

**ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE**  
**REPORT NO. 11**  
**16/5/19**  
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**COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK**

“Unity is strength.... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved”

This week, while waiting for location readings there was considerable ‘behind the scenes’ work mainly involving lots of emails to and from colleagues in India and Taiwan. The outcome of this extra effort resulted in amazing news from India and while the weather in Taiwan looked promising for a number of days, it seems the rains have hit again, hindering quality data.

All birds are still believed to be in their chosen breeding locations with continued local movements and it is likely that all these birds are involved in breeding activity.

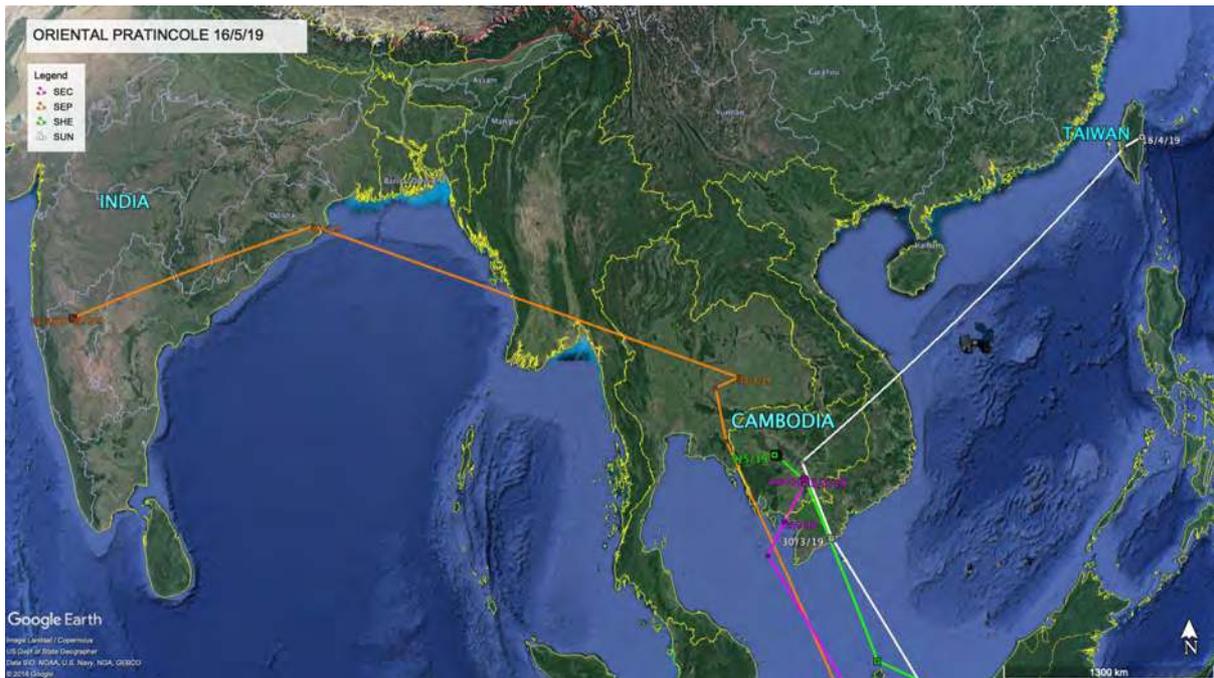


Figure 1 – Tracks of Oriental Pratincole 16/5/19

**DISTANCE FROM RELEASE LOCATION 16/5/19**

Bird ID	Distance from 80 Mile Beach release location (approx.)
SUN	4800km
SEP	6350km
SHE	4000km

SEC	3840km
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**SUN (PTT 83591) – “The sun will come out tomorrow” – won’t it??**

By Grace Maglio and Chung-Yu Chiang

The weather had finally cleared and, oh so slowly, the data transmissions were returning, and then, just as it looked like quality data was on its way, the weather turned once again. Although we are yet to receive accurate location data, the information we did receive does suggest that SUN remains Hualien County and somewhere near the Shoufeng and Hualien Rivers.



Figure 2 - SUN – Last accurate reading 18/4/19, approximate location Hualien County, Taiwan.

Note the location of 2018 breeding location recorded by Chung-Yu Chiang

### SEP (PTT 83593) – One little bird, many conservation possibilities

What a week! In a prime example of collaboration and teamwork. SEP, 'one little bird', ignited the interest and excitement of many people around the world as we watched its migration from North West Australia to Mainland Southeast Asia and then to India. These very movements had the power to connect people and show how working together can drive the protection of a species and ultimately ecosystems.

