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Katala shares conservation strategies with Hornbill Project in Sabah

Kinabatangan, Sabah, Malaysia. Two field staff of the Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP) shared experiences on nest protection and pride campaigns with the Hornbill Conservation project in Sabah, Malaysia. Rene Antonio shared PCCP's nest protection scheme while Anna Rose Agullo shared on our pride campaigns for the PCCP. Meanwhile the Hornbill project staff shared their successful artificial nest boxes for the species which the Katala team was learning from. The learning exchange program was held on October 15-20, 2018 at Sukau, Kinabatangan, Sabah Malaysia. The five-day learning exchange also gave the Katala team the chance to see among others six of the eight hornbill species in the area and the famous Bornean pygmy elephant in the wild!

The Katala Foundation has continuing efforts to design and install artificial nest boxes for cavity nesters particularly the endemic Palawan Hornbill and the Philippine Cockatoo. Hutan KOCP in Sabah Malaysia works on eight hornbills and are successful in these efforts. While we were able to share with ample time our nest protection schemes and our successful pride campaigns from making concept models to theory of change!

The exchange was funded by the Conservation Leadership Program (CLP) from the United Kingdom. Both Katala and Hutan organizations are alumni to CLP and implemented projects under the CLP in the past. Rene and Anna were joined by Peter and Indira Widmann, Katala Foundation's Program Directors.

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Editor's Note:

- Katala Foundation, Inc. (KFI) uses the endemic species like the Philippine cockatoo, Palawan Hornbill as its flagship species to achieve its vision of conserving biodiversity with active community involvement.
- The <u>Conservation Leadership Programme</u> (CLP) is a partnership between BirdLife International, Fauna & Flora international and the Wildlife Conservation Society which provides funds for conservation projects globally.
- Pictures attached: CREDITS TO Sanjit Singh and KATALA FOUNDATION INC.











