

# PAG-ASA NEWSLETTER

PHILIPPINE EAGLE FOUNDATION

2015



## FIRST ACTIVE PHILIPPINE EAGLE NEST FOUND IN LUZON

Because of the lack of eagle sightings and of the speculations that the climate in western Luzon is unsuitable for the breeding of Philippine eagles, biologists used to neglect the Northern Cordillera Range as potential habitat for Philippine Eagles.

The Philippine Eagle population in the range remained relatively unexplored through the decades until we started our long-term expedition in the range on November 2011. Many other biologists, field technicians, volunteers, local guides and some DENR representatives have already worked with us to reach our goal – to find an active Philippine eagle nest. *turn to page 2*



The PEF launched its new website: [www.philippineaglefoundation.org](http://www.philippineaglefoundation.org). Site visitors will learn more in-depth information on the Philippine Eagle's biology, habitat, and PEF's mission in saving its species. *page 3*

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## BIODIVERSITY PARADE | June 5, 2015

Route: Freedom Park - Ponciano - Palma Gil - People's Park

On June 5 at 3 PM, PEF staff and volunteers gathered at Freedom Park to facilitate and lead the Biodiversity parade. Partner communities, schools, and organizations also participated such as the Bagobo Klatas, the Obu Manuvus, representatives from the office of Hon. Mabel Sunga-Acosta, Euro Generics International Philippines Inc., Philippine Science High school – Southern Mindanao Campus, Ecoteneo of Ateneo de Davao University, and Ateneo Grade School, San Pedro College, Davao Doctors College, Friends of the Philippine Eagle – USEP, DENR XI, DSWD XI, and the 84th Infantry (Victorious) Battalion. Over 200 friends and partners of the PEF participated in the parade and program. The program started around 1630 hours. Highlights of the event were the tribal dances of the Bagobo Klatas and the Obu Manuvu and the Filipino Pride themed headaddress competition. This year's Philippine Eagle Week parade route is within the center of the city to maximize public exposure. The afternoon schedule also allowed government agencies to participate.

## FAMILY DAY | June 7, 2015

We celebrated the Family Day at the Philippine Eagle Center. This event aimed to strengthen relationship between Philippine Eagle staff, volunteers, and *turn to page 6*

# PEF MADE HISTORY

## FIRST ACTIVE PHILIPPINE EAGLE NEST FOUND IN LUZON

BY: TATIANA ABAÑO

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We explored different parts of Calanasan and even reached the towns of Pudtol and Cabugao in Apayao.

At times my field colleagues and I were already getting tired with the almost never-ending eagle surveys,

ground nest 'Overwhelmed and overjoyed, and the thick-search and lo- the team witnessed a male Phil- ness of the- cal interviews ippine eagle delivering prey unto pandan leaves regarding possi- a female eagle in a tree which we surrounding the- ble eagle sight- then hoped as the nest tree.' nest bowl chal- ings. But con- lenged us for- sidering the remarkable expanse and density of at least 100,000 hectares of forest in the range, and being inspired with the reputation of the local government units in Apayao as pro-conservation, we never lost hope.

Our efforts from the months of November 2014 to April 2015 became more fruitful as we decided to focus in one area in Calanasan which we were hoping would finally harbour what we have been looking for.

Within this period, we had intermittent and consecutive sightings of Philippine eagles that thankfully led us to the nest.

The search climaxed on the 21st of April 2015 when our team consisting of myself and field technicians Adriano M. Oxaes III, Perfecto S. Balicao and Anecito P. Allado finally found the ultimate clue to the location of the long-sought nest. Overwhelmed and overjoyed, the team witnessed a male Philippine eagle delivering prey unto a female eagle in a tree which we then hoped as the nest tree. The following day, the team became more thrilled upon confirming that the tree indeed contains an active Philippine eagle nest, and upon briefly

sighting the young in it. Yet the sighting was only from afar then so we aimed to clearly document the nest at a nearer distance that would be safe enough for the nest not to be disturbed. The incredible density of the canopy

in the nest site surrounding the nest bowl challenged us for many days but we kept working.

Finally in the crisp, sunny morning of the 1st of May 2015, we were able to clearly document from a camouflaged observation post high up a tree, the nest with approximately 1.25 month-old chick. Later at noon, the female came to the nest with prey and fed the young. Our journey may have already gone far but actually at this point, we have only just begun. There's so much to learn from this nest, and we all look forward to a bigger and more in-depth understanding of how Philippine eagles really breed and survive in the Northern Cordillera Range, an area regarded as Luzon's last frontier.

San Roque Power Corporation has been our long-time partner in our eagle conservation program in Luzon since 2011. Our efforts would have not been made possible as well without the support of the Philippine Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation, the local government of Calanasan and DENR.

