

Story Card CAMB 015

Story title	Chroeb Soy				
Story-teller: Name	Chroeb Soy	Sex	M	Age	46
Recording time/date	October 2014				
Recording place	Bousra Waterfall National Park, Mondulkiri Province, Cambodia				
Length					
Language(s) used	Bunong, Khmer				
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Topic/key words					
Category	Life history				

Summary

Choeb Soy became blind in 1997 when he was 30 years old. He went into a jungle and committed something wrong to the forest spirit. Those who cared about him encouraged him to learn music and he came to know a partner who was also blind and composed songs. He made *korngreng*, a Bunong instrument, for Soy and taught him how to play it as well. Later, Soy became able to make *korngreng* for himself. Soy and his partner were sometimes invited by villagers to play songs at a ceremony. Soy's partner died in January 2014. *Korngreng* is a Bunong name. It has characteristics similar to a Khmer instrument called *khim*, *korng*, or *kmous*.

Soy has two sons and three daughters. The oldest one was born in 1998, the second in 2002, the third in 2004, the fourth in 2006, and the fifth in 2010. His wife is a farmer. Whenever the sky is clear, Soy comes to play the music at Bousra Waterfall National Park with one of his daughters. When it rains, he does not come. Tourists give him money. He makes about 5 USD a day. During festival seasons, such as the New Year's days he makes more than usual, even up to 17 to 25 USD a day. "If you brothers and sisters want to see me, please come to the Bousra Waterfall," Soy said.



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