

Story Card LAO 002

Story title	<i>Pakha</i> (Irrawaddy dolphin) and <i>Nok Sida</i> (<i>sida</i> bird)				
Story-teller: Name	Khampheuan Keokeanchan	Sex	M	Age	
Recording time/date	Around 10 am, 9 September 2014				
Recording place	At a restaurant of the village chief's daughter on Hangkhon Village, Khong District, Champasak Province, Laos				
Length					
Language(s) used	Lao				
Data available	<input type="checkbox"/> video	<input type="checkbox"/> audio	<input type="checkbox"/> picture	<input type="checkbox"/> notes	other ()
Topic/key words					
Category	Irrawaddy dolphin, Somphamit Waterfall				
<p>Summary</p> <p>A husband and wife, whose names are Kha and Sida, and animals (chicken, duck, frog, <i>kiat</i>= small frog, <i>nok ian</i> and peacock) embarked on a journey on a bamboo raft to search for food. When they came near Somphamit Waterfall, the couple and animals discussed whether to go forward or go back. Most of the animals warned that it was too dangerous to keep going. However, the peacock, the biggest animal in the group, sang out "Go forward!". The couple believed in the peacock's words and died from a fall into Somphamit Waterfall. The husband (Kha) was reincarnated as a dolphin (<i>pa-kha</i>) and the wife (Sida) was reincarnated as a <i>nok sida</i> bird. We can still see that dolphins and <i>nok sida</i> birds catch fish together downstream of Somphamit Waterfall. Neither dolphins or <i>nok sida</i> birds come closer to Somphamit Waterfall, where they used to lose their lives.</p>					