## 'ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION' IN THE ANCESTRAL DOMAIN OF THE BAGOBO-KLATA IP COMMUNITY IN SITIO SICAO

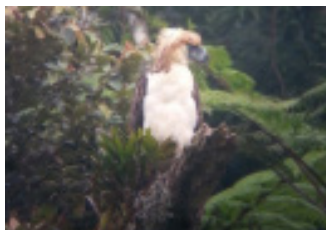
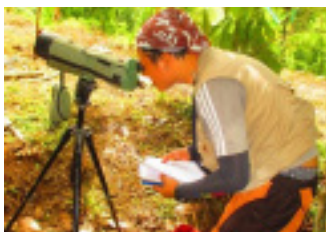
BY: JOSHUA DONATO

The six (6) months preparatory work plan for the implementation of the planning/preparatory project for "Environmental Protection" in the Ancestral Domain of the Bagobo-Klata IP community in Sitio Sicao, Barangay Tamayong in Davao City is now currently implemented. This project receives funding support from Lifebank Foundation. The overall objective is to provide support to the Bagobo-Klata IP community or Indigenous Cultural Community (ICC) in Sitio Sicao, Barangay Tamayong to ensure that they themselves can protect their remaining forests. The immediate objective is to assist the ICC to make their own forest protection and management plan while at the same time build their capacity in respect of protection and reforestation. The plan will relate to the survey and map production that will simultaneously be done by PCEEM and the ICC.

The planning phase started on the last week February 2015 and would end on the second week of August 2015.

For the past few months, workshops have been conducted together with the Bagobo-Klata of Datu Tumonas, Sicao, Davao City. A Participatory resource assessment was also done within their ancestral forest. There has been a series of information sessions on forest protection for locals as they were trained on identifying key species and how to relate their importance in sustaining biodiversity and their life. Furthermore, we hope that they themselves will understand and support the protection of ecological critical areas within their ancestral domain.

By the end of the project, the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) and Life Bank Foundation (LBF) hope that community aspirations for forest conservation and sustainable development will be in place in the ancestral domain of the Bagobo-Klata in Datu Tumonas Sicao together with the efforts of EGIP Foundation, PCEEM and all line agencies. Specifically this will further develop their (1) Community Sustainable Livelihood Plan (CSLP) and (2) Forest Protection and Management Plan (FPMP).



# 'MATATAG' RELEASE

**PROJECT TITLE: MONITORING OF PHILIPPINE EAGLE 'MATATAG' AT THE OBU-MANUVU ANCESTRAL DOMAIN, BRGY. CARMEN, BAGUIO DISTRICT, DAVAO CITY**  
BY: JOSHUA DONATO

Sources of Funds: The Peregrine Fund, Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund and Pacific Paints (Boysen) Philippines, Inc.

Four years ago, Matatag was in a pitiful state. He arrived for rehabilitation at the Philippine Eagle Center in April 2011. He was thin and sick with anemia, with nearly all of his flight feathers gone. It appears that he was caged for a while and fed the wrong food. A physical check-up showed that he was over a year old upon admission at the center. At this age, he had begun flying and exploring further away from the nest. After the complete rehabilitation of Philippine eagle Matatag was released back at the same range particularly within the Ancestral Domain of the Obu-Manuvu in Barangay Carmen, Davao City last December 15, 2014.

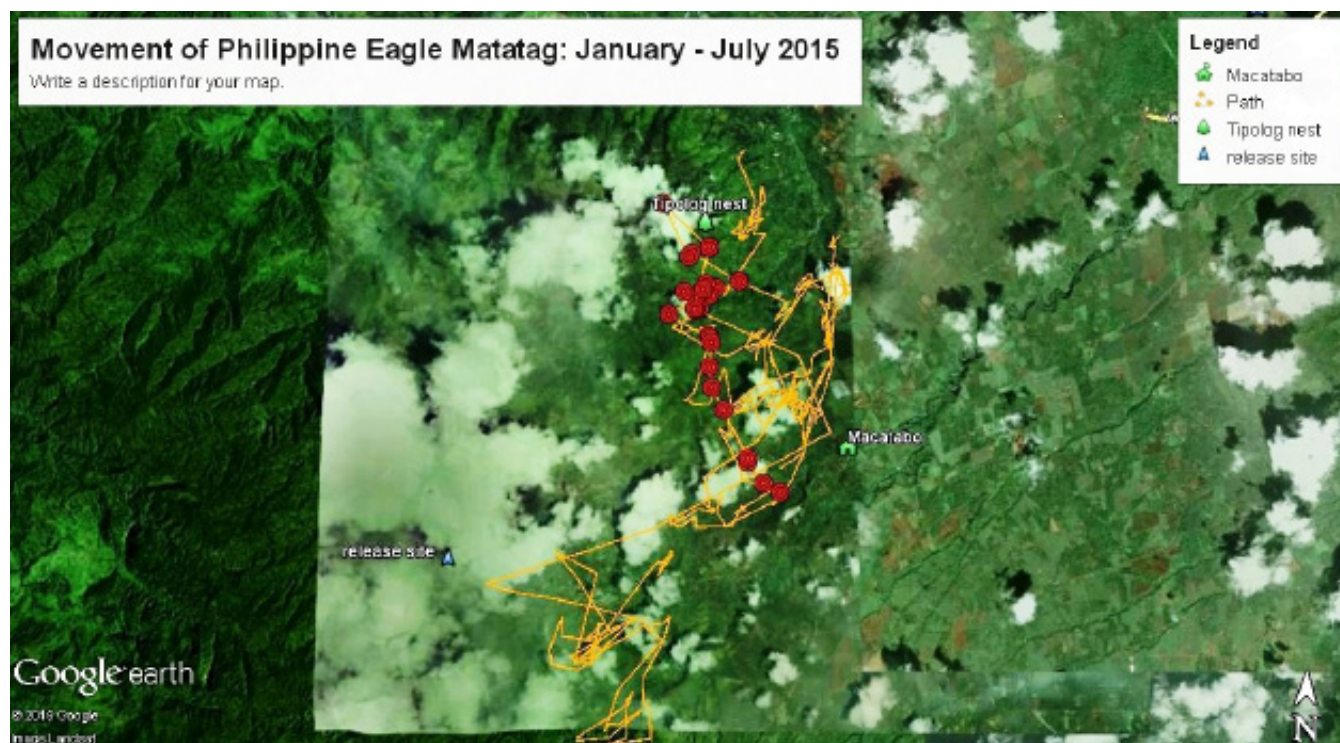
Our partner Indigenous Obu-Manuvu community in Carmen accepted the challenge to host the release of eagle "Matatag". Their forest guards assisted our team for the preparatory activities; (i) release site selection, (ii) getting LGU's support, (iii) education campaigns to 15 communities around the release site and (iv) post monitoring on Matatag.