In brief, after reading about SEP's migration to India, a group of around eight individuals lead by Subbu Subramanya travelled to Bagalkot District, Karnataka on a three-day monitoring expedition. Their mission was to survey the flora and fauna of this area. The hope was to sight SEP during this three-day expedition and that is exactly what happened! **A detailed supplementary report (titled – In Search of SEP: The Oriental Pratincole), will be circulated very shortly keep an eye out for this!**

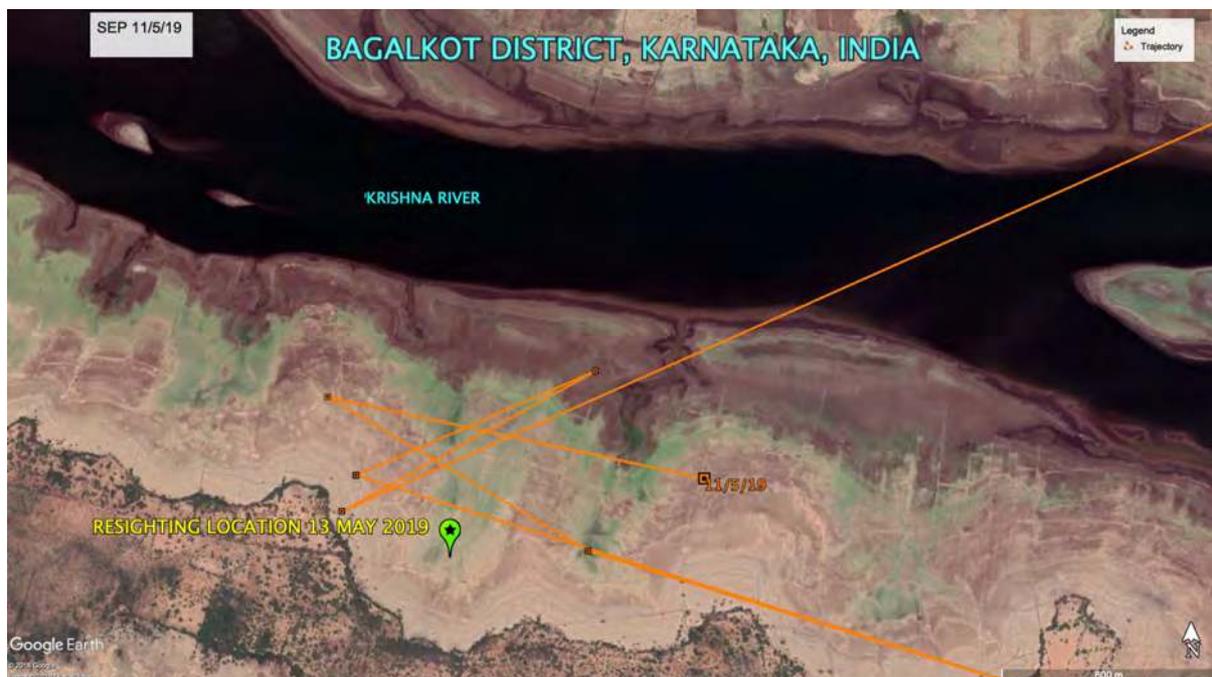


Figure 3 – SEP – local tracks in Heggur Village, Bagalkot District, India  
Also resighting location 13/5/19

## SHE (PTT 83595) – How long will SHE stay?

After eleven weeks in the one location, and what we believe are clear signs of breeding behaviour, the next question (or two) may well be; after the chicks fledge, what will be SHE's next move? Will the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve remain 'home' until it is time to return to the Coastal Plains of Eighty Mile Beach or will SHE surprise us all with her next move?

