

# CONSERVATION STATUS OF THE GREAT PHILIPPINE EAGLE

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The Great Philippine Eagle *Pithecophaga jefferyi* continues to be regarded as one of the most endangered eagles in the world. Habitat loss and human persecution continue to impact the species adversely. These problems are complicated further by uncontrolled population growth, human poverty and other human-induced factors. Yet despite these limitations, sustained conservation initiatives over the years have begun to yield positive results. The current population status of the species and threats are outlined in this report. *In situ* and *ex situ* actions associated with the conservation of the species show how these threats are being addressed. Advances made to further our understanding of the species' biology and ecology are discussed extensively in this report. With continuing success in the captive propagation of the Philippine Eagle, the program is now in the process of initiating reintroductions. This is anticipated to take Philippine wildlife conservation into its next level. Recent developments and plans to strengthen recovery goals for the species are also presented in this paper.