

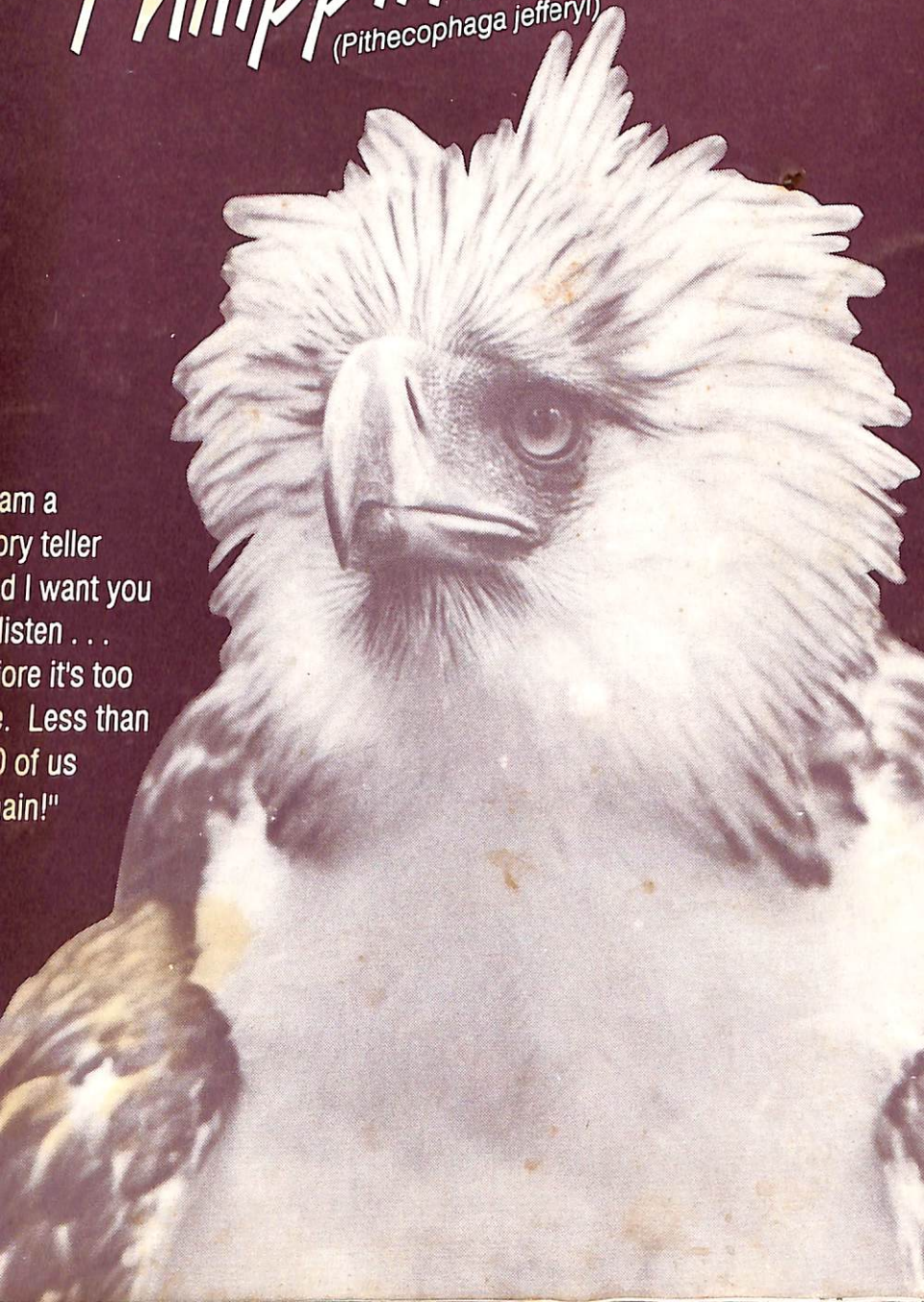
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I am a
Philippine Eagle
(*Pithecophaga jefferyi*)

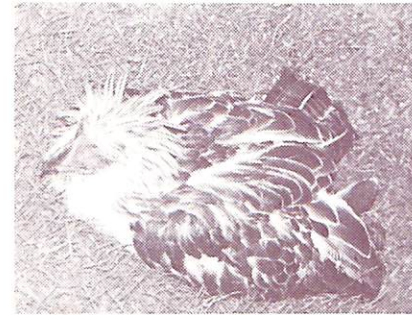
I am a
story teller
and I want you
to listen . . .
before it's too
late. Less than
1% of us
remain!"





Why Am I Endangered?

- 1 I am being hunted, trapped, and collected.
- 2 My forests are disappearing because of illegal logging, destructive agricultural and mining practices due to population pressures on the land.
- 3 My nesting sites are disturbed. My young are eaglenapped and my original food sources are becoming scarce.
- 4 I am genetically isolated because my forests have been fragmented. I cannot cross over open land to reach my neighbors.
- 5 Because of all these I am a nervous wreck. This stress makes me vulnerable to disease and I become biologically unproductive.



