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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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THRU : The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON MARCH 2023 PHILIPPINE COCKATOO (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) NEST AND HABITAT MONITORING WITHIN IWAHIG PRISON AND PENAL FARM (IPPF) AT BARANGAYS MONTIBLE AND STA. LUCIA, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated April 26, 2023 of CENRO Puerto Princesa re the above subject.

Please be informed that a 3-day nest and habitat monitoring of Philippine Cockatoo was conducted within the lowland forest of Barangays Sta. Lucia (1 day) and Montible (2 days) in Puerto Princesa City spearheaded by Katala Foundation, Inc. (KFI) participated by CENRO Puerto Princesa personnel.

Further, a total of three (3) nests were observed in Bgy. Sta. Lucia while, four nests (4) in Bgy. Montible with also four Manggis nested trees were inspected being possibly a Katala nest yet nothing was observed, however, the team saw five (5) adult cockatoos flying and roosting in Manggis trees along the way.

For information and record.

For the PENRO



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April 26, 2023


MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The OIC - Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON MARCH 2023 PHILIPPINE COCKATOO (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) NEST AND HABITAT MONITORING WITHIN IWAHIG PRISON AND PENAL FARM (IPPF) AT BARANGAYS MONTIBLE AND STA. LUCIA & THIS CITY**

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Respectfully forwarded the memorandum report from Conservation and Development Section (CDS) dated April 03, 2023 regarding the above-captioned subject.


Please be informed that the said activity was spearheaded by Katala Foundation, Inc. (KFI) and same participated by DENR CENRO Puerto Princesa personnel.


Three (3) nesting trees of Philippine Cockatoos (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) were monitored in KM 24, Bgy. Sta. Lucia, Puerto Princesa City, one of which observed with three (3) laid eggs, while the remaining two (2) nest trees were observed with presence of feces, fresh leaves and cut twigs in their nest holes. Meanwhile, four (4) identified nesting trees and four (4) potential Manggis Trees were also monitored and visited in Malabo Montible, Puerto Princesa City with one (1) laid egg observed on a dead tree.

The team also conducted retrieval of SD cards in the four (4) previously installed camera traps at Malabo Montible and replaced with new SD cards and batteries. The wildlife species recorded are: Philippine long-tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), Flying squirrels (*Pteromyini* or *Petauristini*), Palawan bearded pig (*Sus ahoenobarbus*), Palawan peacock-pheasant (*Polyplectron napoleonis*), Philippine porcupine or Palawan porcupine (*Hystrix pumila*), Blue-naped Parrot (*Tanygnathus lucionensis*), Red jungle fowl (*Gallus gallus*), and Philippine scrubfowl or the Tabon scrubfowl (*Megapodius cumingii*).

For information and record.

For and in the absence of the CENRO

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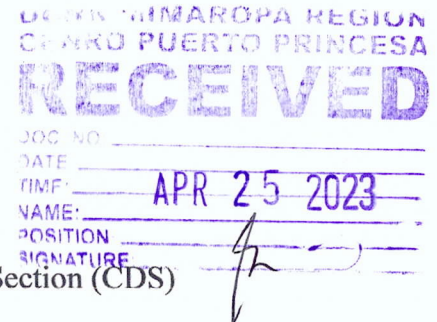
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC - Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

THRU : The Chief, Conservation and Development Section (CDS)

FROM : The Undersigned

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON MARCH 2023 PHILIPPINE COCKATOO (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) NEST AND HABITAT MONITORING WITHIN IWAHIG PRISON AND PENAL FARM (IPPF) AT BARANGAYS MONTIBLE AND STA. LUCIA & THIS CITY**



In compliance to your instruction relative to the letter invitation dated March 13, 2023 from Science Research Assistant Matt Brian P. Ong noted by Ms. Indira Dayang Lacerna-Widmann, Program Director, Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP) of Katala Foundation Inc. (KFI), the undersigned participated in 3-days nest and habitat monitoring of Philippine Cockatoo (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) within the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF) particularly at the lowland forest of Barangays Montible and Sta. Lucia, Puerto Princesa City with the following scheduled, to wit:

March 20, 2023	:	Bgy. Sta. Lucia-KM 24
March 21-22, 2023	:	Malabo/Montible (Overnight)

I. RELATED FACTS:

The Philippine Cockatoo or Red-vented Cockatoo (*Cacatua haematuropygia*) is restricted to lowland areas and mangroves in the Philippines. It is categorized by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) as Critically Endangered and included in Appendix I under Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP) in Puerto Princesa City is being implemented by Katala Foundation, Inc. (KFI).

The Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm in Puerto Princesa City was identified as the area for the Biodiversity Conservation Program of the Katala Foundation Inc. (KFI) wherein Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP) is being implemented. It is the area with the third largest population of Philippine Cockatoo in the province of Palawan. The program is being supported by Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS), DENR CENRO Puerto Princesa and Bureau of Correction (BUCOR).

II. HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITY

The said activity was participated by the undersigned personnel of DENR CENRO Puerto Princesa and representatives from Katala Foundation, Inc. namely Science Research Assistant Matt Brian P. Ong and Mr. John Vincent Abendan with two (2) climbers which same was the lead organization for the activity.

This monthly activity was conducted in collaboration with government agencies such as this office and other sector having objective to determine and assessed the breeding, roosting and foraging of cockatoo's population within the lowland forest of Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF) particularly in the identified conserved and protected areas for Philippine Cockatoo covering the barangays of KM 24-Sta. Lucia and Malabo-Montible, Puerto Princesa City.

The undersigned, PMF Rogelio G. Abison participated on the second day (March 20) of nest and habitat monitoring activity particularly in KM 24, Bgy. Sta. Lucia Puerto Princesa wherein the nest trees visited are all identified site for Philippine Cockatoos (*Cacatua haematuropygia*). Likewise, hereunder are the findings and observation, to wit:

1. That there are three (3) laid eggs of cockatoo observed in Bayoso nesting tree with geo-tagged coordinates of 09°42'12"N 118°40'40"E.
2. That there is no presence of laid eggs observed in the next Bayoso nesting tree, but manifested with cut twigs and leaves inside the nest hole with geo-tagged coordinates of 09°41'54"N 118°40'17"E.
3. That on the last nest tree visited also observed no laid eggs but with presence of feces, fresh leaves and cut twigs in nest holes with geo-tagged coordinates of 09°41'56"N 118°40'10"E.

The undersigned, Forester I Jessie M. Escandalio also participated in nest and habitat monitoring activity on March 21-22, 2023 particularly at Malabo Montible areas wherein the team decided to stay overnight at the site in order to cover up all nesting sites that needs to be visited and monitored within the said days.

Similarly, hereunder are the findings and observation taken during the 2-days conduct of nest and habitat monitoring activity at Malabo Montible, Puerto Princesa City, to wit:

1. That on the first nest tree monitored found being sheltered by juvenile bats (undetermined) with more or less ten (10) individuals.
2. That one (1) laid egg was seen in the snag nest tree and also one (1) egg seen in the identified Bayoso nest tree by using endoscope camera.
3. That on the fourth (4th) nest tree visited found being clean with fresh leaves in nest holes and probably in preparation to lay eggs.

4. That four (4) suspected Manggis nest trees were inspected but observed no presence of eggs, feces and cut twigs in the nest holes. The same also previously a habitat for Philippine Cockatoos and still under observation and monitoring for the possibility that the presence of Katala was observed.
5. That along the way, the team also observed five (5) adult cockatoos flying and roosting in the Manggis tree.

Further, the team also conducted retrieval of SD cards in the four (4) previously installed camera traps and replaced with new SD cards and batteries. The said camera traps will be recovered on the next monitoring activity. Upon review of the captured photos in the camera traps, the following wildlife species are recorded: Philippine long-tailed macaque (*Macaca fascicularis*), Flying squirrels (*Pteromyini* or *Petauristini*), Palawan bearded pig (*Sus ahoenobarbus*), Palawan peacock-pheasant (*Polyplectron napoleonis*), Philippine porcupine or Palawan porcupine (*Hystrix pumila*), Blue-naped Parrot (*Tanygnathus lucionensis*), Red jungle fowl (*Gallus gallus*), and Philippine scrubfowl or the Tabon scrubfowl (*Megapodius cumingii*).

The device used to determine whether the nest holes has presence of laid egg is through endoscope camera which is very effective and efficient especially on very deep nest holes which are sometimes cannot be seen and difficult to document.

Attached are photo documentations of the said activity.

For information and record.



