

# 2024 Annual report





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# Message from the president

Dear members, volunteers, and partners,

I am delighted to share with all of you our 2024 annual report. Thanks to a close-knit, motivated and inspiring team, it's been a very rich and dynamic year.

First of all, I'm pleased to announce that ABConservation has obtained foundation status in the Philippines, which will allow our team to be more autonomous in terms of administration and to apply for grant funding restricted to the Philippines. The educational programme for school pupils started in autumn 2024, and the feedback from teachers has been very positive. In Palawan, the World Binturong Day has been transformed into a very festive 'Binturong Month'. On the scientific side, more than 50 photos of binturongs were taken by our camera traps, including one mother and her young photographed several times. 28 animal species were recorded in the Palawan Flora, Fauna, and Watershed Reserve (PFFWR), and twelve new cameras were installed at the Langogan study site.

In France, more than 95% of our journeys were made by train or carpooling, means of transport that are more respectful of nature. We were lucky enough to present the association at conferences organised by some of our partners, which helped to highlight the work of ABConservation.

In England, the first workshop on binturongs was organised and over 30 zoo professionals were trained.

2024 was also the year of ABConservation's 10th anniversary, a convivial and intimate occasion that enabled our teams to get together and celebrate 10 years of shared passion.

And finally, I'd like to thank our wonderful team in the Philippines, France, the UK and the US, who continue our conservation mission every day of the year. I would also like to extend my warmest thanks to our friends, our families, our volunteers, our interns and our partners who have placed their trust in us, and who are a source of motivation and success for us. We thank them.



# About ABConservation

ABConservation is an association under the law of 1901, created on July 08, 2014, entirely dedicated to the conservation of a Southeast Asian Mammal, the **binturong**.

## ➤ WHY ABCONSERVATION?

Described for the first time in scientific literature in 1821, the binturong is still an enigmatic animal species in the 21st century. Even 200 years later, questions remain about its habits in the wild (feeding, reproduction, social interactions, etc.). Arboreal, nocturnal and solitary, the binturong is a difficult species to study, and data on its ecology and behaviour in the wild is scarce. As a result, the binturong is little known by the general public or the scientific community.

Moreover, the binturong is hard hit by the massive deforestation affecting this region of the world, and is also poached for its meat and to supply the pet trade. Classified as 'vulnerable' by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), we believe that this status deserves to be reassessed, but to do so, it is vital to study it in its natural environment.

## ➤ OUR MISSIONS

**Study** the binturong by collecting data in situ and ex situ, **raise** public **awareness** of the threats to the binturong and its environment, **protect** the binturong.



# About ABConservation

## ➤ BOARD MEMBERS



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# About ABConservation

## ➤ BOARD MEMBERS – ABCONSERVATION PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION



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# About ABConservation

## ➤ 2024 KEY NUMBERS



55 members



1 952 followers (+667)



26 financial partners



4 892 followers (+215)



1 subsidy (civic service)



In the Philippines: two volunteers on ISV (International Solidarity Volunteer) contracts and four volunteers on civic service contracts. In France: two volunteers on civic service contracts.



Recruitment of an additional full-time Filipino employee (education section) and three forest guides on contract.



# 2024 Goals



- ❖ Radio-tracking.
- ❖ Setting up of new camera traps in PFFWR and Langogan.



- ❖ Developing awareness and education initiatives.
- ❖ Hiring (funds permitting) a full time Filipino to assist Ameline and Elise.



- ❖ Welcoming international volunteers at the PWRCC.
- ❖ Fundraising and renovation/creation of enclosures.



- ❖ Continue awareness-raising activities and develop new activities.
- ❖ Update the website.
- ❖ Organise the 2024 World Binturong Day.
- ❖ Look for new financial partners.



# A. Our actions in the Philippines in 2024

## ➤ HUMAN RESOURCES AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024



Contract type		Total number	Job title
International Volunteer (ISV)	Solidarity	2	- Scientific manager - Project manager
Civic service (CS)		2	- Project assistant - Responsible for renovating the PWRCC
Filipino contract		8	- Scientific assistant - General assistant - Field assistant - Forest guides
Volunteer for more than 3 months		1	- Multi-skilled volunteer
TOTAL		13	

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Goals



This year, the objectives of the Bearcat Study Programme (BSP) were to launch the first radiotracking study of a binturong in Palawan and to study the species by camera trapping at two study sites.

