in V-formation. The birds passed at a distance of about 100 metres, but against the sun. The size and shape of each bird appeared to be identical, and occasionally a glimpse was seen of the white shoulders. Three minutes later, another ibis was seen, in almost perfect light, and the white shoulders were readily seen at a distance of about 50 metres. When the bird landed in a tree, it was possible to see that the upper part of the neck and the chin was clear white. The extent of this white colour varied according to the attitude of the bird. No sign could be seen of red on the head. The flight and shape were identical to those of the 12 birds seen previously.

According to Holmes & Burton (1987), the White-shouldered Ibis has been seen probably four times only in the period 1974-1984, from the eastern and southern parts of Kalimantan. One of these records was from the Mahakam River further downstream, on 21 July 1984. A local inhabitant informed us that he had seen an ibis nearby at Ujoh Bilang in July 1983, and that it feeds on fruit.

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NOTE ON THE STATUS OF THE WHITE-SHOULDERED IBIS IN KALIMANTAN

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Dipertelakan selucuh catatan tentang keberadaan burung langka *Pseudibis davisoni* di Kalimantan, dan dibuat rekomendasi penting untuk penelitian lanjutan terhadap jenis ini.

The publication of a record of White-shouldered Ibis *Pseudibis davisoni* by Petersen (see above) provides an opportunity to give a more complete summary of the status of this species than was provided by Holmes & Burton (1987) or Silvius & Verheugt (1989), and to draw attention to its plight. With its main population in the Indo-Chinese region (where its population is also believed to be endangered), the geographical isolate in Borneo is one of Indonesia's most enigmatic species. Its status is at least as worrying as that of the Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi* or the White-winged Wood Duck *Cairina scutulata*, but the remarkable lack of early records suggests that it may have always been

Every known record is located on the map in Figure 1 except for the single record from outside Indonesian Borneo, near Kuching in 1946 (Smythies 1981). Localities are lettered in chronological sequence as follows:-