

# VIETNAM

**RAMSAR CONVENTION CAME INTO FORCE 1989**

**NUMBER OF RAMSAR SITES DESIGNATED** (at 31 August 2005) **1**

**AREA OF RAMSAR SITES DESIGNATED** (at 31 August 2005) **12,000 ha**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR RAMSAR CONVENTION** Nature Conservation Division,  
Vietnam Environment Protection Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

**RAMSAR DESIGNATION IS:**

**Complete in 1 IBA**

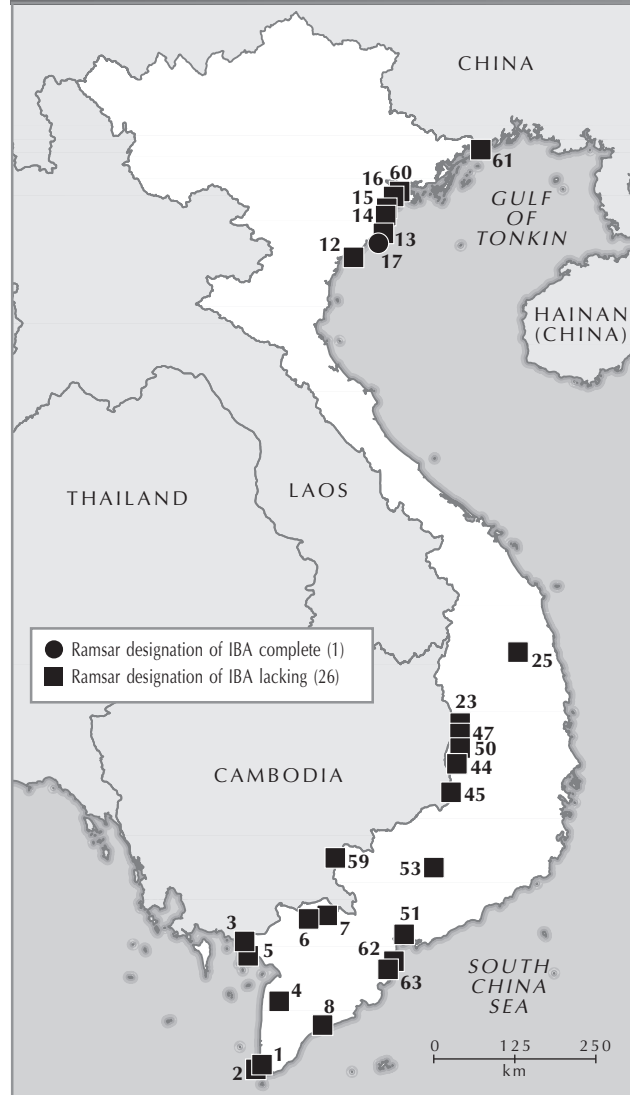
**Lacking in 26 IBAs**

Many of the most important wetlands in Vietnam are associated with two major estuary systems, the Red River delta in the north and the Mekong delta in the south (Pedersen *et al.* 1996, Buckton *et al.* 1999, BirdLife International Vietnam Programme 2000). These wetlands support many migratory wetland-dependent birds, including the globally threatened Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*, Black-faced Spoonbill *Platalea minor*, Spotted Greenshank *Tringa guttifer* and Spoon-billed Sandpiper *Eurynorhynchus pygmeus*. The dry forest landscapes of central Vietnam, close to the international border with Cambodia, support a number of seasonally wet meadows and other important wetlands; several threatened waterbirds occur in this part of Vietnam, including Giant Ibis *Thaumatibis gigantea*. In 2003, the Government of Vietnam enacted a “Decree for Wetland Conservation and Sustainable Use”, and an “Action Plan on Conservation and Sustainable Development of Wetlands 2004–2010” that have been approved by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment.

Although Vietnam joined the Ramsar Convention in 1989, it has so far only designated one Ramsar Site, which overlaps with an IBA. An additional 26 potential Ramsar Sites have been identified.



Location of Important Bird Areas in Vietnam that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites.



## Summary of Important Bird Areas that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites in Vietnam.

### Ramsar designation of IBA complete (1 IBA)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
17	Xuan Thuy	12,000	Xuan Thuy Natural Wetland Reserve	12,000	✓	✓	✓	✓

### Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (26 IBAs)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
			2	4	5	6
1	Bai Boi	5,525	✓	✓		✓
2	Dat Mui	4,388	✓	✓		✓
3	Ha Tien	6,981	✓			

Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (26 IBAs) ...continued						
IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
			2	4	5	6
4	U Minh Thuong	22,918	✓	✓		✓
5	Kien Luong	7,624	✓	✓		✓
6	Tram Chim	7,588	✓	✓		✓
7	Lang Sen	3,280	✓			
8	Bac Lieu	127		✓		✓
12	Nghia Hung	7,600	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Tien Hai	12,500	✓	✓		✓
14	Thai Thuy	13,696	✓	✓		✓
15	Tien Lang	5,000	✓	✓		✓
16	An Hai	5,000	✓			
23	Chu Prong	50,104	✓			
25	Kon Cha Rang	15,900	✓			
44	Yok Don	58,200	✓			
45	Dak Dam	10,000	✓			
47	Ya Lop	30,000	✓			
50	Chu M'lanh	54,563	✓			
51	Can Gio	75,740	✓			
53	Nam Cat Tien	38,302	✓			
59	Lo Go Xa Mat	16,754	✓			
60	Ha Nam	5,000	✓	✓		✓
61	Tra Co	3,000	✓			
62	Binh Dai	30,000	✓	✓	✓	✓
63	Ba Tri	6,000	✓	✓		✓

## Summary of the occurrence of globally threatened wetland-dependent bird species within the selected IBAs in Vietnam.

IBA	Spot-billed Pelican <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	Chinese Egret <i>Egretta eulophotes</i>	Lesser Adjutant <i>Leptoptilos javanicus</i>	White-shouldered Ibis <i>Pseudibis davisoni</i>	Giant Ibis <i>Thaumatibis gigantea</i>	Black-faced Spoonbill <i>Platalea minor</i>	White-winged Duck <i>Cairma scutulata</i>	Sarus Crane <i>Grus antigone</i>	Masked Finfoot <i>Heliopais personata</i>	Bengal Florican <i>Houbaropsis bengalensis</i>	Spotted Greenshank <i>Tringa guttifer</i>	Spoon-billed Sandpiper <i>Euryrhynchus pygmeus</i>	Saunders's Gull <i>Larus saundersi</i>	Total
1		✓												1
2	✓	✓												2
3										✓				1
4	✓		✓											2
5	✓			✓				✓						3
6			✓					✓		✓				3
7								✓						1
12	✓	✓				✓					✓	✓	✓	6
13						✓								1
14		✓				✓						✓	✓	4
15						✓							✓	2
16													✓	1
17	✓	✓				✓					✓	✓	✓	6
23			✓											1
25									✓					1
44			✓		✓		✓	✓	✓					5
45							✓							1
47			✓											1
50			✓		✓			✓						3
51	✓										✓			2
53			✓	✓			✓							3
59			✓					✓						2
60						✓								1
61													✓	1
62		✓	✓								✓			3
63		✓										✓		2
Total	6	7	9	2	2	6	3	6	2	2	4	4	6	