The first study site, the Palawan Flora, Fauna, and Watershed Reserve (PFFWR), is where the Bearcat Study Programme (BSP) began in November 2022. ABConservation set up traps with the aim of catching an adult binturong and fitting it with a GPS-VHF collar. Camera traps have also been installed in the area to detect the species and study its distribution (micro-habitat preferences) and activity.

The second study site, located in Barangay Langogan, sitio Capacuan, was ABConservation's first research area, from 2017 to 2019. It was at this site that ABConservation adapted its arboreal camera trapping methodology to specifically detect the binturong. The area was hit by typhoon Odette in December 2021. The objective for this year was to start installing camera traps again, with the idea of comparing the detection rate of binturongs (and other animal species) before and after the typhoon.

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Progress and first results: radio-tracking



Attempts to capture a binturong for the radio-tracking study began at the end of February 2024 at the PFFWR, using two traps. These were strategically placed close to trees in which binturongs were recorded by camera traps. An additional trap was constructed and set in November to maximise our chances of success. The team was in the field ten to twenty days a month to open and bait the traps. Different types of bait were used (live chicks, fruit such as bananas, papayas, jackfruit and grapes). Each trap is also monitored by a camera trap.

The data recorded from October 20, 2023, to June 13, 2024, were analysed in their entirety. The first two traps were installed in the study site more than four months before the start of the launch attempts, while waiting for the GPS-VHF collar to return from repair and for the fauna to become accustomed to the presence of the traps.

A total of 8,839 images from 383 trap-nights were collected. 2,157 images of recognisable animal species were recorded, representing 24.40% of the total. Of these, 14 were identified: 4 bird species, 8 mammal species and 2 reptile species (Table 1). Notable species include the Palawan bearded pig (*Sus ahoenobarbus*), the Asian small-clawed otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), the Sunda leopard cat (*Prionailurus javanensis*) and the Philippine porcupine (*Hystrix pumila*).

Analyses of the data collected since June 13 are still underway and include at least 2 observations of binturong. Binturong approached (but did not enter) the trap baited with fruit on two occasions, on August 16 (trap unopened) and September 9 (trap opened and baited with bananas and papayas) (Figure 1). The common palm civet was caught in this same trap on two occasions, March 25 and August 14. It was released the following morning on both occasions.

**Table 1: Animal species recorded by camera trapping on two of the traps between October 20, 2023, and June 13, 2024**



Class	Species	English common name	Number of independent events	Detection rate (%)	Number of locations	IUCN Red-list status
Aves	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>	Grey-capped emerald dove	3	0.78	1	LC
	<i>Corvus enca (Corvus enca pusillus)</i>	Slender-billed crow (Palawan crow)	1	0.26	1	LC
	<i>Trichastoma cinereiceps</i>	Ashy-headed babbler	9	2.35	1	LC
	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>	Malayan night heron	1	0.26	1	LC
Mammalia	<i>Sus ahoenobarbus</i>	Palawan bearded pig	2	0.52	1	NT
	<i>Aonyx cinereus</i>	Asian small-clawed otter	1	0.26	1	VU
	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus (Paradoxurus hermaphroditus philippinensis)</i>	Common palm civet or Asian palm civet (Philippine palm civet)	13	3.39	1	LC
	<i>Prionailurus javanensis</i>	Sunda leopard cat	1	0.26	1	NA
	<i>Macaca fascicularis (Macaca fascicularis philippensis)</i>	Common long-tailed macaque or crab-eating macaque (Philippine long-tailed macaque)	49	12.79	2	EN
	<i>Hystrix pumila</i>	Philippine porcupine	3	0.78	2	VU
	<i>Sundasciurus juvencus</i>	Northern Palawan tree squirrel	43	11.23	2	LC
	<i>Tupaia palawanensis</i>	Palawan treeshrew	15	3.92	2	LC
Reptilia	<i>Eutropis multifasciata</i>	Common mabuya or Common sun skink	2	0.52	1	LC
	<i>Varanus palawanensis</i>	Palawan water monitor	2	0.52	1	LC

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Progress and first results: radio-tracking



In preparation for the study, the ‘field team’ is continuing to explore the reserve and assess the micro-habitats using a 500 x 500 m grid. This data will be used to map the micro-habitat patches in the study area, over which the tracks of the binturong, which will be fitted with a GPS-VHF collar, will be superimposed. 81 GPS points were assessed between December 2023 and December 2024. The team of local employees was trained to carry out the assessments independently.

