

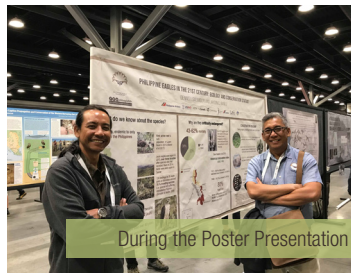
# THE PAG-ASA NEWSLETTER 2018



## 27TH INTERNATIONAL ORNITHOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The Philippine Eagle Foundation team led by Executive Director Dennis Salvador participated at the International Ornithological Congress 2018 in Vancouver, Canada last August 19-26. The IOC has given the PEF the opportunity to showcase to an international audience the 31 years' worth of work and research on Philippine eagle conservation.

To welcome the PEF delegates, a special Welcome Reception led by Consul General Maria Andrelita Austria was held with British Columbia Minister of State for Trade Hon. George Chow and the Director of Cornell Lab of Ornithology John W. Fitzpatrick as guests of honor.



During the Poster Presentation



Roundtable discussion led by PEF and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology



The Philippine Eagle Mascot by Jennifer Miller with the team at the PEF Exhibit Booth



PEF Team led by Executive Director Dennis Salvador with Consul General Maria Andrelita Austria and team, during the Welcome Reception

At the Congress, many researchers and bird enthusiasts visited the PEF booth where the Foundation's various work and expertise were highlighted through posters and video presentations. Dennis Salvador gave a poster presentation on the Philippine Eagles in the 21st Century: Ecology and Conservation Status and Director for Research and Conservation Dr. Jayson Ibañez presented his E-poster and gave a Speed Talk on the Culture-Based Conservation of the Threatened Tropical Birds: The Case for the Philippine Eagle (*Pithechophaga jefferyi*) Conservation Program.



Last August 22, a special screening of the film *Bird of Prey* by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology was held at the Science World. This was followed by a panel discussion by Dennis Salvador, Dr. Jayson Ibañez, Emmy award winning cinematographer Neil Rettig and Laura Johnson. About 200 people attended the event.

The IOC forged connections for the Foundation with likeminded individuals and institutions that have the potential to be transformed into fruitful partnerships in scientific researches and finding more resources to support the mission.

The participation of the PEF was made possible through the generous support of the Philippine Airlines and the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver.

## BREEDING SEASON FOR PHILIPPINE EAGLES IN CAPTIVITY

The Philippine Eagle Foundation currently houses 32 Philippine Eagles, with three (3) natural pairs and 18 imprinted individuals.

Halfway through the breeding season, our animal keepers are doubling their efforts to bond with their respective imprinted eagles through daily sprig delivery, leaves collection, and more frequent visits. These resulted to the imprints doing nest building which is a common breeding behavior. Some of our male Philippine Eagles have started to copulate with their keeper but no semen has been produced thus far. They are under careful observation and evaluation to pinpoint the cause of low semen production.

Meanwhile the natural pairs have also started their courtship -but have yet to copulate. However, we remain hopeful that by minimizing factors that could potentially be stressful to them like human interaction and excessive noise, their chances of breeding successfully will significantly increase.

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION

The Philippine Eagle Center welcomed around 8,000 guests including VIPs and students on fieldtrips in August alone. Our Conservation Education Team were in the frontline of these engagements, assisting and facilitating the tours and educating our visitors.

Two of our Education Officers and our Ticketing, and Giftshop Clerk recently participated in the CGSP (Certified Guest Service Professional) training spearheaded by the Department of Tourism XI last September 4-6 for skills development.



Newly Imprinted Philippine Eagle Zeus



Philippine Eagle Natural Pair Sam & Diamante

# PEF WINS THE EDUARDO ABOITIZ AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INSTITUTION



PEF Representative Dr. Jayson Ibanez, Director for Research and Conservation with RAFI Board Members

Photo Courtesy of Aboitiz Eyes

The Ramon Aboitiz foundation, Inc. named the Philippine Eagle Foundation as winner of the prestigious Eduardo Aboitiz Award for Outstanding Institution during the RAFI Triennial Awards held at Cebu City last August 31, 2018. This award seeks to recognize and honor exemplary institutions that has made an impact to our society and whose initiatives increased the quality of life of different people and communities.

“Our organization has been around for 31 years now and this great honor inspires all of us at the Philippine Eagle Foundation to move forward and do more for the species and the country.” said Director for Research and Conservation Dr. Jayson Ibanez, during his speech.

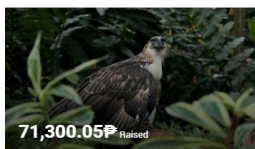
After months of careful deliberation, the PEF is proud to have bagged the award especially with 146 other excellent organizations as competition from all over Visayas and Mindanao.

## PEF LAUNCHED 3 ONLINE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

In partnership with Stockcrowd, we have integrated in the Donate page of our official website [www.philippineaglefoundation.org](http://www.philippineaglefoundation.org) our online fundraising campaign dubbed “Saving eagles. Protecting forests. Securing our future.” which was launched at the International Ornithological Congress in Vancouver, Canada last August 19.

### Saving Eagles

2,000,000₱ goal



71,300.05₱ Raised

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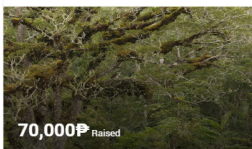
5 participants

Your donation will help us save the critically endangered Philippine Eagles from extinction!

Save the Eagles today!

### Protecting Forests

1,000,000₱ goal



70,000₱ Raised

25

2 participants

Your generous donation will help us protect the home of the Great Philippine Eagle!

Protect our Forests now!

