

GREY-HEADED FISH-EAGLE *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*
SIGHTING ON SULAWESI

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On 5 August 1987, we observed a single adult Grey-headed Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* soaring above us at Doloduo in Dumoga Bone National Park in the northern arm of Sulawesi.

The grey head, brown body and white belly were noted. The diagnostic mark of white basal half of the tail (dark tip) was seen well through a 25x telescope from above and below.

There are a number of sight records of this species from Sulawesi, including two from Dumoga Bone, all of which were rejected by White and Bruce (1986). This sighting suggests that a re-evaluation of those earlier records may be in order.

On 2 August 1989, a Lesser Fish-Eagle *Ichthyophaga humilis* was seen at Toraut, also at Dumoga Bone. Fish-eagles should be carefully distinguished as they often occur together.

Reference:

White, C.M.N. and M.D. Bruce. 1986. *The Birds of Wallacea (Sulawesi, The Moluccas & Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia)*. Brit. Om. Un. Checklist No. 7, London.

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