Local staff were also trained to carry out direct behavioural observations and record behavioural data to ensure their autonomy. The training sessions took place at the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre, where some binturongs are kept in captivity. This also enabled us to review the vocalisations included in the ethogram for the behavioural part of the radio-tracking project.

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Progress and first results: camera trapping - PFFWR



After an initiation phase in 2023, ten camera traps were recovered and reinstalled in October 2023. A further five were installed in February 2024. To date, the fifteen camera trapping stations are still in place and are continuing to collect data. Camera batteries and memory cards are replaced approximately every two months. The data is analysed continuously. Cameras have been added in video mode in the trees in which the binturong has been recorded, with the aim of obtaining more information about the individuals.

The data collected between October 19, 2023, and June 13, 2024, were analysed in their entirety. Two stations had to be excluded from the analyses due to malfunctions. A total of 54,825 images were recorded over 2,203 trap nights. Of these, 5,408 included animals whose species could be identified, representing 9.86% of the total. 87 photos of binturong were obtained, across ten independent events (consecutive images of the same species are considered independent when they are separated by at least one hour). The detection rate (ratio of the number of independent events to the number of trap nights) for binturong between October 2023 and June 2024 is therefore 0.45%. The species was observed in 4 of the 13 camera traps. Surprisingly, a mother and her young were observed on two occasions. Obtaining such images is rare, and this is another first for ABConservation.

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Progress and first results: camera trapping - PFFWR

In addition to the binturong, 28 animal species were identified in the images taken by the camera traps: 17 bird species, 5 mammal species and 6 reptile species. Of all these species, five are classified as ‘near threatened’, three as ‘vulnerable’ and one as ‘endangered’ by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Most of these are birds. These results underline the specific diversity and conservation importance of the reserve.

Analyses of the data collected from June 13 onwards are still underway. Binturong still seems to be detected occasionally. A video of a binturong was obtained in July 2024, see it at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z22-7LKCdEaNijwJy4S2GWMi99g4Yea/view?usp=sharing>

One of the camera trapping stations appears to have been frequently visited by binturong in August. Initial analysis revealed 11 independent detections on this tree, on six days alone. Feeding behaviour was recorded.



**Table 2: Animal species recorded by arboreal camera traps between October 19, 2023, and June 13, 2024**

Class	Species	English common name	Number of independent events	Detection rate (%)	Number of locations	IUCN Red-list status
Aves	<i>Nisaetus cirrhatus (Nisaetus limnaeetus limnaeetus)</i>	Changeable hawk-eagle	1	0.05	1	LC
	<i>Anthracoceros marchei</i>	Palawan hornbill	10	0.45	3	VU
	<i>Cuculus optatus</i>	Oriental cuckoo or Horsefield cuckoo	1	0.05	1	LC
	<i>Phaenicophaeus curvirostris</i>	Chestnut-breasted malkoha	1	0.05	1	LC
	<i>Alophoixus frater</i>	Palawan bulbul or grey-throated bulbul	3	0.14	1	LC
	<i>Copsychus niger</i>	White-vented shama	2	0.09	1	LC
	<i>Corvus enca (Corvus enca pusillus)</i>	Slender-billed crow (Palawan crow)	7	0.32	6	LC
	<i>Cyornis lemprieri</i>	Palawan blue flycatcher	4	0.18	3	NT
	<i>Gracula religiosa</i>	Common hill myna	5	0.23	3	LC
	<i>Irena tweeddalii</i>	Palawan fairy-bluebird	1	0.05	1	NT
	<i>Malacopteron palawanense</i>	Melodious babbler or Palawan babbler	1	0.05	1	NT
	<i>Mixornis gularis (Mixornis gularis woodi)</i>	Pin-stripped tit-babbler (Palawan tit-babbler)	14	0.64	3	LC
	<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	Velvet-fronted nuthatch	13	0.59	2	LC
	<i>Terpsiphone cyanescens</i>	Blue paradise-flycatcher	1	0.05	1	LC
	<i>Chrysocolaptes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed flameback	4	0.18	4	NT
	<i>Dryocopus javensis</i>	White-bellied woodpecker	3	0.14	3	LC
	<i>Mulleripicus pulverulentus</i>	Great slaty woodpecker	7	0.32	4	VU
Mammalia	<i>Arctictis binturong</i>	Binturong	10	0.45	4	VU
	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus (Paradoxurus philippinensis)</i>	Common palm civet or Asian palm civet (Philippine palm civet)	85	3.86	11	LC
	<i>Macaca fascicularis (Macaca fascicularis philippensis)</i>	Common long-tailed macaque or crab-eating macaque (Philippine long-tailed macaque)	183	8.31	12	EN
	<i>Hylopetes nigripes</i>	Palawan flying squirrel	13	0.59	6	NT
	<i>Sundasciurus juvencus</i>	Northern Palawan tree squirrel	268	12.17	13	LC
	<i>Tupaia palawanensis</i>	Palawan treeshrew	4	0.18	1	LC
Reptilia	<i>Chrysopelea paradisi</i>	Paradise tree snake	1	0.05	1	LC
	<i>Draco palawanensis</i>	Palawan gliding dragon or Palawan flying lizard	3	0.14	2	LC
	<i>Eutropis multifasciata</i>	Common mabuya or Common sun skink	2	0.09	2	LC
	<i>Gekko gekko</i>	Tokay gecko	1	0.05	1	LC
	<i>Lamprolepis smaragdina</i>	Emerald skink	24	1.09	8	LC
	<i>Varanus palawanensis</i>	Palawan water monitor	1	0.05	1	LC

