

PCCP update

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PRESS RELEASE

Wardens prepare for new challenges *Refresher Training Course for PCCP wardens and volunteers*

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Forty three PCCP wardens, volunteers and staff successfully completed the 2-day Refresher Training Course conducted in the Narra Convention Center, Nara Palawan. All wardens from all PCCP sites - in Narra, Dumarán, Pandanan and Rizal - joined together to rekindle their knowledge and skills on forestry and wildlife laws, local governance, basic first aid training, equipment use, team building, law enforcement and bird identification and monitoring techniques. Sessions were tailored to engage participants in actual application of techniques and skills. The refresher's training course equips us all for the challenges we shall face in the next years in particular for the upcoming breeding season.

This year we integrated a lecture on Family Planning given by the Rural Health Unit of Narra to give opportunity to our wardens who belong to tribal groups to ask about responsible parenthood and family planning methods. This is in the hope of helping them reach informed decisions regarding reproductive health and family future. This was eagerly received by all participants.

On the last evening of the training on the 16th November, KFI family simply celebrated an early Christmas salu-salo where we enjoyed each other's company along with some fun games, exchanging gifts and presentations. Everyone was grateful for all the support from each other and from local and international partners.

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Editor's Note:

- KFI implements the Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Programme (PCCP) presently in 3 project sites in Palawan: Dumarán, Narra and Rizal. Narra, being the pilot site in 1998, celebrates its 10th year anniversary.

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