

**Press Release: June 9, 2020**  
**Eagle Caught in Kisante, Makilala Cotabato**

On June 8, 2020 the DENR XII, PENRO Cotabato together with Pres. Roxas Sub-CENRO Field Office rescued a Philippine Eagle at Purok 3A, Brgy. Kisante, Makilala, Cotabato. The farmers namely Jeofrey Rodica, Artemio Hemilio and Joel Arombo first saw the wildlife in corn field being fought by several crows.

The concerned citizens rescued the wildlife at 7:00 in the morning and immediately delivered to the Local Government Unit of Kisante. According to the LGU, it is their first time to see a Philippine Eagle in the area.

Dr. Bayani Vandebroek, DVM of Philippine Eagle Foundation, Inc. Stated, the rescued eagle is a sub-adult three years of age, female based on size and counting approximately 5.8 kilogram. No sign of wound nor shots. Generally, the eagle was healthy and shows less stress, except for a tail that has broken and soiled.



PENRO Cotabato, turned over the rescued Philippine Eagle to Philippine Eagle Foundation, Inc. for proper handling and for other medical examinations such as swabbing for new castle disease virus, Avian Flu and Aspergillosis tests while blood samples for DNA sexing and blood/CBC values.



The LGU extended their gratitude for the quick response by the agency and committed to help in the conservation of the national bird and other wildlife. On the other hand, PENRO Cotabato thanked the citizens for not doing any injury to the rescued eagle. The concerned personnel took the chance to conduct an Information Education Campaign (IEC) on the area about the importance of the Philippine Eagle to the nature and ecosystem.

This year is the 22nd year of Philippine Eagle Week celebration on June 4-10 with the theme "Pangangalaga ng Buhay-ilang at Kagubatan, Kalusugan ng Mamayan" this celebration seize the opportunity to help communities understand the critical role of wildlife conservation and Biodiversity at large in preventing the emergence of zoonotic diseases to avoid similar pandemics in the future.