

ORIENTAL PRATINCOLE
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Dedicated to Dr Clive Minton, the man responsible for this amazing project!

With SHE 2500 km and SEC 2000 km from the release site, it is difficult not to become excited about thoughts of their next movements.

It is thought that Oriental Pratincole spend only three months per year in Australia, arriving in December and departing once again around February. Will they return to Anna Plains Station? If not, what part of Australia will they call home for this period? So many questions that have no answers...YET.

For this report, I very cautiously share some details of SEP, (our Indian traveller), with a very exciting possible location. News that is worth sharing even if only to remind us to remain hopeful.

All going well, this project will continue to add valuable knowledge to the movements of these incredible little birds!

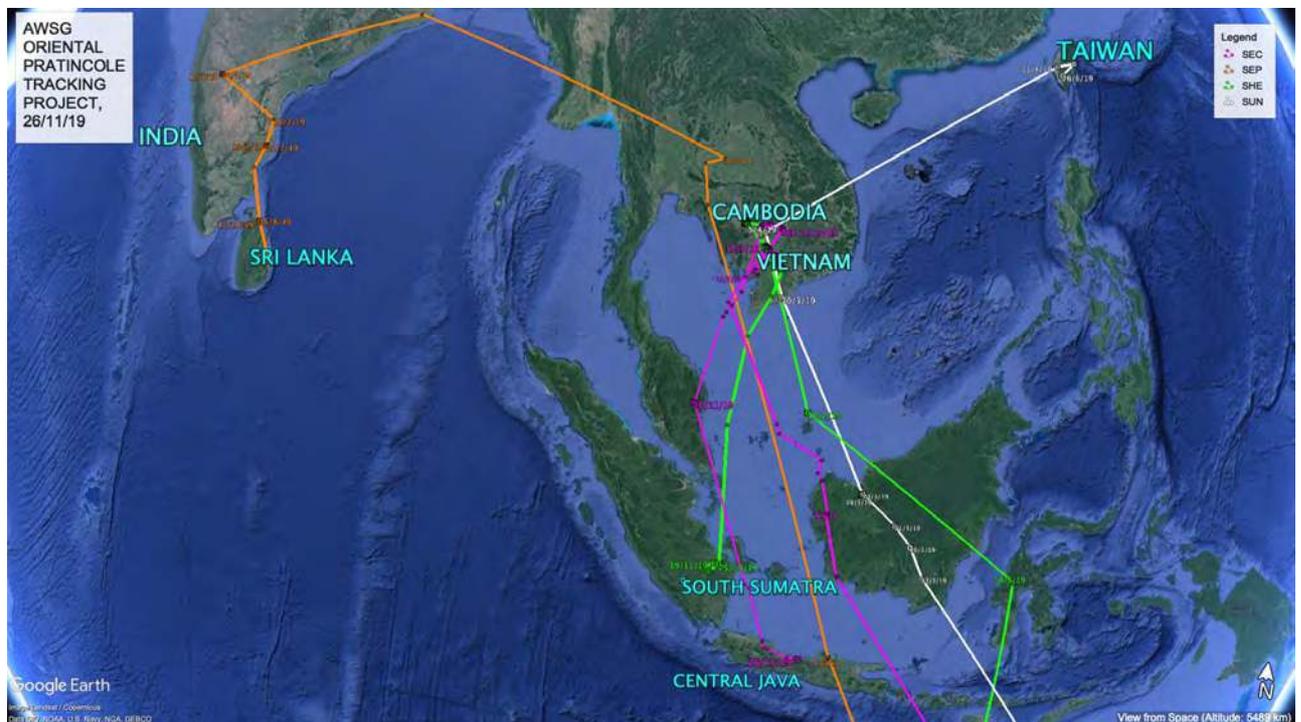


Figure 1 – Tracks of Oriental Pratincole 26/11/19

SHE (PTT 83595) – City living

For just over four weeks SHE has been utilising, the heavily modified agricultural land around Palembang, the heavily populated capital of South Sumatra.



Figure 2 – SHE 25/11/19 Flight path of SHE from Cambodia to its South Sumatra stopover during southward migration.

