



# MONITORING OF CRITICALLY ENDANGERED MIGRATORY SPECIES IN THE PHILIPPINES

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#### WHO WE ARE





- Pioneer environmental NGO in the Philippines
- Membership organization committed to nature conservation thru community empowerment and scientific excellence
- Birdlife Partner in the Philippines

#### WHAT WE DO

- Community organizing
- Capacity and capability building
- Bio-physical and socio economic research
- Awareness raising for local communities and in urban centers
- Habitat conservation and management
- Forest restoration
- Policy formulation and advocacy
- Networking and alliance building

# WHAT WE DO



#### Monitoring of migratory species

- Participate in the Annual Water bird Census (AWC) since 2013
- Conduct bird watching and monitoring activities in key wetlands in the country during migratory season (e.g. Candaba Marsh, LPPCHEA, Olango, Naujan Lake National Park)

## Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA)



## Candaba Swamp, Pampanga



## Naujan Lake National Park



#### Monitoring of migratory species

- Engaged in the Arcadia/Birdlife project which is monitoring the ff threatened migratory species:
  - Spoon-billed Sandpiper Cr
  - Chinese Crested Tern Cr
  - Baer's Pochard Cr
  - Black-faced Spoonbill EN
- Only the Baer's Pochard was sighted in Candaba Swamp during 2014-2015 monitoring.
- Additional new sites will be monitored for this season



# Spoon-billed Sandpiper



Chinese Crested Tern



# Baer's Pochard



# Black-faced Spoonbill

(photo taken in Candaba)

#### Research

 The results of the 2014-15 monitoring of the Birdlife/Arcadia species were presented during the East-Asian Australasian Flyway R&D Congress in December 2014 and the Philippine Biodiversity Symposium in April 2015.

#### Site Conservation

- Small group discussion conducted last May 27, 2015 with DENR, EAAF, Birdlife-Asia, Wetlands International, Haribon, other NGOs
- Group discussed the conservation importance of Candaba Swamp and Manila Bay Coastal Area as migratory sites and formulated action points

#### Site Conservation

- Candaba Swamp was entered into the IBAs In Danger list (IBAID) of Birdlife International (see notes area)
- In the process of securing funds for the conduct research that will establish connectivity of areas and conservation management interventions for Candaba Swamp

#### Site Conservation

- In the process of securing funds in strengthening capacity of local conservation Actors in Managing the Sub-Watersheds of Naujan Lake National Park (NLNP), a Ramsar site
- Proposed intervention includes formulation of forest land-use plans for LGUs hosting the subwatershed of the Lake; capacity building for mayors, MENRO, PAMB, forest wardens; awareness raising of school children

#### **Awareness Raising**

- Conduct of Welcome to the Birds (WTTB)
   since 2013; international event celebrating the
   start of the migratory season
- Various activities conducted throughout the migratory seasons (October- March) includes teaching tours, bird kite festival, bird watching for newbies, bird race

#### **Awareness Raising**

- Develop citizen scientists from among members to help in monitoring the Arcadia/Birdlife species
- Rivers and coastal clean-ups
- Develop IEC materials
- Migratory birds information on social media, radio and local newspapers











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Haribon members
and volunteers
during the
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in different sites.

#### **Future Monitoring Activities**

- Additional monitoring sites for this migratory season's surveys:
  - Buguey Wetlands, Cagayan Valley
  - Divilacan/Palanan Wetlands, Isabela

## Maraming salamat!

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