About Me:

I am one of the world's largest eagles with the broadest wings of any eagle which span nearly two meters (7 ft.). I am the tallest, standing a meter in height and I weigh from four to seven kilograms (8.8 - 15.4 lbs.)

I can be found in the mountain jungles of Luzon, Samar, Leyte and Mindanao only. I establish and defend a 60-100 sq. km. territory for life. I eat a wide variety of jungle animals from cobras to bats and do not like to eat animals cultivated by man. I prefer nests built on large orchids or ferns growing atop the tallest jungle trees. My mate and I produce one egg per nesting cycle (September - January) which takes 60 days to hatch, rearing our offspring in two years time.

The famous aviator Charles Lindbergh once called me "The Air's Noblest Flier"



Why Am I Important?

1 Have you ever watched a stunning sunset, have a bird's song stir your heart, watched a butterfly dance on a flower, savored the smell of a rose, or seen me soar? These are all God's beauty and nobody has the right to destroy them.

2 I have watched forests disappear, rivers dry up, floods ravage the soil, droughts spawn uncontrolled fires, hundreds of my forest friends vanish forever and leave the land desolate. I'm your human witness to the earth becoming sterile. I know all life will eventually suffer and die if this onslaught continues. I am a storyteller and I want you to listen before it's too late.

What Is The Philippine Eagle Conservation Program?

1 It is a mission dedicated to save my kind, my forests, and my forest friends from extinction.

2 It is a practical program of inter-related activities:

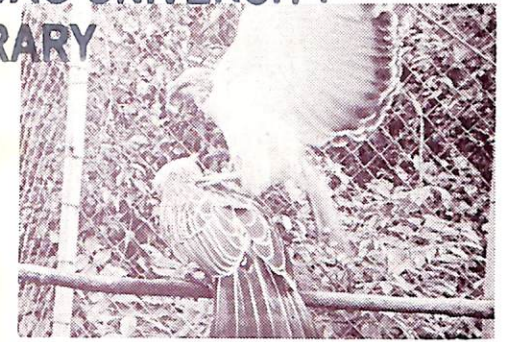
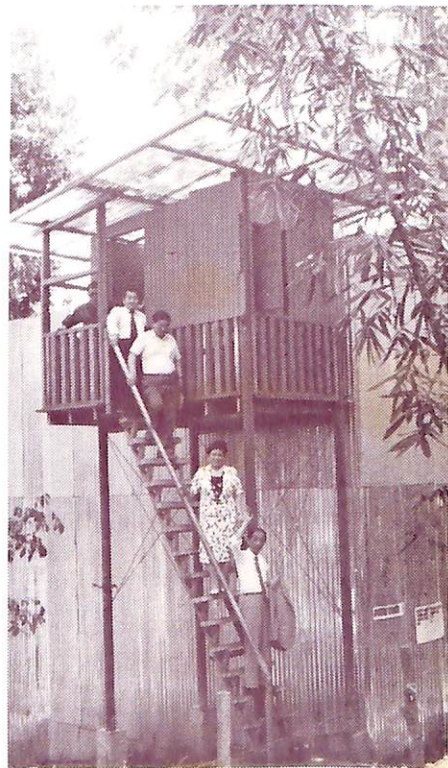
****** It is working to breed my kind in captivity at a specially-designed research complex 30 kms. from Davao City on the slopes of Mt. Apo. The Philippine Eagle Research and Nature Center (PERNC) caters to tourists, residents, out-of-town visitors and student groups. These people come here out of curiosity and leave with a better understanding of my plight.

****** It conducts field studies to unlock my life's secrets. They recover, rehabilitate, and release or keep in captivity my relatives who have come illegally into the hands of man. They reach the people in the remote barrios who are taught to live in harmony with us. In simple terms they explain your relationship to the environment to all who listen.

****** It shares my message with you through their educational extension programs. They show films, give lectures, and distribute leaflets, handouts, and brochures which they produce through donations from concerned individuals, social groups, institutions, corporations, and the Philippine Government.

****** They have developed adoption schemes to protect our nest sites and later insure our captive survival. Other promotions are planned but outside help, your help, is needed.

3 The Philippine Eagle Conservation Program Foundation, Inc. (PECPFI) is an institution which is attempting to see that my long term survival is given a real chance.



**What Can You
Do To Help Me
And My Forests?**

- 1** Spread the word about my plight to your friends, neighbors, religious leaders, school teachers, local and national leaders and law makers. Talk about me and write letters to people who can make a difference.
- 2** Request more information about the laws governing my life from the agencies responsible for my protection. Write the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
- 3** Notify authorities if you find my nests or see me in the wilderness or know that I am being held captive.
- 4** Support applied conservation programs that understand me and my problems to ensure my survival. Help the Philippine Eagle Conservation Program (PECPFI) help me. They really know what I am all about.



*Please join the Philippine
Eagle Conservation Program
Foundation's Missions to save
us. Our life is in your hand.*