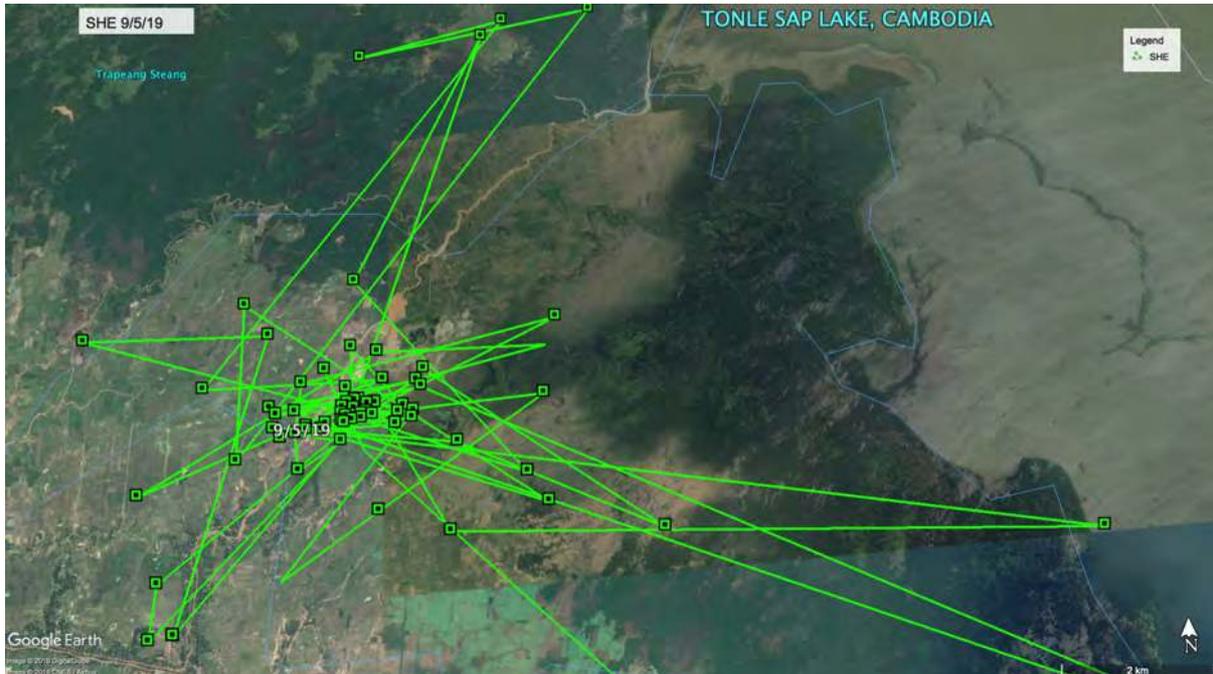


Figure 4 – SHE – 11 weeks in the Tonle Sap Biosphere Reserve

**SEC (PTT 83596) – Just wait a SEC.**

Forty kilometres from Phnom Penh, in Prey Veng Province is where SEC has spent the last 58 days. SEC is probably breeding but we continue to wait for a more quality location data, which will help decide with more confidence.

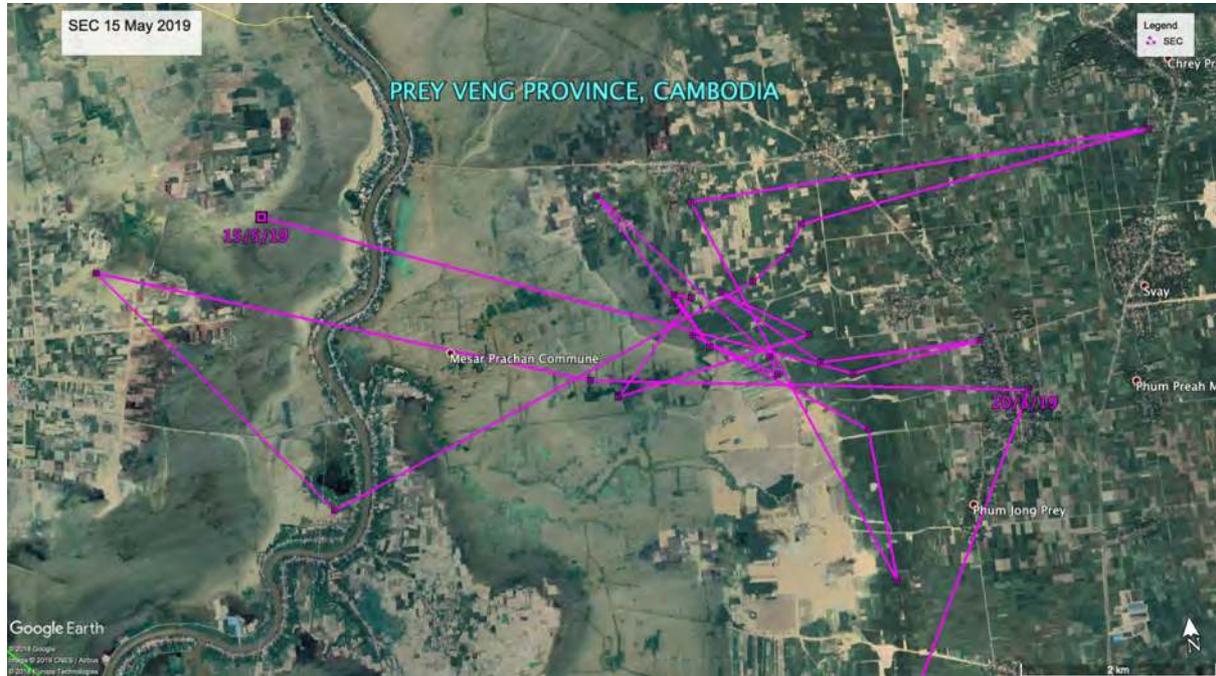


Figure 5 – SEC - Day 58 in Prey Veng Province, Cambodia