

Project Update: December 2010

The 2011 breeding season is now underway, with white-shouldered ibis pairing up, courting, mating, nest building and egg-laying. Local field staff have already found several nests where incubation has begun so shortly we'll begin installing nest cameras for a second season. Nest cameras are not installed until the nest has been incubated for at least 2 weeks to reduce the risk of desertion by the adults. For this season we have purchased extra equipment and better climbing gear to make installing and maintaining the camera systems easier. It will be interesting to see if predation plays a greater role in the survival of eggs and chicks than last season when breeding success was very high.