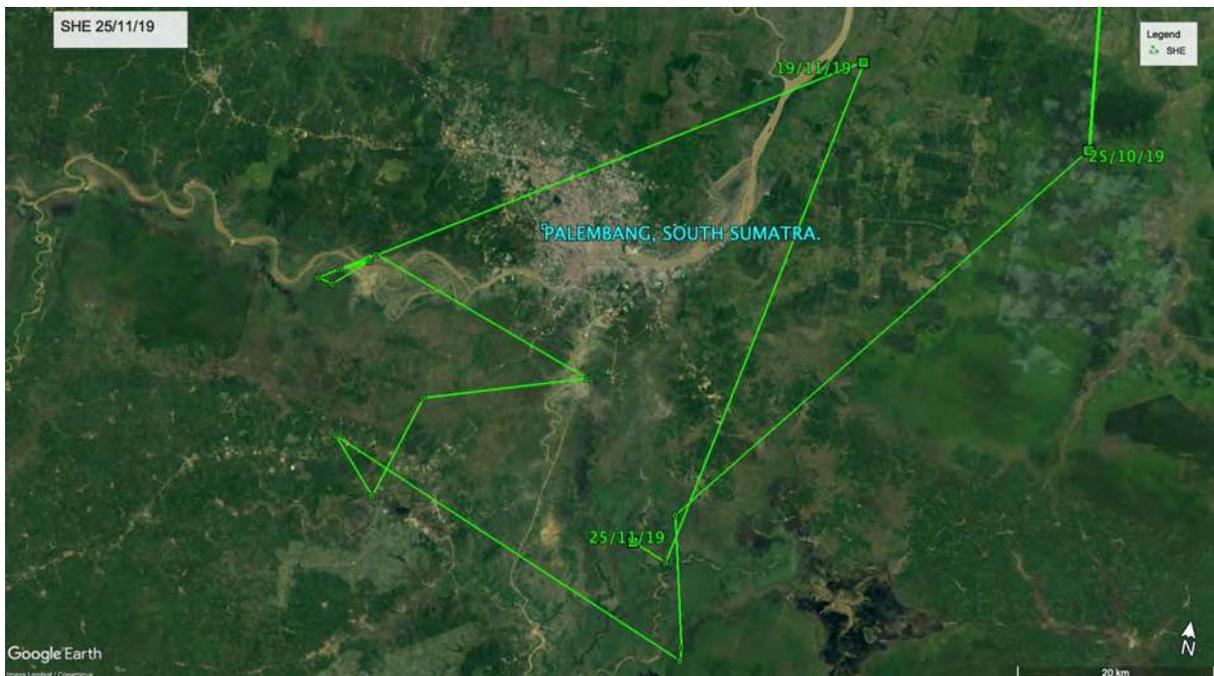


Figure 3 – SHE 25/11/19 – SHE's current location in the vicinity of Palembang, South Sumatra where it has remained since 25th October, 2019.



Figure 5 – SEC 26/11/19 A close-up view of SEC’s current location in Pekalongan, Central Java, Indonesia.

SEP (PTT 83593) – With a Little Bit of Luck

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With the last accurate data received being on the 15th October, showing SEP to be in Vattappala in the Mullaitivu District, Sri Lanka, it was with cautious relief to receive limited data, although inaccurate, showing SEP may have travelled to South Sumatra. Now we wait and hope for more information.

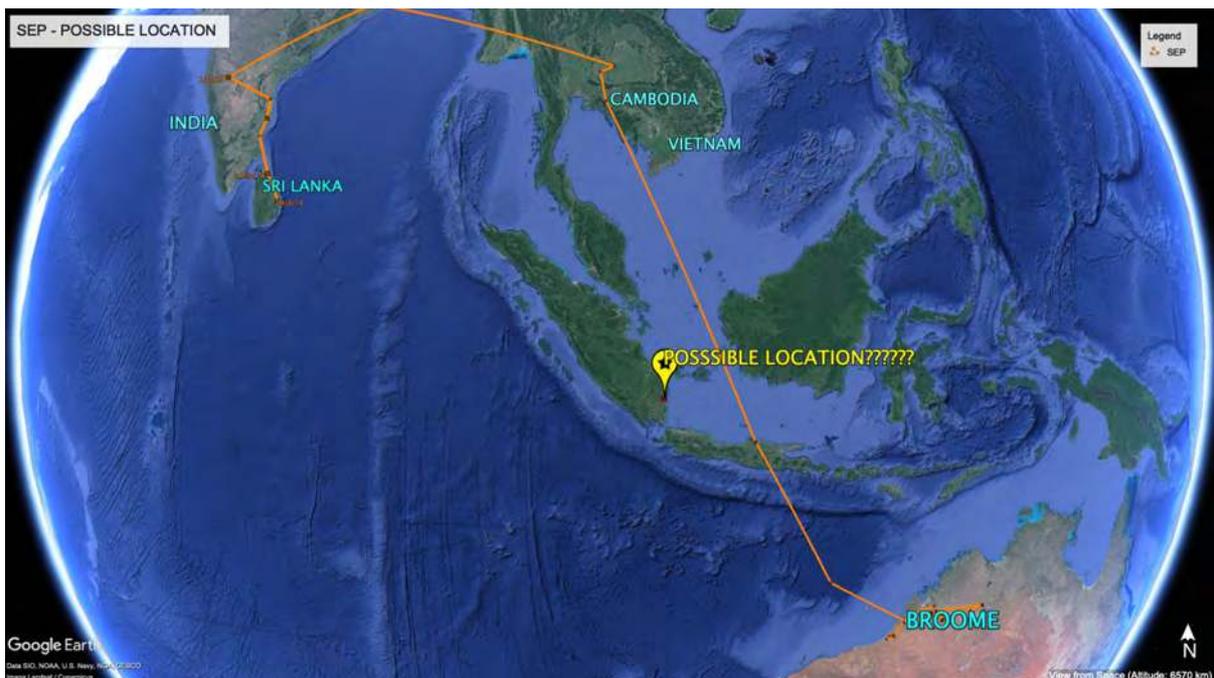


Figure 6 – Possible location of SEP in South Sumatra around mid-November.

SUN (PTT 83591) – Just for the record
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Still no signals at all from SUN since the 1st September.

In the very slim hope that we may receive some data, this map will remain on this final page for a little longer.



Figure 5 - SUN – Still no accurate readings. Pinned area marks probable location from last reading (low accuracy) 1/9/19.