### Securing our Future

1,000,000₱ goal



50,000₱ Raised

20

1 participants

Change lives and make a difference today!

Transform lives today!



Donors can now opt to support specific goals per component of the campaign. “Saving Eagles” promotes our eagle research in the wild and efforts in captive breeding. “Protecting Forests” is dedicated to reforestation and our forest guarding program while “Securing our Future” is for education campaigns and culture-based conservation.

In lieu of gifts this Christmas season, online donors can opt to donate in the name of a loved one and send an e-Christmas card. This is to encourage meaningful gift giving through supporting our online fundraising campaign.

## RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION UPDATES

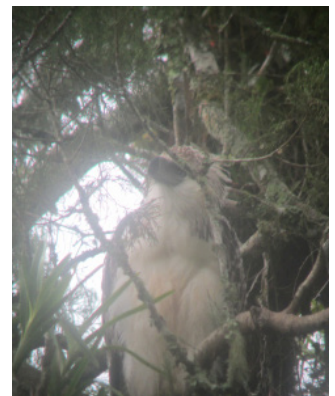
### *Eagle Research*

A new Philippine Eagle was discovered in August. An eaglet was found inside the Mt. Apo Natural Park during the PEF’s area assessment of its flora and fauna. Soon after, another team was deployed to search for the adult pair and the nesting site. They were unable to find a nest but the team spotted one adult Philippine Eagle in the area.

Constant monitoring and tracking of the Philippine Eagles in the wild continue to pay off as we see eaglets grow and fly off on their own. Recent eagle monitoring activities show that eaglets of three observed pairs in different parts of Mindanao are already actively flying out of their nests to hunt.



Juvenile Sinabadan out on a hunt



Juvenile Philippine Eagles in Bukidnon and Mt. Apo



### *Enterprise*

The Philippine Eagle plush toys are restocked. We have recently reactivated the Conservation Sewmates team in Arakan, North Cotabato and are working together to produce improved plush toys. New stocks are on display in the Giftshop at the Philippine Eagle Center.



Forest Guards of the Bagobo Klata during a Rapid Site Assessment



Datu Castillo Mantawil at the ICCA Public Declaration sharing his memories of the big trees that can no longer be found in their ancestral domain

## Conservation

Our partner Bagobo Tagabawa and Bagobo Klata communities secured another victory as the Public Declaration of their ancestral land inside the Mt. Apo Natural Park as ICCAs (Indigenous and Community-Conserved Areas) was completed last month. This gives them the autonomy to protect and manage their land and the keystone species both flora and fauna living in it according to their culture and community rules.

We have also deployed additional 51 Forest Guards from these communities. The new Forest Guards were trained and given new patrol gears. While the Davao City Bantay Bukid now has around 200 forest guards that watch over 20,000 ha of forests at Mt. Apo every month.

## Forest Restoration

Efforts in forest restoration continue with our funding partners the Ayala Land Inc. (ALI) and Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP).

We are providing forest rehabilitation services to ALI for 6 hectares of pre-identified restoration area within its 54-hectare property in Barangay Talomo, Davao City. The goal of this project called “ALI Carbon Forest” is carbon stocking. To date we have completed the baseline assessments on the number and variety of birds and trees in the area as well as secure 8,000 seedlings that are being conditioned in a nursery. This was done through the help of over 300 volunteers that we have engaged during the course of the project. There are 10,000 more seedlings for collection and planting.



Volunteers of the Carbon Forest Project





Aerial View of the area in Brgy. Talomo, Davao City

In Davao Oriental our project Caring for Banwa: Indigenous Community-based Conservation of Environmentally Critical Areas in Eastern Mindanao, Philippines, funded by the FFP is ongoing. Currently, we are cleaning and replanting reforestation sites within Mandaya ancestral domains with agroforest incentives given to the farmers.



## AGILA CAMPAIGN

The 2nd run of the Agila Campaign in UP Diliman was held last September 18 to 21 during the “UP Zoological Society 2-Week Special”. UPZS invited the PEF to mount a conservation research exhibit, sell merchandise for fundraising, and give a talk on biodiversity conservation. UPZS is one of the PEF’s partner student organizations who participated in the 1st leg of the Agila Campaign at the College of Science, UP Diliman last April. The event is proof that we have successfully engaged a student organization through the 1st leg of the campaign.

Director for Research and Conservation Dr. Jayson Ibanez gave a talk on Careers in Wildlife Conservation to BS Biology students. It was an opportunity to promote careers in Philippine eagle conservation to a potential human resource pool for employment or volunteer work.

Agila Campaign is in partnership with the Pacific Paints (Boysen) Philippines, Inc. and Philippine Airlines, Inc.



UPZS Volunteers during the Agila Campaign exhibit ingress



Dr. Jayson Ibanez' talk on Careers in Conservation

# ADOPTERS' CORNER

*Renewed 2018 Philippine Eagle Adopters as of September 2018*



**ANONYMOUS**

**MR. UY CHING SIONG CANG**

**PANGARAP**

**MINDANAO**

**SINAG**

**MAGILAS**

**MABUHAY**

**PAGBABAGO**



**PIN-PIN**

**SAMBISIG**

**HIYAS**

**TIWALA**

**FIGHTER**

## *New Philippine Eagle Adopter*

The Eagle Cement Corporation adopted Chick 23 on August this year, and renamed him as “Viggo” which means strength. Eagle Cement has been our partner in conservation since 2016.



Philippine Eagle Viggo with his Keeper

## *Small Raptor Adopters*

**TANSEKIAO FAMILY**  
**PINSKERS HAWK EAGLE**

**SOPHIA EDEJER & CO.**  
**PINSKERS HAWK EAGLE**  
**LAKAMBINI**