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Progress and first results: camera trapping - Sitio Capacuan, Langogan



In 2024, ABConservation had a side project to return to its first study site and reinstall camera traps in order to compare the detection rate of binturong (and other species) before and after the passage of typhoon Odette in 2021. All the necessary agreements have been obtained.

An initial field session was carried out in November 2024 to explore the area, measure several environmental variables, compare the current state of the forest with what had been observed in 2017-2019, and record the GPS positions of trees that could be fitted with a camera trap. Of the eighteen trees that were used during the 2017-2019 study, only six can be used again. The others fell because of the typhoon. This certainly had an impact on the binturong population present in the area. The impact of such climatic events on arboreal mammal species is under-studied. This confirms our decision to carry out this project and our desire to conduct a preliminary study to assess the resilience/adaptability of the binturong to such events.

Twelve camera traps were then installed during the second part of November 2024. The first data will be collected in January 2025 and three additional cameras will be installed.

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Partnerships and conferences



The team of the Bearcat Study Programme is working with two local indigenous communities, one for each study site. The agreement with the PFFWR community has been renewed for a third year. The two-year anniversary of the partnership was celebrated with a day of educational activities for adults and children. A scientific lecture was given and the employees of the field team (many of whom are members of the indigenous community) received certificates of competence.

When the agreement was signed with the indigenous community of Langogan, a member of the community was also employed. Ahead of the agreement, an awareness-raising day was organised in the community as part of Binturong Month, celebrated in May 2024.

Our partnership with the Palawan State University was strengthened by welcoming two students from the environmental sciences degree course to our scientific team for their professional training. Several educational activities and conferences were also held with the university.

Scientific lectures given at events:

- 'Harmony in nature' at Palawan State University (PSU)
- 'World Binturong Month at PSU
- 'World Binturong Month at Fullbright College
- '2nd anniversary of the partnership' at the Irawan Barangay Hall

## ➤ SCIENTIFIC

### ❖ Team

The team of the Bearcat Study Programme is made of eight persons:

- Eléa Delsaux, Research programme manager
- Reziel Camacho, Research assistant
- Marlon Abad, Field assistant
- Jaylor Bejiga, Forest guide
- Arlo Bejiga, Forest guide
- Gerardo Pomanes, Forest guide
- Benjamin Zumaraga, Forest guide
- Belcesar Mejares, Forest guide



## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ In a few numbers

Since 2017, ABConservation has been working with its local partners to raise awareness among a wide audience of the environmental issues currently affecting the island of Palawan and its flora and fauna. It is therefore through the binturong and our educational programme that we address various topics all related to nature during events, celebrations or educational activities at school.



	Number of sessions
World Binturong Day – Binturong Month	8
Educational escape game	12
Environmental Education Elementary School Program	6
Puppet show about binturong	4
Organisation of events / awareness days	2
Participation in events and awareness-raising days organised by our partners	16

## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ Binturong Month

In 2015, ABConservation created and organised the first World Binturong Day, with the aim of celebrating this incredible animal and taking the opportunity to draw attention to this little-known species, the threats it faces, and to raise awareness about protecting the planet more widely.

In the Philippines, this day was organised for the first time in 2018, in the form of a festive weekend. 10 years after the creation of ABConservation, our partners have multiplied and the demand for intervention has increased. So this year, we decided to organise 'Binturong Month' in the Philippines to raise awareness among a wide range of people.

