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PHILIPPINE EAGLES IN THE PASONANCA NATIONAL PARK

Last year, we achieved a breakthrough in eagle research with the discovery of the first active Philippine Eagle nest in the Zamboanga Peninsula. Joining the PEF in the expedition were Zamboanga City Water District forest guards and representatives from the Zamboanga City Government, DENR IX, and universities in the city. p 2



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PHILIPPINE EAGLES IN THE PASONANCA NATIONAL PARK

After a series of field expeditions led by the PEF, the team finally found the nest and a family of eagles. Spotted inside the nest were a female eagle, its one-month old chick, and a male eagle flying off after delivering food. Finding this nest is crucial not only in studying but also in protecting the sub population in the region.

However, by January, the team returned to find an empty nest except for a few feathers, small bones, and skin patches of the eaglet. After the investigation, the eaglet was declared dead of uncertain cause. Regrettably, such incident is not uncommon in the wild. Our data shows that in Mindanao, three out of ten nesting attempts of eagle pairs fail.

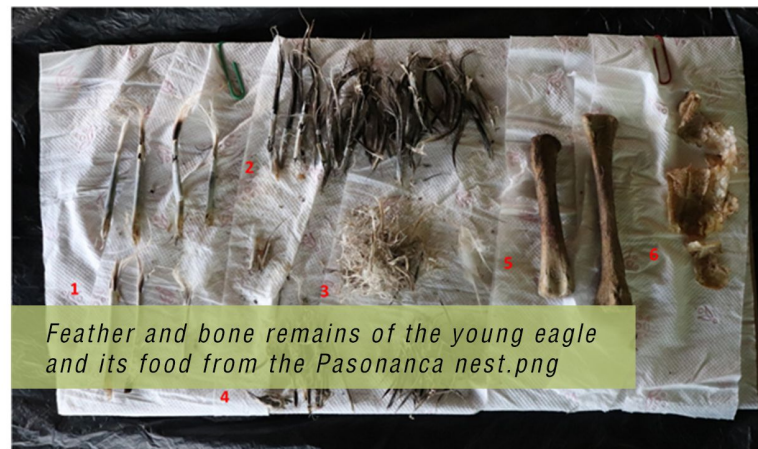
First-time parent eagles in particular, often lose their young to causes such as sickness or accidents.

But there is still hope. In February and March, the eagle pair was spotted several times exhibiting courtship behaviors. Our team continues to follow the movement of the eagles as we anticipate an egg to be laid soon. We are also preparing the site for trapping and tagging to further monitor the eagles.

This project is supported by USAID Protect Wildlife Project, Zamboanga City Government, Zamboanga City Water District, and DENR IX.



Eagle Pair in courtship display at the Pasonanca Natural Park



Feather and bone remains of the young eagle and its food from the Pasonanca nest.png



Philippine Eagle Makilala-Hiraya in her temporary enclosure

RESCUING PHILIPPINE EAGLE MAKILALA- HIRAYA

A Philippine Eagle was rescued on June 2, 2020 in Makilala North Cotabato after it was found on the ground by local residents. The eagle was seen being chased by a flock of Large-billed crows the night before. The PEF together with the DENR went to the site to retrieve the eagle after conducting a quick physical examination and brought the eagle to the Philippine Eagle Center for further assessment.

Female Philippine Eagle Makilala-Hiraya, estimated to be around 3-4 years old was under observation for around one month and underwent tests for Avian Influenza and New Castle Disease.

Her results came back negative and she is observed to be in good condition. She has a healthy appetite and is active inside her temporary enclosure.

The eagle was named after the municipality of Makilala where she was found, and Hiraya which means “fruit of one’s hopes, dreams and aspirations” was given by our conservation partner Energy Development Corporation.

Makilala-Hiraya will soon be released through the support of the DENR XII, the Municipality of Makilala and the EDC.

PROTECTING FORESTS

NURTURING A CARBON FOREST IN DAVAO CITY

Stella Maris Academy of Davao (SMAD) Batch 1995 sponsored the planting of 700 native wildlings at the ALI Carbon Forest in Bago Gallera, Davao City. Their initiative was launched on June 10 through a live stream of the tree planting activity on the PEF’s Facebook Page as part of the Philippine Eagle Week celebration. Netizens were able to watch the wildlings being planted by the PEF staff and partner forest guards.



Wildling planted during the tree planting activity



Forest Guard at the Davao Carbon Forest

Sustainability Manager of Ayala Land Inc. Anna Maria Gonzales joined the online event giving a message of support. Representing batch 1995 of SMAD Arch. Christine Buyco-Sy, PEF Director for Research and Conservation Dr. Jayson Ibanez, and PEF Executive Director Dennis Salvador also shared their insights about the Carbon Forest and answered questions from the audience.

