

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

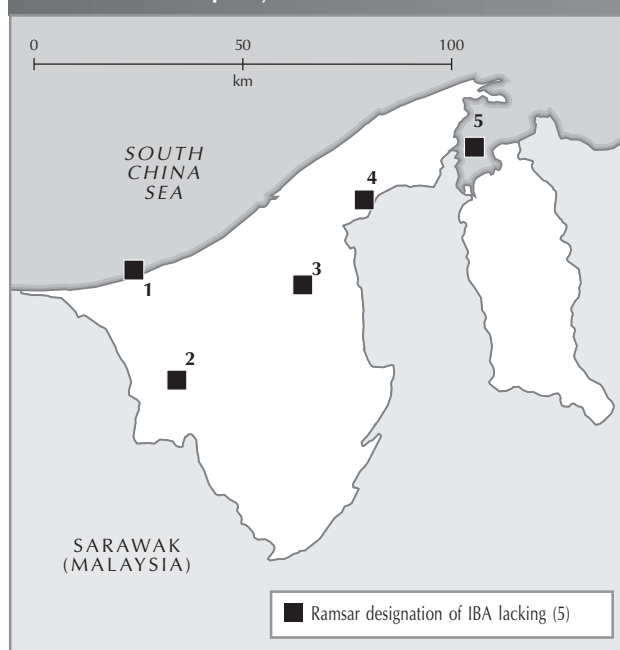
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RAMSAR DESIGNATION IS:
Lacking in 5 IBAs

Brunei Darussalam has a lower human population density than most other South-East Asian countries, and its wetlands are under relatively less pressure than those elsewhere in the region. The coastal wetlands in Brunei Darussalam support significant numbers of waterbirds, including non-breeding populations of the threatened Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*. The swamp forests inland are becoming an increasingly important stronghold for birds such as the threatened Storm's Stork *Ciconia stormi*, as this habitat is being cleared rapidly elsewhere in the Sundaic lowlands.

Five potential Ramsar Sites have been identified in Brunei Darussalam. Brunei Bay (IBA 5) extends into Malaysia (IBA 55 in that country), and it might be appropriate to establish the IBAs in the two countries as a single trans-boundary Ramsar Site. There is no wetland related national policy for Brunei Darussalam, and no wetland inventory has been conducted to date.

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



Summary of Important Bird Areas that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites in Brunei Darussalam.

Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (5 IBAs)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
			2	4	5	6
1	Seria Coast	5,000	✓			
2	Beliat Swamp Forest	25,000	✓			
3	Tasek Merimbun	7,800	✓			
4	Wasan	1,000	✓	✓		✓
5	Brunei Bay	8,000	✓	✓	✓	✓

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

IBA	Chinese Egret <i>Egretta eulophotes</i>	Storm's Stork <i>Ciconia stormi</i>	Lesser Adjutant <i>Lepidoptilos javanicus</i>	Black-faced Spoonbill <i>Platalea minor</i>	Black Partridge <i>Melanoperdix nigra</i>	Spotted Greenshank <i>Tringa guttifer</i>	Grey Imperial-pigeon <i>Ducula pickeringii</i>	Sunda Nighthjar <i>Caprimulgus concretus</i>	Blue-banded Kingfisher <i>Alcedo euryzona</i>	Straw-headed Bulbul <i>Pycnonotus zeylanicus</i>	Hook-billed Bulbul <i>Setornis criniger</i>	Total
	VU	EN	VU	EN	VU	EN	VU	VU	VU	VU		
1	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		6
2		✓			✓				✓	✓	✓	5
3		✓										1
4	✓		✓							✓		3
5	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓				5
Total	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	