

Discovery in the heart of Mindoro

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During a survey conducted last June 2018, a Tamaraw population has been suspected to exist in the center of Mindoro Island. This year together with our DENR TCP partners and the local Alangan Mangyan communities, DAF conducted 2 additional verification surveys in this area at the heart of Mindoro, where the two provinces (Occidental and Oriental) meet. The purpose being to assess the size and the situation of this Tamaraw population. Results of the mission confirms what shall be considered as a new official sub-population and the second largest Tamaraw population in Mindoro after Mts Iglit-Baco National Park (possibly more than 70 animals).

It also paves the way in building cooperation and

structuring the involvement of the upland Alangan communities whose living space encompasses this Tamaraw sub-population.

Together with the undeniable importance of these findings and the optimism it allows for the Tamaraw Conservation Program, we must not rush or anticipate action as it is

important to work hand in hand with the IP community there.



Fresh Tamaraw tracks



Exit through Occidental Mindoro

Joining field patrols to assess capacities and needs of Tamaraw rangers



Earlier this February, DAF Program Manager assisted GWC expert in Wildlife Crime Prevention, Mr. James Slade, to survey Tamaraw landscape within MIBNP and Aruyan-Malati area, together with the 4 TCP rangers' teams. The goal was to assess the patrolling/monitoring activities of the

rangers thus to identify gaps, needs and constraints, as well as to initiate new tools/methods for gathering information (cyber tracker) to improve and develop capacity reinforcement for the Tamaraw rangers.

DAF Mission

That the unique natural and cultural heritage of the Island of Mindoro is preserved for future generations and the well being of its people is enhanced.

Bamboo Plantation Seminar for Mangyan

This June a free Bamboo Plantation seminar was held at Villa Malasimbo, and organized by the Philippine Military. Its goal was to share and teach bamboo growing techniques, to the local Mangyan living in Puerto Galera. Growing bamboo is a great money making opportunity, specially for the local tribes living in Puerto Galera. The workshop started off with demonstrations on how to grow new shoots using newly cut plants, it was shown how one can take care

of these grafted plants and grow them. Each participant participated with a hands-on demonstration/workshop, creating their own grafted seedlings.

Malasimbo happily accepted the request to use its facilities for the purpose of this educational seminar, which allowed agricultural knowledge to be transferred to its neighbors. Bamboo has many commercial uses and successfully growing this plant can be a lucrative business. The



Group Photo of seminar participants

seminar also included a talk about its commercial uses and possible business opportunity.

Malasimbo opens its door to such events and is grateful to the Philippine Military for the

opportunity to participate. The event was quite a success, each participants, left the place with a certificate, new knowledge and ideas to put in action. A moment of happiness truly shared.

"Education is the main ingredient in reaching alleviation of poverty"

Protected Area Zoning Workshop

A two days workshop was conducted in San Jose by the Protected Area Office of Mts Iglit-Baco National Park to discuss a possible zoning system which will be established within the Protected Area.

The workshop was facilitated by GWC expert and partner in PA Management Mr Mike Appleton, who is assisting the Protected Area Superintendent

(Pasu) to design the future PA Management Plan for the Park. This event gathered several Mindoro stakeholders, partners from MBCFi, as well as IUCN-SSC AWCSG coordinator, Dr. James Burton.

The goal was to initiate a round discussion and draft the possible zones that will define and drive this protected area in the future. One challenge is

also to give way for the Tamaraw to expand its range towards suitable areas of the Park.

Mangyan Village Solar Electrification



Example of rural solar electrification - Masbate

DAF together with The Liter of Light Foundation, is currently working on a project to electrify the Mangyan Village of Baclayan. A French company called Light Force is founding the project consisting of 50 to 100 solar street light, which will illuminate all public areas of the village. The lights

which will be installed 1st quarter of 2019 are fully autonomous from the grid and each rely on a solar panel, making a system that recuperates energy during the day, and lighting up during the night.

PAMATEC, the sister company of DAF are currently

participating together to a bidding conducted by the European-Union to electrify 3500 of grid households in Mindoro (Oriental and Occidental), the result of the bid should be known by the end of 2019.

Wildlife photo Gallery by Alvaro G. Monge

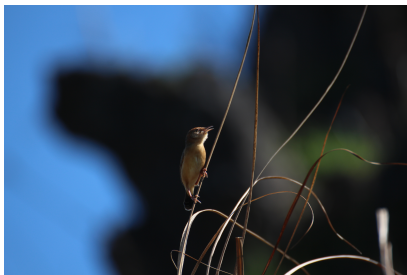
New DAF Member :



Dragonfly - *Neurothemis ramburii*



Hammerhead worm - *Bipalium* sp.



Golden-headed cisticola - *Cisticola exilis*



Ivory-bellied woodpecker - *Dryocopus javensis*



Wild Banana fruit



Long-horned orb weaving spider - *Macracantha* sp.

This March, Alvaro Gonzalez Monge, began work by visiting Mounts Iglit-Baco National Park in preparation for his upcoming work on tamaraw ecology and habitat assessment. He is a Spanish biologist who has specialized in the ecology and conservation of mammals and how local human activities impact them, particularly in South-east Asia. This expertise quickly allowed him to understand the key problematics regarding the Mangyan-Tamaraw Driven Landscape Program.

Computer Literacy Program

Last June, DAF provided computer literacy training with the Mindoro Technical and Vocational Skills Training Center, inc. Field Technical Assistants and several

Tamaraw rangers, most of which are Tao-Buid Mangyans, were trained in order to build important technical know-how useful for the conservation of the tamaraw.



Training Group Photo

Working with the Fufuamas

Since the beginning of the rainy season, the field research team – in a multi-collaborative effort involving DAF, TCP and the local community – has been working to gather information on Tamaraw ecology and habitats. The field team, consisting of DAF's

Mangyan Field Technical Assistants, some Tamaraw Rangers and local Fufuamas (Mangyan elders), have been working with our Tamaraw Research Officer (Alvaro Gonzalez), looking at the species composition and movements in the Tamaraw

habitat. This is a great opportunity to learn from the local expertise of the Fufuamas who add critical knowledge in our Tamaraw conservation mission, and for the protected area management plans.



Ranger team and Fufuamas



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PROGRAMS:

- ♦ *Mangyan—Tamaraw Driven Landscape Program - Conservation and Enhancement of Natural and Cultural Heritage of Mindoro Island*
- ♦ *Surat Hanunuo Mangyan Teaching Program - Mun. Mansalay, Or Mindoro*
- ♦ *Mangrove planting and reforestation - Puerto Galera*
- ♦ *Annual Earth Day program and activities*
- ♦ *Agri & Eco-cultural tourism, Learning Center & Bird Site at Villa Malasimbo Demo Farm & Eco Farm, Puerto Galera*

VISION:

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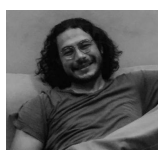
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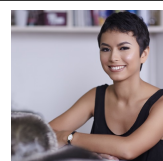
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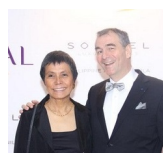
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