Since the release, Matatag has been adjusting very well to his new life in the wild. He is

diligently being followed and monitored to document his movements and responses to the environment using radio and satellite telemetry. Matatag already dispersed to approximately 5 km northeast of the release site following the riparian forest of Panigan river. The map below is the movement of Matatag from January to July 2015

As of this writing, he is hunting and feeding well. Mostly, he is hunting snakes (60%). However, it was alarming that he took domesticated animals (20%) such as small dogs and cats. The team has documented 91 prey items since the release as he has been exploring the forest between Barangay Tawantawan and Barangay Tam-bobong. Post-release monitoring of Matatag is currently on-going and is supported by the Peregrine Fund, Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund, and Pacific Paints (Boysen) Philippines.

*Top to bottom: (i) Hard release of Philippine eagle "Matatag" (ii) Post-monitoring of "Matatag" (iii) Matatag" perches on a tree along the riparian forest of Panigan River (iv) Obu-Manuvu forest guard scanning the forest canopy for Matatag (v) Forest Monitoring and GPS mapping*





## PAALAM, PAMANA

BY: FREDELIZA JANE GONZAGA

Pamana was meant to be set free. We chose Independence Day as a reminder of our national heritage. Our goal has always been to restore the species' wild population. The forest is where they belong." – Dennis Salvador, Director of the Philippine Eagle Foundation. After nearly three years of intensive rehabilitation, the Philippine eagle named "Pamana" was released back into the wild last June 12, 2015. In partnership with the provincial government of Davao Oriental, we freed the endangered raptor at the buffer zone of Mount Hamiguitan Range Wild life Sanctuary in Barangay La Union in the municipality of San Isidro.

Pamana was rescued three years ago. She survived two gunshot wounds, one from its left breast and another, which was embedded on its left wing. She was found in Midsaling Creek, Mt. Gabunan Range, Brgy. Rogongon, Iligan City, Lanao del Norte.

The gunshot wound points to the persistent threat to Philippine Eagles – hunting. These critically endangered raptors are also threatened by deforestation, as approximately 400 pairs are left in the wild.

The lowland forest of Mount Hamiguitan in San Isidro, Davao Oriental, which was Pamana's home for a short while, is home to at least one known eagle pair and its offspring that hatched and survived. Because of its outstanding value, being a habitat for unique biodiversity, it is both a UNESCO World and an ASEAN Heri-

age Site. Pamana's release was made possible by the sponsors and partners: Pacific Paint (Boysen) Philippines, Inc., Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Globe Telecom, DENR– Biodiversity Management Bureau, UNESCO Philippines, Province of Davao Oriental, Municipality of San Isidro, City of Mati, and Municipality of Governor Generoso.

It is not very hard to understand that, like every Filipino, our national heritage, the Philippine Eagle, also deserves the right to thrive. The release of Pamana in time for the 117th anniversary of Philippine Independence marks a symbolic and historic event for the Filipinos. The eagle represents resilience and hope that Filipinos inherently possess. This not only drums up Filipino pride but also brings national attention for the protection of this critically endangered national bird and its habitat.

Two months after its release, Pamana was found dead from gunshot wounds in Davao Oriental. Its body was already decaying when it was discovered.

