

## A NEW BREEDING SITE OF THE MALEO IN CENTRAL SULAWESI

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A previously unreported breeding site of the Maleo *Macrocephalon maleo* was discovered in Central Sulawesi on 31 August 1990. The site is located on Libun beach (0°38'S, 123°23'E), at the tip of the Balantak Peninsula (Luwuk regency). About ten birds and twelve nest diggings were observed on the white sand beach, close to a small forest remnant.

The site lies about 500 m from the nearest house of Ubun village, and has been partly destroyed. The eggs are collected by local people, one informant claiming to have been collecting at the site every year since during the 1940s. We considered the site to be severely threatened.

This is an additional site to those listed in Dekker (1990), Baltzer (1990), *Kukila* (1990), Pramono (1991) and Dekker & Argeloo (1992).

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