

Project Update: May 2016

The both fieldwork and interview activity went well. During 6 months, we have collected data on the Sarus crane's behaviour and habitat used each month, from February to April 2016 in Tram Chim National Park and Ha Tien Plain. We first recorded the Sarus crane's movement from Cambodia to our study sites at the end of February 2016. That was the main reason for our slow project progress in collecting data on behaviour and habitat uses by crane on the field. However, these data will be analysed in the next month.

With our interview activities, we have also carried out an interview survey 30 local people who live in and around Tram Chim National Park (including three communities: Phu Hiep, Phu Duc and Tan Cong Sinh community). In May 2016, we will continue this activity in Ha Tien Plain. Our designed questionnaire has 44 questions which focus on interviewee's background (age, number of people in family, income, etc.), the status of Sarus crane populations (the main threats, the number of crane movements) and collect information of interviewee's awareness. After interviewed each local people, we gave them our leaflets. With interview activities, we have received positive feedback from local people awareness for Sarus crane conservation that is high in recently years.

Besides, we conducted the two workshops and training course on study of behaviour and habitat uses by Sarus crane for Tram Chim National Park staff (technical staff, forest rangers, local authorities, etc.) and volunteers from University of Sciences Ho Chi Minh City, Dong Thap University and Nong Lam University-Ho Chi Minh City. These workshop and training course were organised in Tram Chim National Park and Southern Institute of Ecology (SIE). After finished this training course, each trainees got the certificate of complete training course which designed by our project.

We have also designed 1000 leaflets and provided to local people (local schools, local authorities, coffee shops, etc.) in our study sites. We are currently reconsider our project study items to achieve our objectives.



Leaflets for awareness raising for local people in our interview activities

Field sample activities





The training course on study of Behaviour and Habitat uses by Sarus Crane in Tram Chim National Park

Our interview activities in Tram Chim National Park



Workshop activities on education and encourage local people interested in Sarus Crane at Southern Institute of Ecology



The Eastern Sarus Crane family with 4 individuals in Tram Chim National Park