With the help of our partner forest guards, we've planted and grown native trees like Narra, Binunga, Molave, Antipolo and Tan-ag in the Carbon Forest. And we continue to plant to achieve growing a thousand more wildlings. If you would like to help nurture a Carbon Forest, please e-mail us at info@philippineaglefoundation.org.

SECURING OUR FUTURE

PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK 2020

The unprecedented impact of the COVID 19 pandemic shifted priorities and challenged the mission like never before.

For the first time in 32 years, the PEF closed the Philippine Eagle Center (PEC) indefinitely as an immediate biosecurity measure and in compliance with the government's quarantine restrictions. With this, comes losing the Foundation's largest source of revenue – admissions to the PEC.


 JUNE 4-10, 2020
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 Caring for the Eagles in the Time of COVID-19

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As a non-profit organization, the PEF relies primarily on donations and admission fees to fund its day-to-day operations. With the PEC closed, the foundation faces depleting resources for the food and care of over 100 animals.

As such, we had to find other ways to generate the much-needed funds. With the quarantine restrictions, we innovated our approach to reach out to the public and generate support in this year’s Philippine Eagle Week (PEW). For the first time, the entire celebration was done online. Our goal was to draw the public’s attention to the Philippine eagles and other animals at the Philippine Eagle Center (PEC) that need their support while continuing to raise awareness on wildlife conservation.

PEW 2020’s central message was relevant and timely as it focused on underscoring the critical role of wildlife - our eagle and our country’s biodiversity, not only to the health of our forests but also to our wellbeing.

We produced educational videos on how protecting our wildlife can help stop the spread of diseases and shed light on the adverse impacts of wildlife exploitation.

We also paid tribute to our conservation frontliners through appreciation videos featuring our hardworking keepers, veterinarians, forest guards, and volunteers who step up and do what they can to help especially in difficult times. Other online activities include the first virtual tour of the PEC and an online yoga class for the benefit of the animals at the Center.

Furthermore, PEW 2020 contributed to our ongoing online crowdfunding campaign for the PEC that started since the closure in March. During PEW from June 4 to 10, we raised over Php 140,000 in sponsorships and online donations.

PEW 2020 was co-presented by FDC Utilities, Inc., Ulticon Builders, Inc., Birds in Focus, Inc. with minor sponsors Phoenix Philippines Foundation, Inc. and Elanco Animal Health.



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Philippine Eagle Kadasig

THE COMMUNITY ADOPTS PHILIPPINE EAGLE "KADASIG" THROUGH ONLINE SCREENING OF BIRD OF PREY

"Kadasig" is a 17-year-old male Philippine eagle hatched on January 16, 2003 at the PEC. He is at a prime age for breeding as a mal- or human imprinted eagle. This means that he recognizes his keeper as his mate. The bond between Kadasig and his keeper is essential to successfully employ the cooperative artificial insemination (CAI) method in conservation breeding. Kadasig, as a potential semen donor for CAI, has a vital role in our efforts to breed the species in captivity. Thus, sustaining his needs is important to the mission.

However, because of the pandemic, Kadasig's then adopter could not sustain his annual financial support. As such, Kadasig became the beneficiary of the online screenings of the Bird of Prey. The United Nations Development Programme in partnership with the PEF, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Australian Embassy and its Australian Global Alumni Network – Philippines hosted two screenings of the 45-minute version of the film last June 24 & 27. The event was in honor of World Environment Day on June 5 which highlighted the importance of biodiversity and in support to the Philippine Government declaration of June as Environment Month and June 4 to 10 as Philippine Eagle Week.

Zoom webinars were conducted before and after the screenings with messages of support from UNDP Resident Representative Titon Mitra and the Australian Ambassador to the Philippines His Excellency Steven J. Robinson AO. Our Philippine Eagle Ambassador Kim Atienza and singer Darren Espanto also supported the event. PEF Executive Director Dennis Salvador and Research and Conservation Director Dr. Jayson Ibañez with Bird of Prey Expedition Coordinator Dr. Laura Johnson and environmental photographer Gregg Yan formed the panel for the question & answer portion following the screening on June 24.

Through the online screenings, we generated Php 255,968.25 from over 300 participants for Kadasig's upkeep for one year. Kadasig is the first ever Philippine Eagle to be supported by a community. Furthermore, the event underscored the need to invest in the protection of our national bird and our country's biodiversity in preventing future pandemics.

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