



Co-organized by:



WBCP
Raptor
Group

The 10th Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network Symposium 1st Announcement and Call for Workshops and Papers

The 10th Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network Symposium will be held on **18-22 October 2017** at **Ateneo de Davao University, Roxas St., Davao City, Philippines**

Hosted by **Philippine Eagle Foundation** in partnership with the **Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network**

Co-organized by **Ateneo de Davao University, City Government of Davao City, Department of Tourism Region 11 and Wild Bird Club of the Philippines – Raptor Group**

Symposium theme: ***“Renewing Raptor-People Ties through Community Based Initiatives”***

The Symposium will officially start on **19 October 2017** and end with a farewell dinner on the evening of the **20th of October 2017**. There will be a welcome dinner for the participants on **18th October 2017**. Please make sure to arrive in the afternoon of the **18th** to participate in the welcome dinner. Optional post-symposium field trips will be offered starting Sunday 22 October 2017. Book the dates on your calendars and please help circulate this announcement to others who may be interested. Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/HtUpO0yGxYQsT1B82>. For further details and announcements, visit www.philippineeaglefoundation.org.

About the theme

“Renewing Raptor-People Ties through Community Based Initiatives”

Raptors or *birds-of-prey* play a prominent role in human culture. Among several traditional societies, eagles are spiritual symbols of divine protection and charismatic representation of desirable human traits such as courage, firmness and leadership. The Japanese *Tengu*, for example, legendary creatures in Japanese folk religion that take the form of birds-of-prey, can be spirits or deities that protect people and forests. In ancient Japanese paintings, hawks and eagles are popular symbols of military prowess such as that of the Samurai. The Garuda of Hindu and Buddhist mythology bears eagle symbolism which in Indonesia is rendered in a heraldic style like the actual traits of the Javan Hawk Eagle, the country's national bird. In the Philippines, the Philippine eagle is a symbol of prowess at war and foresight among several Indigenous peoples of its southern islands. These cultural ties elicit human attachments which are important nutrients to healthy people-and-nature relations.

Unfortunately, people's attitudes towards raptors are not always positive. At the northern Philippines for example, hundreds of migrating Grey-faced buzzards are slaughtered for food at their roost sites. In Nagaland, thousands of Amur falcons migrating in 2012 were butchered by locals who regarded the bird multitudes as like “manna dropping down from heaven.” Several non-migrating raptors are persecuted too either through shooting, hunting or habitat destruction.



Co-organized by:



WBCP
Raptor
Group

But there are good reasons for hope. Community-managed annual raptor festivals in Taiwan and Thailand for instance demonstrate how people and migrating raptors can maintain a harmonious co-existence. In Nagaland, local apathy has been replaced by care and concern in just a matter of two years because of advocacy, education and grassroots conservation. Several equally inspiring community-based raptor conservation programs across Asia exist. Indeed, positive human attitudes can be developed within a human lifetime.

This conference highlights how support to community-based actions can result to healthy *people-raptor* relationships. Raptor wellbeing reflects human wellbeing. As the great spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi had said “*the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.*”

We accept oral and poster presentations on several aspects of resident and migratory raptors including research, site conservation, advocacy, education, citizen science, tourism and policy that are relevant to the 2017 symposium theme. However, presentations outside of this theme could be accepted too.

About the ARRCN

The Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network (ARRCN) is composed of 232 individual members from 30 member countries in the world. In December 1998, the first symposium of the "Asian Raptor Research and Conservation (ARRC)" was held in Shiga Prefecture, Japan with the participation of raptor researchers and conservationists throughout Asia. At the symposium, 'the Asian Raptor Research and Conservation Network' was established.

The Objectives of ARRCN are to:

1. Exchange information concerning raptors among its members as follows: Published and unpublished information on raptors, including research methodology, techniques for habitat restoration, care for injured raptors, etc.
2. Compile a database on raptors, especially on the status of native Asian raptors. (This includes their distribution, population, habitat, ecology, breeding and all other aspects important to their conservation; General references and references on each species; Resources important to raptor research and conservation, such as a list of experts, institutions and expertise available.
3. Coordinate activities like raptor migration monitoring as well as researches on common and widespread species in Asia. Training programs and hands-on training.
4. Educate the public (community) and training people through training of local residents and communities for raptor research and conservation; production of educational films and documentaries for awareness raising and organizing workshops and courses for those interested in raptor conservation.



WBCP
Raptor
Group

Co-organized by:

Key Symposium Activities

- **ARRCN bazaar.** Those with things to sell or distribute (e.g., educational materials, research equipment, community livelihood products) can sign up for display tables/booths. Deadline is on 15 May 2017 for an assured slot. Registration fee for merchandise booth is free for ARRCN members but for non-member, merchants' fee will be announced soon.
- **Country Reports.** A 10 minute oral presentations on the status of raptor migration watch by a representative from each of the member countries. Deadline for abstracts is 15 May 2017.
- **Regular Contributed Papers (Oral Presentations and Posters).** A 15-minute oral presentations or posters on aspects of resident and migratory raptors including research, and site conservation action, advocacy, education, citizen science, tourism and policy. Deadline for abstracts is 15 May 2017.
- **Student Presentation (Oral and Poster).** Students currently enrolled will be given opportunity to present their researches on raptors and raptor conservation. There will be limited travel grants for students. Those who want to apply for travel grants please indicate in the registration form and submit abstracts directly to ARRCN.
- **Workshops/ Roundtable Discussions.** Concurrent 3 hour-long workshops on important aspects of raptor research and conservation. Proposals for workshop sessions are welcomed (see below).
- **ARRCN Annual General Meeting.** Member updates will be presented, discussed and deliberated. Bids to host the 2019 symposium are presented.