In retrospect, Pamana's death was not all about loss. It helped make people more aware of the plight of the Philippine Eagle. It also brought to light the many issues that our environment is facing. There is hope yet.

Paalam, Pamana. May you soar higher to where only our dreams can go.

## LEYTE AND SAMAR PHILIPPINE EAGLE SURVEY

BY: GIOVANNE TAMPOS

Aside from Luzon and Mindanao, Samar and Leyte islands are also considered home to the majestic and charismatic Philippine Eagle, the rarest and the most endangered large eagle in the world. But there had been a few studies conducted in the area to document their population. Most of what we know about this critically endangered eagle were based on the intensive research in Mindanao and on the progressing studies in Luzon.

Records from Samar were only from 1896 where it was first discovered that Philippine Eagles were present on the island, but no further studies were conducted. While in Leyte, experts believe that eagles were already wiped out in the island.

To validate their status in the islands, the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in collaboration with the University of the Philippines Institute of Biology (UPIB) and the Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF) launched a project called "Reintroducing the Philippine Eagle in Leyte: Ensuring the Survival of the King of Birds" in 2012. The objectives of the project are: a) validate the assumption of experts on Leyte population; b) investigate the population in Samar as a candidate source of individuals for reintroduction in Leyte; and c) increase awareness of the locals about our national bird.

During the last quarter of 2014, the Philippine Eagle Foundation started the Philippine Eagle survey in Samar. Two sites with historical information on the eagles were visited, the forest under the municipalities of Taft and Calbiga. By spending only 26 days in the forests, the team was already able to document an adult Philippine eagle at both sites. In Taft, the eagle was seen around one kilometer away from the post, while it was just 300 meters away from the post in Calbiga.

In Leyte, experts already presumed that there were no longer any individuals left in the wild. PEF Field Biologists along with the Regional Eagle Watch Team (REWT) of DENR Region VIII and UPIB, first surveyed the two Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) of Leyte, the Anonang-Lobi range and Mount Nacolod. The rigorous fieldwork of six expeditions from December 2012 to July 2014 paved the way to the rediscovery of the Philippine Eagle in Leyte

after 30 long years. Fieldworks were further continued to know the status of the eagles, but so far no nests were located.



An adult eagle seen within the forest of Barangay Buluan, Calbiga, Western Samar.

## PEF CELEBRATES PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT MONTH WITH CENRO

BY: ABEGAIL MAE S. RAMOS

The Philippine Eagle Foundation was invited to be one of the exhibitors from July 24-30, 2015 at People's Park. During the opening day, our booth was visited by Hon. Leo "Happy LA" Avila, City Councilor; Ms. Earth Air, Ms. AJ Mira; Ms. Earth Foundations Executive Director; and Mutya ng Davao Minette Macaraeg.

On June 27, Tambayan street children visited and toured the Philippine Eagle Center.

This is part of the experiential learning the CENRO wanted the kids to have. With the help of the volunteers, the birds were taken out for display so that the kids can have an up-close encounter with them. During the closing ceremony, Atty. Jesus Melchor V. Quitain highlighted the Philippine Eagle saying, "[The] Philippine Eagle is a symbol of troubled environment because it is being bred in captivity success fully; it is a symbol of hope and a better future."



## OPEN CLASSROOM PROJECT

BY: RAI KRISTIE SALVE GOMEZ

The Open Classroom Project aims to educate elementary students in urban areas about the Philippine Eagle and other raptors and animals in a fun yet informative way. As of May 2015, the Open Classroom Project was offered to one school, the Davao Christian High School.

They were able to have storytelling activities, games, lectures, and the tour around the center for their OCP experience. This year, we have tried to introduce the Open Classroom Project to college students through bird watching activities and biodiversity lectures. Two schools, one local (USEP-Mintal) and one international (Li Po Chun United World Colleges Hong Kong) have availed of this program.



Top to bottom: (i) Students from USEP-Mintal try birdwatching at the Philippine Eagle Center. (ii) Students from Davao Christian High School enjoying the Animal Keeper talk after their tour and games, and story-telling. (iii) Baccalaureate students from Li Po Chun World Colleges Hong Kong visited the Philippine Eagle Center.

# 17<sup>TH</sup> PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK

## CONSERVATION BEYOND BOUNDARIES

BY: PATRISHA MARIE CARILHAY

The Philippine Eagle is our national bird and we, as Filipinos, should all be proud of it. It is one of the largest birds in the world, with the broadest wingspan of two meters and it can only be found in our country. But their population is fast decreasing due to habitat destruction, hunting, and persecution. This decline is worsened by the lack of awareness and education about this magnificent bird.

Thus, to promote awareness, June 4-10 is declared as Philippine Eagle Week through Presidential Proclamation No. 79. This is in celebration of the conservation efforts for the Philippine Eagle. This is also to bring in and strengthen support from the different sectors of our society. It is a week when we celebrate and give honor to our country's pride, the Philippine Eagle.