JESSIE M. ESCANDALIO
Forester I/Chief, PAWW Unit



ROGELIO G. ABISON
Park Maintenance Foreman



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CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY This is to certify that the above geo-tagged pictures shows the actual activities conducted during the nest and habitat monitoring of Philippine cockatoo located at the lowland forested area of IPPF-BUCOR, Bgy. Sta. Lucia, Puerto Princesa City.


ROGELIO G. ABISON
Park Maintenance Foreman

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

NEST AND HABITAT MONITORING OF THE PHILIPPINE COCKATOO WITHIN IPPF AREAS

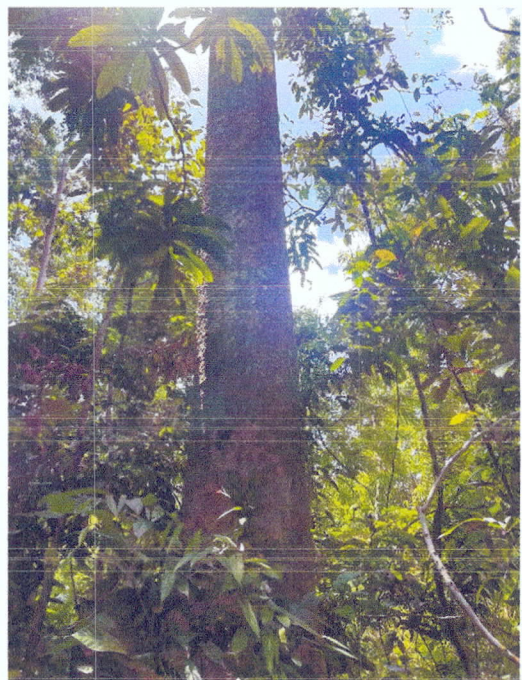
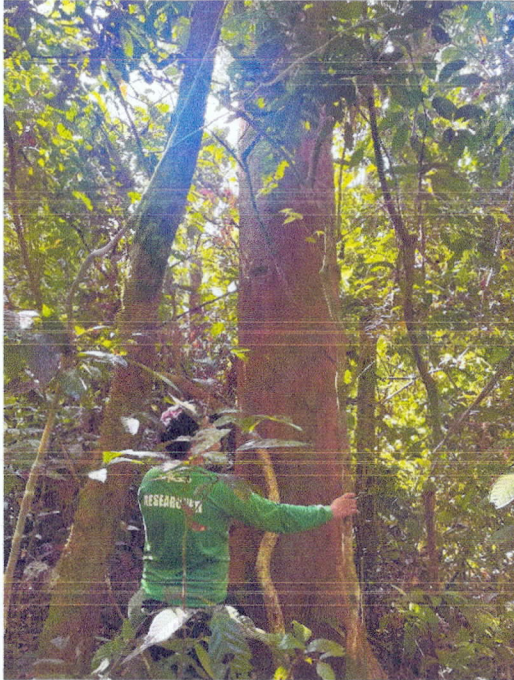


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Photos showing the retrieval SD cards and installation of camera traps spearheaded by Katala Foundation Inc., (KFI) at Malabo Montible, Puerto Princesa City.

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13 March 2023

For. Pedro A. Velasco
Officer-In-Charge
CENRO-Puerto Princesa
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Re: Request for a team member to join the March 2023 nest and habitat monitoring
Attn: Regulation Enforcement Unit

Dear For. Velasco:

Warm greetings!

Thank you for your untiring support for the Philippine cockatoo nest and habitat monitoring within the Iwahig Prison and Penal Farm (IPPF).

As this year's breeding season for cavity nesters has started, we will conduct nest and habitat monitoring on **March 20-24, 2023**. In line with this, we kindly request that one of your staff join the monitoring team for the upcoming schedule. We will provide food for the duration of the activity. The areas covered for this schedule will be around the Montible, Iwahig, and Sta. Lucia lowland forest. We will also look for potential nest trees along the trails and areas covered for the said monitoring. The following is the proposed schedule:

March 20: Montible

March 23: Luzviminda

March 21-22: Montible/Malabo (Overnight)

March 24: Sta. Lucia

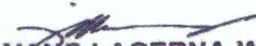
Should there be changes in the schedules above, we shall inform you asap for adjustments. We look forward to a positive response and kind consideration of this request. For queries/concerns about this activity, we can be reached at kficacatua2016@gmail.com or cel/tel no. 09052815983/4347693. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


MATT BRIAN P. ONG

Science Research Assistant, KFI

Noted:


INDIRA DAYANG LACERNA-WIDMANN
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