



# THE PAG-ASA NEWSLETTER

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TAGGED EAGLES IN NORTH COTABATO ▶ p.02

## 2019 BREEDING SEASON

As of December, most of the Philippine Eagles who have reached the age of sexual maturity are all actively exhibiting breeding behaviors, especially the natural pairs. The newest natural pair at the PEC-Mayumi and Phoenix in particular are very active and has started copulating soon after they were allowed to be in one enclosure in November. p. 02



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## BREEDING SEASON 2019

Philippine Eagles Pin-pin, Bighani and Dakila have also officially imprinted on their keeper which would greatly benefit the Cooperative Artificial Insemination program.

There are 31 healthy Philippines Eagles currently being housed at the Philippine Eagle Center- 17 of which are male and 14 are female.

Mayumi, Phoenix, Pin-pin, Bighani and Dakila are adopted by the Seda Hotels, Phoenix Petroleum Corp, Pacific Paints Boysen Philippines, Inc., Allied Botanical Corp and Natrapharm Inc. respectively.



*Philippine Eagle Pin-pin in her enclosure*

## TAGGING AND MONITORING OF TWO EAGLES IN NORTH COTABATO

A team from the PEF spent over 240 hours to trap and tag two Philippine Eagles in North Cotabato in November. An 8- month old juvenile suspected to be male and a male adult were successfully tagged on November 8 and November 18 respectively. After a thorough examination and the installation of the monitoring device, both eagles which appeared to be in good condition were quickly released. Currently, the PEF is watching over the two eagles using their GPS/GSM and VHF radio transmitters and they are confirmed to be still in the area where they were found.

Tagging eagles in the wild with satellite and radio transceivers is important as it reveals crucial information about their territory and dispersal patterns. The data collected are then used to determine what actions are necessary to take in order to conserve the species and its habitat.

The expedition in North Cotabato is supported by the Whitley Fund for Nature.



*Examining the adult male Philippine Eagle*



*Trapping the juvenile Philippine Eagle in North Cotabato*





*Collaborator's Training in Quirino*

## THE NORTHERN SIERRA MADRE PHILIPPINE EAGLE EXPEDITION

The PEF research and conservation work extends to the Northern Sierra Madre Mountain Range. Philippine Eagles have been sighted over the past few years in the area but not a single nest has been located. Our goal through our project with the Wildlife Reserves Singapore, the Provincial Local Government Unit of Quirino and the DENR, is to find nests and monitor eagles in the Northern Sierra Madre.

Part of the project was the Collaborator's Training in Quirino last November 5 to 7 with representatives of project partners as attendees. DENR Regions 2 and 3, Baggao and Quirino LGUs, and the Mabuwaya Foundation were the project beneficiaries. The PEF team facilitated the training on Philippine Eagle nest search, monitoring of eagles using GPS tracking technology, and administering first aid treatment in case of injured birds. The target locations where eagle surveys can be conducted were also identified during the training.

## PROTECTING FORESTS

### GUARDIANS OF THE FOREST

We have successfully deputized a total of 560 forest guards in Davao, Bukidnon, Apayao, Davao Oriental, North Cotabato, Southern Leyte, and Eastern Samar.

As more forest guards are engaged, more work is also being accomplished. They are currently monitoring 14 Philippine Eagle nesting sites all over the Philippines, which is a tremendous help in collecting data for eagle research. Furthermore, these local heroes have dutifully planted 10,843 number of trees in deforested areas. The trees planted came from the nurseries they have established and maintained themselves.



*Nursery maintained by Forest Guards in Mindanao*





## STRENGTHENING INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE

The Bukidnon Tribe of Barangay Guilang-guilang, Manolo Fortich and the Sinaka Forest Corridor Community have completed their Community Development and Conservation Plan. The PEF assisted each community in documenting their indigenous knowledge and practices as well as in identifying sacred and cultural landmarks within their domain. These steps help these communities better manage their land which is home to many wildlife including the Philippine Eagle. This initiative is supported by our longtime partner in conservation- the Whitley Fund for Nature.



## SINAG'S 4TH HATCHDAY

Sinag, the youngest Philippine Eagle at the Philippine Eagle Center (PEC) turned 4 on December 7, 2019. To celebrate his hatchday, the 3rd Sinag awards was held acknowledging the efforts of PEF's volunteers for 2019. The PEF awarded 17 outstanding individuals and 6 groups during the ceremony who have exhibited passion, initiative and commitment for the conservation mission. Sinag's hatchday is also in line with the United Nations' International Volunteers Day on December 5 which celebrates volunteerism all over the world.

Sinag's hatchday celebration was supported by his adopter the Philippine Airlines and Noemi's Café.



PEF volunteers for 2019



## OFFICIAL DEBUT OF THE PHILIPPINE EAGLES IN SINGAPORE

Our Philippine Eagles Geothermica and Sambisig have officially debuted at the Jurong Bird Park in Singapore last November 27.

Wildlife Reserves Singapore Chairman S. Dhanabalan and CEO Mike Barclay welcomed Philippine Ambassador to Singapore Joseph del Mar Yap and the PEF led by Vice Chairman Jaime Bautista, Treasurer Johnson Ongking, and Executive Director Dennis Salvador. The event's guests of honor were DENR ASEC Ricardo Calderon and Singapore Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan.



The eagles arrived in Singapore on June 4 under the Philippine Eagle International Loan Program. Since then, the eagles have spent the next few months adjusting to their new environment. The loan program- a first for this species, is also a celebration of the 50 years of friendship between the Philippines and Singapore.

The Jurong Bird Park kicked off their year-end campaign with the King's Fiesta in honor of the Philippine Eagle. Check out their page <https://www.wrs.com.sg/en/jurong-bird-park/whats-on/kings-fiesta.html> for more details!

Geothermica and Sambisig were proudly adopted by the Energy Development Corp. and Dow Chemical Philippines, Inc. respectively. Their multi-year support provided for the eagles' subsistence and care in the Philippine Eagle Center.







PEF Trustee Francis Ledesma and Executive Director Dennis Salvador with AppleOne Assistant Vice President Ria Ledesma and partners

## BIRD OF PREY SOARS IN CEBU CITY

The Bird of Prey finally landed in Cebu City. Over 730 students, representatives from the private sectors, and the local government attended the first and highly anticipated free public screenings last November 12 and 13 at the Ayala Center Cebu.

We were able to raise Php 42,852.00 in merchandise sales and jar donations through the screenings. This event was supported by USAID Protect Wildlife, AppleOne Properties, Inc., and Ayala Cinemas.

To date, the Bird of Prey has been viewed by an estimated number of 32, 000 people all over the Philippines through the support of various conservation partners.





## BIRD OF PREY SCREENING PARTNERS



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