This year's theme is "Conservation Beyond Boundaries." We encourage conservation and protection that excel political divides, generations, and social status. The theme urges everyone, no matter the background, to do his or her share in the mission of protecting the Philippine Eagles and their forest habitat.

The 17th Philippine Eagle week activities aimed to: (i) engage the different sectors of society to take part in protecting the Philippine Eagle; and (ii) strengthen awareness and increase knowledge on the importance of Philippine Eagle conservation.



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sponsors. It was an open house event where the public had free access to the Center.

There were various activities during the day that families can enjoy such as bird watching, Keeper Talk, live sketch, card reading, and eagle fieldwork exhibit. We also had an orientation to engage the guests to volunteer for the Philippine Eagle Foundation.

Organizations and schools present were: San Pedro College, Love Radio, the Obu Manuvu community, Ecoteneo of Ateneo de Davao University, Davao Doctor's College, USEP Bio Sci students, and Friends of the Philippine Eagle- USEP. Our Philippine Eagle Week sponsors SM City Davao and EGIP Foundation also joined us. Over 900 visitors celebrated the Family Day with us.

## PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK EXHIBIT | June 4 – 12, 2015

In partnership with SM City Davao, PEF mounted an exhibit about the Philippine Eagle and the different programs of the Foundation. There was also a fundraising event through the selling of merchandise as well as the Sewmate keychains in support of our partner community in Arakan, North Cotabato. We are grateful to the SM City Davao for sponsoring the exhibit at their Annex and to the Friends of the Philippine Eagle and our volunteers in helping us man the exhibit.

The exhibit's main attraction was "Tsai", a stuffed eagle which is a tool for us to educate the guests about the Philippine Eagle. We had an average of 30 - 40 visitors per day, most of them were families and some were tourists. We were also able to engage some of our visitors to volunteer in the mission. There are still only a few who are aware that the Philippine Eagle is already critically endangered. Most of the exhibit viewers have also yet to visit the Center. We hope that through the exhibit we have sparked their interest about the Philippine Eagle and eventually be compelled to do their part in the conservation work.





## PAG-ASA'S 23RD HATCHDAY

BY: RAI KRISTIE SALVE GOMEZ

Each year we celebrate the hatch day of Pag-asa at the Philippine Eagle Center. Pag-asa was the first Philippine Eagle successfully bred and hatched in captivity on 15 January 1992. This success has launched a nation-wide awareness campaign about the critically endangered and Philippine-endemic bird. This led to the awareness about their plight and the need to conserve and protect Philippine Eagles and their habitat.

In celebration of this event, the Philippine Eagle Foundation through our Conservation Education Program invited several schools and organizations to attend the celebration.

Different schools attended the said activity: Philippine Nikkei Jin Kai International School headed by Chien P. Morales, Davao Christian High School headed by Ms. Joan Malvas, Holy Cross College of Calinan headed by Liza Pantanosas, University of Southeastern Philippines, and University of the Philippines in Mindanao. Representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region 11 and volunteers from AISEC also attended the event.

This year's celebration was sponsored by Sangguniang Panlalawigan representatives: Hon. Bernard E. Al-ag, Hon. Mabel Sunga Acosta, Hon. Nilo Abellera Jr., Abella, Atty. Sara Duterte-Carpio, Rene Elias Lopez, Hon. Leonardo Avila III, Hon. Joan Bonguyan, Hon. Jimmy Dureza, Hon. April Marie Dayap; Wilson Etrata of 90.7 Love Radio, Felcris Supermarket, Goldilocks, Guide Davao, Danny

Simangan of Bubble Pop Party Needs, Kgwed. Eduardo "Edsan" Santander and Family, Transmodal International Inc., and Ms. Rona Marie Polinar.

The event started with a mass followed by an opening remark from the Director of Research and Conservation, Mr. Jayson Ibañez, then several lectures, activities and games. In the morning lectures given were about the Philippine Eagle: "Our Hope, Our Pride" by Senior Biologist Rai Gomez; "Philippine Eagle and Its Prey" by Junior Biologist Kathleen Aballe; and Animal Keeper Talk by our Animal Keeper Colin Santander and Education Officers Suzanne Padin and Sasha Barriga; and games led by Education Officer Shari Clarisse Campano.

In the afternoon, the program was started by an interpretative dance number by the students of Holy Cross of Calinan; lecture on Conservation Breeding by our curator, Ms. Anna Mae Sumaya; a tribute video about Pag-asa and candle blowing by Pag-asa's surrogate parent, Mr. Eddie Juntilla. A bird watching lecture and activity was simultaneously held during the event and was led by Wild Bird Club of the Philippines members, Mr. Pete Simpson and Mr. Kemuel Libre Jr. A rappelling activity was also offered to interested guests and participants by the Research and Conservation Team.

The event ended with the participants signing a pledge for Philippine Eagle conservation and the distribution of certificates.