❑ **Where:** we held six events (a total of eight days) in six different locations. We aimed to reach out to a variety of target groups to ensure that knowledge was spread throughout the different spheres of Philippine society. We also approached primary schools to offer half-day events with their classes, a project that was not successful due to the heatwave in particular.

- Puerto Princesa town centre – Robinson Mall
- Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre
- Palawan State University
- Irawan indigenous community
- Fullbright college
- Langogan indigenous community



## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ World Binturong Month

❑ **Activities:** depending on the location, we have carried out different types of activities around binturongs and threats to them and their environment:

- Stand Outfit: photo exhibition with different pictures of animal species taken by camera traps, mystery box, colouring, painting, card games etc.
- Educational Escape Game: adaptation for the Philippines of our educational escape game « Countdown for binturongs » created in France by the French branch.
- Puppet show: co-organised with Ernie Sarangaya who provided the puppets (except for the binturong puppet from France, created by Lise, former civic service).
- Magic Show: co-organised with Ernie Sarangaya for all ages, around the importance of the 3 R: “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”.



## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ World Binturong Month

❑ **Activities:** depending on the location, we have carried out different types of activities around the binturongs and the threats to them and their environment:

- The mascot: costume creation and animation in the form of an interview created by John, a volunteer from the Philippines.
- Environmental cleanups: in a desire to directly involve communities in the conservation of their nearby environment, we organised a river cleaning in Irawan and a community cleaning in Langogan.
- Contest: video and painting on the theme of binturong and environmental protection.
- Scientific conference: the goals were to present the binturong, its threats and our work within ABConservation.



## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ Environmental Education Elementary School Program



Since the end of 2023, the team has been working on a school programme for primary school classes.

The lessons are organised around five major themes that are essential to understanding ecosystems and the environment, as well as promoting sustainable behaviours:

- Environment, contamination and waste,
- Protection of the environment,
- Quality of the environment,
- Climate and natural phenomena,
- Exploitation of natural resources.

This course aims to raise awareness of environmental issues by linking science, technology, health, society and environment. The objective is to foster critical thinking on environmental issues, to create community awareness and encourage individual approaches to environmental conservation. The instructors and teachers have the opportunity to accompany students on excursions inside and outside the school (PWRCC visit), conducive to observation, exploration and field research. A school outside Palawan also asks us to take distance courses.

## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ Environmental Education Elementary School Program

The programme started on November 12 at the Irawan Primary School with 48 children and runs every week.

Once a month, children travel with ABConservation to the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre (PWRCC) where they participate for four hours in various activities related to the environment: plantations, breeding of locusts for the feeding needs of the animals in the centre and observation of the animals.



## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ Other nature events

Throughout the year, the team organised other festive days but also participated in events organised by our local partners:

- Celebrating 10 years of ABConservation with all team members,
- Celebration of the 2-year anniversary partnership with the Irawan community,
- “Crocodile Week” organised by the PWRCC,
- Tourism month organised by Puerto Princesa City (Puppet show, song and AB stand),
- Puppentalento festival organised by Ernie Sarangaya – Workshop creation binturongs' puppets,
- French volunteer day organised by France Volontaire Philippines – Conference,
- Harmony in Nature: Sustaining life through biodiversity; organised by the Palawan State University (PSU),
- Subaraw Festival in Sabang organised by Puerto Princesa City,
- Conferences organised by the PSU.



## ➤ AWARENESS-RAISING AND EDUCATION

### ❖ The team



The team of the Awareness-raising and Educational Programme is composed of four people:

- Ameline Roger, Project manager,
- Darlyn Sylvestre, General assistant,
- Élise Traboulsy, Communication and event manager (civic service mission 2023-2024),
- Lou Chatagnat, Communication and event manager (civic service mission 2024-2025),
- Dimitri Follain, PWRCC Project manager (civic service mission 2023-2024),
- Odeline Ravasse, PWRCC Project manager (civic service mission 2024-2025),

# ➤ RENOVATION OF THE PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTRE (PWRCC)

## ❖ The objective



The PWRCC is both a conservation centre for Philippine crocodiles, established in 1987, and a zoo, whose animals come from seizures due to illegal traffic, created in the early 2000s to enforce the new law on the trafficking of wild animal species. It is run by a branch of the government.

Our presence at the centre is intended to improve the long-term welfare of wild animals in captivity, renovate the old facilities to provide larger spaces that are more adapted to the natural needs of certain species and, finally, to welcome local and international volunteers to help us in our mission.

