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BIRD OF PREY ► p.07

THE PHILIPPINE EAGLES OF THE PASONANCA NATIONAL PARK

For 42 years, at least 124 nesting attempts by 35 Philippine Eagle pairs have been monitored and recorded in different forests in Mindanao. However, none of these recorded breeding attempts happened within the Pasonanca National Park in Zamboanga, despite numerous eagle sightings in the area. This makes its population status the least understood in Mindanao. p. 02



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New Pairing Attempts for the Philippine Eagles

The breeding season began with three new pairing attempts: Mayumi and Phoenix, Magiting and Hiyas, and MVP Matatag and Ariela. These eagles are paired according to age proximity which increases the chances of productivity. So far, all pairing attempts have displayed potential in compatibility such as breeding behaviors like food offering and nest building.

Mayumi, Phoenix, Magiting, Hiyas, MVP Matatag and Ariela are adopted by Seda Hotels, Phoenix Petroleum Philippines, Inc., Holcim, PLDT and Ariela Marketing Inc. respectively.



Mayumi and Phoenix together on the same nest platform. A good indication that they are ready to become a natural pair

The Philippine Eagles of the Pasonanca National Park

The Philippine Eagle Foundation in partnership with the DAI Global through the USAID-Protect Wildlife Project, DENR Region 9, the Zamboanga City Water District (ZCWD), LGU Zamboanga City, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Western Mindanao State University, Universidad de Zamboanga, and Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology launched a year-long project dubbed as "Research and Conservation of Philippine Eagles within the Zamboanga Peninsula with a focus on the Pasonanca Natural Park" to locate possible Philippine Eagle nesting sites and gather data on breeding behavior and population status within the Pasonanca Natural Park.

The Pasonanca Project started in August 2019 with a series of preparatory activities including a two-weeklong reconnaissance survey by a team of researchers from the PEF, DENR IX and ZCWD. Currently, the PEF team is on expedition to document Philippine Eagle activities, including species behavior like feeding habits and to map out possible nesting sites within the park.



PEF Staff rappelling to build a tree post used to look for Philippine Eagle nests





Forest Guards investigating an illegal logging incident in Davao

Guardians of the Forests

The PEF in partnership with local government units is working with 506 forest guards responsible for monitoring around 8,000 hectares of land in Davao, Magpet, Arakan and Apayao.

Recently, an illegal logging incident within a protected area in Davao City was reported which resulted to having the operation ceased and a proper investigation to ensue. Reports on illegal forest activities such as this aid the authorities to take proper action.

The Indigenous Forest Guards are instrumental in conserving the Great Philippine Eagle and its forest home. They patrol eagle territories and monitor threats on wildlife and its habitat. They greatly help protect the forests by keeping it healthy, with sustainable water sources and clean air.

SECURING OUR FUTURE



Elders in Anticala revisiting their sacred areas and comparing it to their CADT Map

Empowering Indigenous Governance

The PEF wrapped up two of its community-based conservation projects in Magpet and Anticala in partnership with the UNDP, Global Environment Facility, DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau, & MAGPICA DIMMA; and in Sibulan supported by the Australian Aid.



Our partner Obo Monuvu in Magpet and Manobo in Anticala were given assistance in documenting their knowledge systems, cultural beliefs, and practices which were initially only passed on by word of mouth.

The communities use this as a framework in protecting their ancestral domains and managing their resources while preserving their culture and traditions. Documentation of their indigenous knowledge help define their conservation philosophies and create their own conservation plan to address issues on unregulated resource use and weak governance.



In Sibulan, our Bagobo Tagabawa partners presented their conservation plan to the Davao City Government, DENR-BMB, and other stakeholders. The presentation paved the way for the integration of their conservation plan with the plans of the LGU and other stakeholders.

Conservation Incentives

The indigenous communities living near Philippine Eagle territories play an important role in protecting the species and their forest homes. Since most Philippine Eagle nesting sites are found within their ancestral lands, these communities are therefore the best stewards for the species. By providing them with biodiversity-friendly enterprises as a potential livelihood, they are encouraged to actively participate in conserving the Philippine Eagle and the forest.

For instance, the Manuvu'n Tinonanon community in Arakan were provided with funds to build a production center for their Philippine Eagle plush toy enterprise, through the PLDT project. A Day Care Center was constructed, and educational materials were turned over. This community helps the PEF patrol the forest and monitor Philippine Eagle nesting sites in the area.





Plushies for Conservation

The Flying Squirrel is the new addition to our plush toy biodiversity series- together with the Philippine Eagle, the Rufous Hornbill and the Philippine Trogon. The plush toy was designed by Ms. Melanie Tan and was taught to the women of our partner community in Bukidnon where a family of Philippine Eagle resides.

Open Classroom Project

The "Open Classroom Project" (OCP) is one of PEF's educational initiative targeted to students to further their understanding and appreciation of biodiversity and conservation through an interactive and explorative experience with the flora and fauna at the Philippine Eagle Center.

In September, 500 students from pre-school to college benefited from the OCP where they learned about the Philippine Eagle and its habitat through storytelling, tree planting activities, and an educational tour of the Philippine Eagle Center which engages the five senses.

For PEF's Educational Tour rates, visit www.philippineaglefoundation.org/OCP





Raptors in Flight

The PEF launched the newest educational experience at the Philippine Eagle Center - "Raptors in Flight!" on August 17, 2019. Raptors in Flight features the great Philippine Eagle and other birds of prey in their natural behavior such as flying and nest building.

The birds are trained using falconry techniques but instead of teaching them to hunt, they are trained to fly to the keepers' gloved hands and are rewarded by a piece of meat. This cooperative method ensures the safety of the raptors and the keepers. The goal of Raptors in Flight is not merely to entertain but more so to educate the public through actual demonstration of these birds' fascinating nature. By demonstration, we can encourage appreciation for these raptors and their important role in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

Raptors in Flight is scheduled to have weekly runs every Saturday at 2 PM. Schedule is subject to change depending on the weather and availability of the birds. Ticket price for adults is at Php 300.00 and Php 250.00 for kids, inclusive of the entrance and tour of the Philippine Eagle Center, film viewing and a chance to meet and greet the PEF's mascot Malaya. Private viewings are also available for a minimum of 35 guests.

The Raptors in Flight is supported by the Philippine Airlines, Mike's Falconry Supplies, and the Freetime Folks.

For bookings and reservations, e-mail reservations@philippineaglefoundation.org or call 0917-708-9084.





Bird of Prey

The USAID Protect Wildlife Project, DENR, Energy Development Corporation and Ormoc LGU headed by Mayor Richard Gomez hosted the biggest Bird of Prey screening yet, with around 7,500 viewers at the Superdome in Ormoc City on August 13, 2019. The screening was attended by students, teachers and government officials.

The Bird of Prey is a 90-minute documentary about the Philippine Eagle filmed by Emmy award-winning cinematographer Neil Rettig and produced by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The PEF in partnership with different organizations has brought the film to an astounding 15,125 Filipinos and was able to raise around 300,000.00 through cash donations, merchandise selling, and pass the jar donations.

To host a screening in support of the conservation mission, e-mail boeypena@philippineeaglefoundation.org



PROJECTS & GRANTS



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BAGOBO TAGABAWA COMMUNITIES
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