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## CALAPAGAN DIES A YEAR AFTER REHABILITATION

BY: JONNA ROSE MANIWANG

Necropsy conducted by Dr. Ana Maria Lascano, the attending veterinarian, revealed that the cause of death was “stress from muscle trauma and possibly lead poisoning from numerous gun pellets in its body, leading to nervous sign and inability to cast out indigestible materials from fresh meat ration.”

The indigestible casting materials found throughout the bird’s mouth, esophagus, crop, proventriculus and gizzard resulted to impaction, compressing the adjacent trachea. The seven bullets on the left wing of the bird as seen on the recent radiograph dated May 12, 2015, were noted to have powdery consistency. Another gun bullet was removed superficially on the lateral part of the right leg of the dead eagle. Dr. Lascano acquired samples of liver and kidney tissue for toxicological testing, the results of which are still in process.

The death of Calapagan holds the record of being the 40th eagle to die due to hunting among the 72 recorded captures of wild Philippine eagles since 1970. Hunting has been one of the major threats to this critically endangered species. The eagle was retrieved from Lupon, Davao Oriental last May 8, 2014 by Fr. Lito Saligad, a clergyman, who took care of the bird when it was turned over to him by his son-in-law, Mr. Joel Lacno in May 5, 2014. According to the rescue operation report of the Philippine Eagle Foundation, Lacno “allegedly pinned down the bird against the ground using a round wood [when the bird was caught hunting for puppies under his hut].” The vicinity where this incident occurred is within the Mount Mayo-Putting Bato-Kamapalili complex where other two incidents of hunting were recorded since 2011. The first incident injured a juvenile Philippine eagle, leading to the amputation of its left wing, making it unable to fly, whereas the second resulted to the death of the bird.

The 40 recorded deaths of the Philippine Eagles indicate that their species is still indeed being hunted down by humans for whatever purpose it may be. Calapagan is already part of the mortality of their remaining 400 pairs and with continuous hunting, the mortality rates of the Philippine Eagle will continue to rise.



## PHILIPPINE EAGLE CAUGHT IN A DEER TRAP

BY: CHERMVEJ GUINITA

Raptors, like the Philippine Eagle, are threatened worldwide. They are often persecuted by people because of their predatory nature. Humans kill them to protect their domestic animals or to eliminate competition. Humans have different reasons and ways of hunting – just for fun, for trophy or food. Moreover, when firearms became widely available in the Philippines after World War I, the number of wild animals killed for sport skyrocketed. Also, the use of wild traps has caused more harm than anything else. Even if you intentionally set up the trap for wild boars and wild deer, there will always be other animals that can be harmed, intentionally or unintentionally. This is mostly the case for Philippine Eagles.

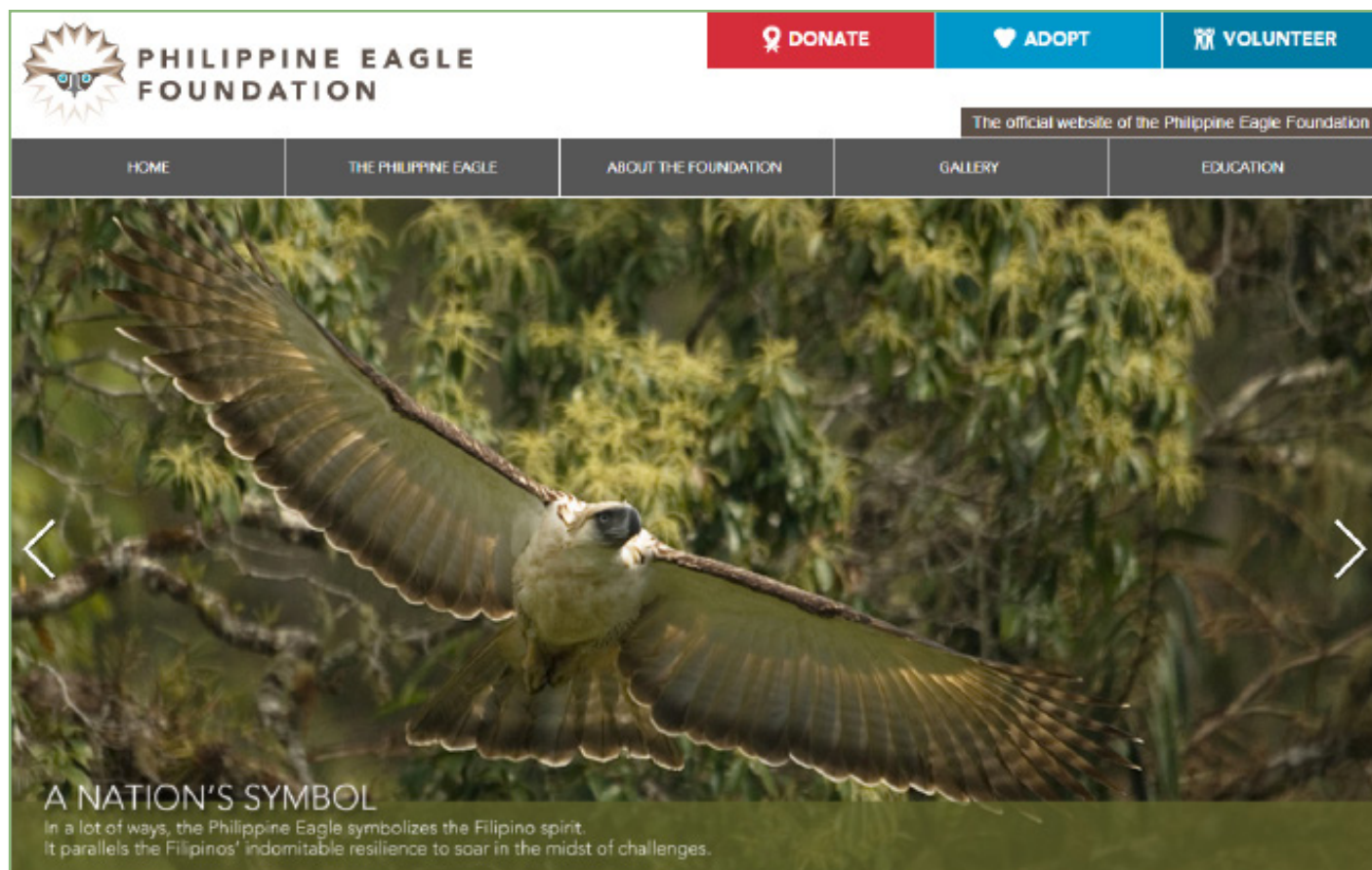
On April 22, 2015 in Blue Mountain, Wao, Lanao Del Norte, a Philippine eagle was caught in a local trap intended for wild deer. Hunters were surprised to see the Philippine eagle when they checked the trap days after. They reported the incident and turned the bird over, to their Municipal Mayor Elvino Balicao, Jr. The mayor then reported the incident to the Philippine Eagle Foundation and sent a few pictures proving that it was indeed a Philippine Eagle. The bird was retrieved a day after, and it was immediately brought to the Philippine Eagle Center (PEC) for medication and safekeeping.