# ➤ RENOVATION OF THE PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTRE (PWRCC)

## ❖ Work completed



Nature	Done	Ongoing	Transfer of animals
Aviary compartmentalised to accommodate 5 binturongs	X		Done
Aviary to accommodate a group of mynah birds	X		Done
Aviary to accommodate a group of mynah birds	X		Done
Aviary to welcome macaques	X		Ongoing

# ➤ RENOVATION OF THE PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTRE (PWRCC)

## ❖ Some highlights



- Transfer of five binturongs from the quarantine to the new aviary,
- Transfer of around 50 mynah birds from quarantine to new and more spacious aviaries,
- Complete construction of an aviary with contact compartments for around ten macaques,
- Construction of larger cages in the quarantine area by an external company, project led by the PWRCC,
- Planting of 60 trees donated by the Department of Agriculture of Puerto Princesa City in the orchard,
- Implementation of an insect breeding system to diversify the diet and provide additional protein,
- Dimitri's departure after a civic service mission for the past year in September 2024 and arrival of Olie (Odeline) on a civic service mission also for a period of one year,
- Departure of Rose-Ann, PWRCC Zoological Officer.

# ➤ RENOVATION OF THE PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTRE (PWRCC)

## ❖ Thought for 2025



At the end of 2024, the Philippine team and the French team met to discuss the difficulties encountered with the centre.

The work on site is sometimes complicated, in conditions not necessarily easy for our team as well as for the animals. In a political and cultural context, sometimes in dissonance with our values, we have been regularly questioning our presence here for the past year.

This is why a meeting with the PWRCC manager was requested in early 2025 to propose changes that would be more representative of our ethical and moral values. In case of negative feedback, we would terminate the partnership. We are looking at the possibility of finding a solution to take some individuals out of the centre and rehabilitate them in their natural environment.

# ➤ RENOVATION OF THE PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTRE (PWRCC)

## ❖ Team



The team of the PWRCC Renovation Programme is made of three people:

- Ameline Roger, Project manager,
- Dimitri Follain, PWRCC Project manager (civic service mission 2023-2024),
- Odeline Ravasse, PWRCC Project manager (civic service mission 2024-2025),
- Élise Traboulsy, Communication and event manager (civic service mission 2023-2024),
- Lou Chatagnat, Communication and event manager (civic service mission 2024-2025).

# B- Our actions in England in 2024

## ❖ The objective

Created in 2023 by Louise Bodnar (English volunteer of ABConservation), this English branch aims to organise educational interventions in zoos (mainly in May for the World Binturong Day), but also to train zoological park professionals in the management of binturongs in captivity and the organisation of the World Binturong Day in their own zoological establishments.

## ❖ In a few numbers

Title	Numbers of days
Binturong workshop	1
Booth (zoos and festivals)	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

Three interventions took place in zoological parks in May 2024:  
Shaldon Zoo, Dudley Zoo and Crocodiles of the World.



# ➤ BINTURONG AMBASSADOR TRAINING

## ❖ Focus

A one-day training course was organised by Louise in partnership with the Dudley Zoo and the Association of British and Irish Wild Animal Keepers (ABWAK). This workshop has trained 35 zoo employees.

On the agenda :

- Biology, ecology and conservation status,
- ABConservation presentation,
- Discussions with animal keepers on various topics,
- The binturong European Ex situ Programme,
- How to help the conservation of the binturong,
- World Binturong Day.



**BINTURONG**  
Dudley Zoo & Gardens  
20th February, 2024

Binturongs are increasingly popular, but much is still being learnt about their husbandry. This workshop is aimed at keepers from collections with or wanting to acquire Binturongs.

**Topics to be covered include:**

- Binturong biology, ecology and conservation status
- The work of AB Conservation
- Discussion sessions; feeding, breeding, enclosure design
- Supporting wild Binturong conservation; going beyond donations
- Update on European Breeding Program
- Running World Binturong Day in your zoo

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## ➤ FUNDRAISING

### ❖ Raffle

Kirsty, an animal keeper in England and creator of animal objects, has decided to personally support the association, in memory of Poppy and Ali, two deceased binturongs from her park. To do this, she organised a raffle via social networks.

In total, she collected 1263€.

In addition, Kirsty made cushions that she sent to us in France so that we could sell them on our booths during our interventions in zoological parks.