Guidelines for Presentation Abstracts and Workshop Proposals

We encourage everyone to follow the guidelines below. Abstracts that do not conform to the specific guidelines will not be prioritized. Only registered participants will be given slots for oral and poster presentations.

- **Guidelines for Abstracts for Oral or Poster Presentations.** The abstract is the primary means by which the ARRCN Scientific Committee will evaluate papers for oral or poster presentation. All accepted abstracts would be included in the Symposium Program and Book to be distributed during registration. Given that symposium participants will come from varied backgrounds, the abstract should be written in simple, clear, and concise language, but should also provide as much detail as possible on the objectives, methods, results, and significance of the study or effort.

The abstract must not exceed 300 words, in English, typed double-spaced (Calibri, 12 pt) on letter-sized paper and saved as a .doc file with the name of the first author in the filename followed by the category (Regular/Country/Student and then the type of presentation (Oral/Poster) (e.g. Ramos Student Poster). The abstract should be submitted electronically to arrcn2017@philippineeaglefoundation.org with the appropriate subject heading indicating the category and type, (e.g. ARRCN Regular Oral Presentation). The abstract should include, where relevant, the objectives, question(s) or problem(s) addressed; the general approach or methods; the main results or findings; and the overall conclusion(s). The Title must be in bold (do not capitalize except first letter and proper names). Name(s) of author(s) follows on the next line, underlined, and separated by commas with the presenter's name in bold. Authors' affiliation(s), including complete mailing and e-mail addresses, follows on the third line.

Guidelines for full paper and poster size will be included in the next circulars. Please register for updates.



Co-organized by:



WBCP
Raptor
Group

- **Guidelines for Workshop Session Proposals.** Proposals for workshop sessions should include the Workshop Title, workshop moderators/facilitators (at least two) and their institutional affiliations, and a concise description of the workshop topic, its relevance to raptor conservation, and how the workshop session will be run (not exceeding 300 words). Send workshop proposals to arrcn2017@philippineaglefoundation.org with subject heading: ARRCN Symposium_Workshop.

Deadlines and Addresses for Electronic Submission

Workshop proposals	15 May 2017
Abstracts for country reports, contributed regular oral or poster presentations (including those by students)	15 May 2017
Deadline for Full paper	31 August 2017
Deadline for ARRCN bazaar booth registration	31 May 2017

Limited financial support for travel and symposium attendance will be provided to student presenters. Priority will be given to students who submit full papers.

Symposium Location

The symposium will be held at Ateneo de Davao University, Roxas Street, Davao City, Philippines. The University is just across ALDEVINCO souvenir shops and a few meters away from Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City.

- How to get here: International participants can fly in to Davao City through Manila, Cebu or Singapore.
- Local participants can fly in from major cities in the Philippines and those coming from Mindanao can take the bus or van to Davao City.

Note: Our welcome committee will be facilitating arriving participants at the Davao International Airport. Transportation will be made available for participants from the airport to the hotel of their choice.

Accommodation

Details on recommended accommodations will be made available in the next circular. Please register for updates.

Post-Symposium Tours and Field Trips

Optional post-symposium tours on Sunday, October 22, will be offered for interested participants. Tour packages will be made available in the coming circulars. Please register for updates.

Registration for 2017 Symposium

Please register to ensure that you will receive future announcements and to help us estimate participant numbers (you may register even if you are not yet certain of attending) at <https://goo.gl/forms/HtUpO0yGxYQsT1B82>. Email arrcn2017@philippineaglefoundation.org if you encounter any problems.



Co-organized by:

WBCP
Raptor
Group

Registration Fees

Fees are inclusive of symposium kit and souvenirs, proceedings, transportation (to and from the hotel and symposium venue), meals (lunch, snacks, and dinner banquet during the symposium proper) and Philippine Eagle Center tour on the 21st of October 2017. **We will announce acceptance of early bird registration and other payment options soon. Please submit registration forms for updates.**

- *Early Bird Registration.* Register on or before 18 March 2017 to be guaranteed a participant slot.
- *Regular Registration.* Register on or before 18 June 2017 to be guaranteed a participant slot.
- *Late Registration or on-site Registration.* Register on or before 18 September 2017. (Disclaimer: On-site registration will depend on availability of participant slots).

	Registration Fee
Early Bird Registration	\$185
Regular Registration	\$200
Late Registration/on-site registration	\$250

Payments can be deposited to:

Account Name:	Philippine Eagle Conservation Program Foundation Inc.
Bank Name:	BPI, Quirino, Davao City, Philippines
Peso Current Account Number:	009441-0125-24
Subscriber's Account Number:	5299673563360109

Note: Please write the names of the participant(s) for whom the payment was made for, scan the deposit slip and email to arrcn2017@philippineaglefoundation.org and bring a copy of the deposit slip with you as proof of payment to the Symposium. We cannot trace bank payments without the deposit slip.