The bird was housed at the quarantine facility for close monitoring. It had undergone a physical check-up and it was found out that the eagle was three years of age. The eagle was unresponsive due to dehydration. Its left leg was swollen from its tarsus to its footpad, the scales on its leg were also missing. The said scales may have been removed when the eagle struggled while it was trapped. The eagle was dirty - its beak, tail, wings, and breast had blood stains from the food given. Medications such as antibiotics, pain relievers and vitamins were given together with its ration to prevent causing stress to the bird. Visits and spot checks were also kept to a minimum. A day after its arrival, the bird was observed transferring from a platform to the ground and back, an indication that the bird is able to use its wings to fly, even if both wings were a bit droopy. The bird also consumed its food, along with the medicines. It was observed to be lively, alert, and responsive. At present, the bird is now recovering from its serious injuries but it will never be returned to the wild because of a few missing scales and some missing digits on its left foot.

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## PEF'S NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

BY: VIDA LYN DUMADAG



### New website features include:

- Online donation system where site visitors can easily give their contribution to the Philippine Eagle Foundation's conservation efforts
- Online reservation where guests can book their visit to the Philippine Eagle Center
- Online volunteer application for volunteers who want to touch base with the PEF and extend their helping hand
- A gallery of the PEF's photos and videos
- Articles, events, and updates on the PEF's programs. Site visitors can also share articles

in their social media accounts

- Archive of educational resources for teachers and students
- Online Adopt-an-Eagle. Interested supporters can touch-base with our Fundraising Officer through this service.

The website launch, along with a photo exhibit, was held at the main lobby of the Marco Polo Davao on May 29 to June 12, 2015.

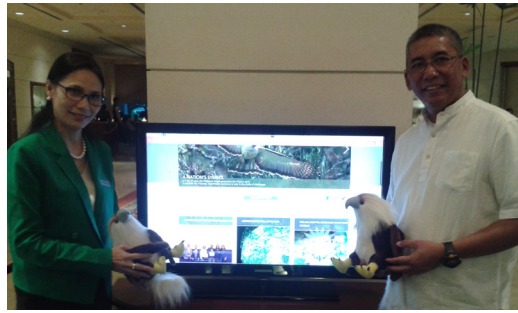
The Philippine Eagle Foundation would like to thank Ms. Feli Atienza, the Foundation's Board of Trustee member, for initiating the website's revamp.

## ADOPT A #PHILEAGLE STUFFED TOY



Support the PEF in its conservation mission by adopting a Philippine Eagle stuffed toy! For Php 565.00, you can have your own cute and cuddly Philippine Eagle. Proceeds from your purchase will directly go to PEF's conservation programs. You can get your own stuffed toy at the Philippine Eagle Center or at the Marco Polo Davao. Through the support of Marco Polo Hotels, led by Marco Polo Davao, the stuffed toys are now available in Manila at the Marco Polo Ortigas and at Marco Polo Hotel Cebu. This initiative will directly benefit the mission not only through raising funds but also in furthering the awareness campaign on the need to protect

our National Bird. The PEF would like to thank Marco Polo's unfailing support in its mission of saving the Philippine Eagle and its habitat.