# C- Our actions in France in 2024

## ❖ The objective

Since the creation of the association, the team in France which is mainly made up of volunteers, has been working hard to promote the image of the binturong with a view to raising awareness of the species and educating the general public about its protection. It offers training courses, educational activities accessible to a wide audience and talks in zoos to visitors or at nature-related events.

## ❖ In a few numbers

Type	Numbers	Attendees
Training / webinars for schools	3	40
Interventions in schools	2	25
Educational Escape Game	6	12
Booths (zoos and festivals)	24	-
Conferences	4	215
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>140</b>



## ➤ WORLD BINTURONG DAY

### ❖ Focus – Ménagerie du jardin des plantes de Paris



Organised for the first time in 2015, it is our most important event of the year. This year, more than 50 zoological establishments participated in the event, including four francophone establishments: Pairi Daiza, Les Terres de Nataé, L'espace zoologique - St Martin La Plaine, and La Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes de Paris. Historically, the Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes is the zoological park that welcomes our team to organise the event over a whole weekend.

On the agenda this year:

- Association's booths,
- Enrichment workshop,
- Meeting with the binturong's animal keeper,
- Escape Game: "Countdown for binturongs",
- Animation "The secrets of the binturong".

**ACTIVITÉS À LA MÉNAGERIE**  
**11 & 12 MAI 2024**

**JOURNÉE INTERNATIONALE DU BINTURONG**

- Stand de l'association ABConservation  
De 11h à 17h
- Atelier de fabrication d'enrichissements  
11h, 15h et 16h
- Rencontre avec les soigneurs  
11h15, 15h15 et 16h15
- Un Escape Game "Compte à rebours pour les binturongs"  
11h, 14h et 15h30
- Animation flash "Les secrets du binturong"  
11h30, 14h30, 15h30 et 16h30

## ➤ WORLD BINTURONG DAY

### ❖ Focus –School of La Providence

Awareness days with year 9 children at the La Providence school in Revel in Occitanie were created and organised by Maria Janella, a Bachelor student, ABConservation member and intern, from April to May 2024.

The objective was to raise awareness of the binturong:

- World Binturong Day poster and educational panels were set up in the school,
- Presentation of the species and quiz on the binturong,
- Hands-on activity: creation of a magazine.



## ➤ INTERVENTIONS IN ZOOLOGICAL PARKS

### ❖ The objective

Since the creation of ABConservation, we have been working with zoological institutions to strengthen their efforts to raise awareness among the general public about the threats to the binturong. The objective is to make the binturong better known to the public:

- Presentation of the species...
- ...Threats to it,
- Presentation of the association's actions,
- Games for all audiences,
- Fundraisings and goodie sales.

### ❖ Zoological parks

- ZooParc de Trégomeur zoo – March 24,
- Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes – May 11 and 12,
- Parc Animalier de la Barben – May 19 and 20,
- Zoo de Lyon – June 12 and 13,
- Parc Animalier des Pyrénées – June 23,
- CERZA – July 19,
- Zoo de La Boissière de Doré – July 20,
- Zoo du Bassin d'Arcachon – July 22,
- Zoo de la Boissière du Doré – August 1,
- Les Terres de Nataé – August 7 and 8,
- Parc Animalier d'Auvergne – August 15 and 16,
- EcoZonia – August 27,
- Zoo de la Boissière du Doré – September 14 and 15,
- Zoo de Lille – September 21 and 22,
- ZooParc de Trégomeur – October 29,
- Zoo de la Boissière du Doré – October 30 and 31.



## ➤ INTERVENTIONS IN ZOOLOGICAL PARKS

### ❖ What's new on the booths?

- Binturong **makeup** in different colors for 2 €,
- **Imprints of binturongs** in plaster and silicone,
- **“Waste game”**: raising awareness of the importance of changing one’s consumption pattern,
- **Memory, Dominos** and **“Game of the 7 species”** based on species from the Philippines,
- **Dot-to-dot,**
- **Mini quiz** for the kids and diplomas as rewards,
- **New products for sale:** cushions, bookmarks, magnets (made by Nicolas Louineau), Palawan wild civet coffee bags.



## ➤ TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND WEBINARS

### ❖ Focus

These conferences, courses/webinars in training centres are the opportunity for our team in France to share their knowledge, skills, discoveries on binturong, and to talk about our binturong study and conservation programme in the Philippines.

- Institut Fauna Formation – Training + Jury member,
- Ferme Souchinet – Webinar training,
- General assembly of the AFSA – Lecture,
- General Assembly of the AFdPZ – Lecture,
- Cerza – Lecture,
- Rotary club of Châteauroux – Lecture.