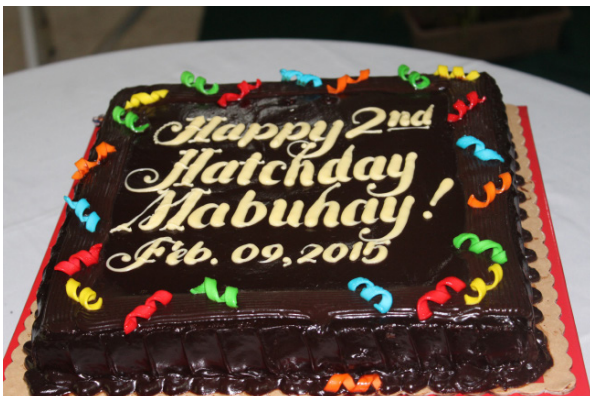


## MABUHAY'S 2<sup>ND</sup> HATCHDAY

Mabuhay turned two last February 09, having hatched in 2013. To celebrate this special day, we gave our guests the chance to join us in the celebrations. Guests who were at the Center during this day were given balloons and cupcakes. They also joined the staff in greeting Mabuhay a happy hatchday. The event was sponsored by Mabuhay's anonymous adoptor.



Top to bottom, left to right: (i) Mabuhay's Hatchday cupcakes (ii) Mabuhay's Hatchday guests (iii) PEC visitors & PEF staff (iv) Mabuhay's Hatchday cake (v) Marker of Mabuhay's adoptor



## MARCO POLO DAVAO'S "RIDE FOR THE EAGLE"

Last March 22, Marco Polo Davao once again spearheaded the Ride for the Eagle. On its second year, the ride was able to enjoy more than 300 bikers with 13 participating organizations and companies. This year, special awards were given to the youngest, the oldest, the heaviest, the biggest family, and the biggest group delegation bikers. Various prizes were raffled off including bike gears, bike accessories, Marco Polo Davao gift certificates, and one standard mountain bike. The event raised over P100,000 from proceeds of the registration fee, souvenir shirt sales, and sponsorship of P50,000 from Globe Telecom.



## BIHMI SPONSORS PEF ANNUAL PHYSICAL CHECK-UP

Last April, Brokenshire Integrated Health Ministries Inc. sponsored the 1st annual physical check up of the PEF staff at the Brokenshire Hospital. They also conducted a medical mission for the benefit of the PEF's partner Obu Manuvu community in Carmen, Davao City. BIHMI will also initiate an awareness campaign and fundraiser at the Brokenshire grounds.

## MARCO POLO HOTELS PROMOTES PEF MISSION THROUGH THE PHIL. EAGLE STUFFED TOYS

Through the initiative of the Philippine Eagle Foundation Chairman Mr. Carlos G. Dominguez and Vice President of Marco Polo Hotels Group Mr. Philippe Caretti, awareness and fundraising campaign for the PEF is strengthened through the display and selling of the Philippine Eagle stuffed toys at the Marco Polo Hotels in Hong Kong, Ortigas, Cebu and Davao. The hotels aim to sell 2,000 stuffed toys this year.

Marco Polo Davao formally launched its stuffed toys initiative along with the PEF official website last May 29 at the Marco Polo Lobby.



## UY MASUY WINE FACTORY ADOPTS 'FIGHTER'

Cebu-based wines and liquors business UyMasuy Wine Factory Inc. adopted Philippine Eagle "Biasong" last April. The eagle is renamed "Fighter".



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## MARSHVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NORTH CAROLINA RAISES FUNDS FOR THE PEF

STEM teacher Kerri Edwards of Marshville Elementary School touch based with the PEF for their Earth Week celebration last April. Every year the school selects an endangered species to help protect. For this year's Earth Week they've chosen the Philippine Eagle. The school raised funds for the PEF by purchasing the Phil. Eagle plush toys, a product of the PEF's partner IP community in Arakan North Cotabato.



*Mural featuring the Philippine Eagle painted by the students of Marshville Elementary School, North Carolina*

These were sold along with other items and the proceeds were donated to the PEF. They have raised USD 900. Some of their Earth Week activities included a Philippine Eagle mural painting at their school, film showing about the eagle, and creating a website to help further the awareness about the conservation work.



## UP MINDANAO DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE DESIGNS FOR PEC IMPROVEMENT

BY: ANDI BALDONADO

Turnover of the designs of the sophomore architecture students of UP Mindanao was held last February at the Abreeza Mall. These designs are for the facility improvement of the PEC. The students submitted designs for aviaries, enclosures, meeting hall, CR, and exhibit room. Next step is crowd funding for the construction and renovation project.

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