## ➤ ABCONSERVATION IN FRANCE

### ❖ The Team

The team in France is made up of ten people:

- Pauline Kayser, President and Volunteer,
- Lise Sagnes, Volunteer (former volunteer in a civic service mission in 2023),
- Jeanne Raballand, Volunteer in civic service,
- Jeanne Garnier, Volunteer in civic service,
- Sarah Roumazeilles, Volunteer (former intern in the Philippines 2023-2024),
- Agathe Debruille, Volunteer,
- Mélissa Perrigon, Secretary and Volunteer,
- Nicolas Louineau, Secretary and volunteer,

- Arnaud Pornin, Volunteer,
- Manon Durand, Former volunteer in a civic service mission in 2024,
- Romaric Perrucaud, Volunteer,
- Thomas Carlin, Volunteer,
- Jérémy Beth, Volunteer,
- Fabio Meraihi, Volunteer,
- Mélanie Grosset, Volunteer,
- Aude Bourgeois, Volunteer,
- Maria Janella Luna, Volunteer and Intern,
- Thomas Carlin, Volunteer,
- Dimitri Follain, Secretary and Volunteer,
- Elise Traboulsy, Communication manager and Volunteer.





# Communication in 2024



160 (+86) publications



France: 224(+130) publications



8 (+2) videos  
3 (+3) shorts



4 ABConservation diaries  
1 annual report  
1 general assembly report



5 (+0) scientific reports  
0 blog posts (redesign of the website)



Reflection and redesign of the website to make it more ecological for 2025.



The communication committee, composed of a part of the French and Filipino teams, meets once a month to highlight ABConservation news.

# 2024 Financial statements

INFLOWS	In €	OUTFLOWS	In €
Memberships	1 705,00	Expenses related to activities in the Philippines	74 810,62
Individual donations	10 874,27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ BSP – Purchase of scientific equipment</li> <li>➤ Bank transfers to the Filipino account</li> <li>➤ Voluntary allowances for International Solidarity and Associative Volunteers + Visa fees + partnerships</li> <li>➤ Flights from France to Philippines, Civic service and International Solidarity Volunteers</li> <li>➤ PWRCC materials</li> <li>➤ Conference registration fees</li> </ul>	5 715,38 49 309,00 16 705,51 2 510,35 321,70 248,68
Partner donations	56 133,13	Expenses in France	12 690,44
Sales of goodies	3 381,76	➤ General expenses (insurance, ink, paper, mail, payroll software, website domain name, membership cards, assoconnect, etc.)	1 601,39
Grants	1 000,00	➤ Manufacturing of goodies	388,36
Provision of educational antenna services	2 230,00	➤ Educational antenna costs	10 391,06
Bank refunds and reimbursement of travel expenses	923,17	➤ Bank charges	309,63
Tutoring support	7 937,06	Trainings (tree climbing, English, civic service, first-aid gestures)	860,00
Adjournment of 2023	40 565,47		
<b>Total inflows on December 31, 2024</b>	<b>124 749,59</b>	<b>Total outflows on December 31, 2024</b>	<b>88 361,06</b>

# 2024 Financial statements, focus: Philippines

INFLOWS	In PHP	OUTFLOWS	In PHP
Bank transfers from ABConservation France	2 994 076,49	Expenses related to the scientific programme	964 520,13
Partner donations	1 500,00	➤ BSP – Purchase of field work equipment	138 146,75
Sales of goodies	745,00	➤ BSP – Purchase of scientific equipment	69 544,00
Bank retrocessions and reimbursements	216 634,81	➤ BSP – Travel costs	19 430,00
Individual donations	30 150,27	➤ BSP – Food costs	110 820,63
Adjournment of 2023	180 437,22	➤ BSP – Salaries	626 578,75
		Expenses related to the educational programme	384 173,06
		➤ Equipment and manufacture of educational tools	127 525,85
		➤ Travel costs	26799,01
		➤ Food costs	55 653,79
		➤ Salary	122 894,41
		➤ Service fees (installation, dance group, professional puppeteer etc.)	51 300,00
		Expenses related to the renovation of the PWRCC	159 107,75
		➤ Design / renovation of enclosures / purchase of equipment and raw materials	157 164,75
		➤ Travel costs	1493,00
		➤ Food costs	450,00
		Operating costs	1 113 629,54
		➤ General and administrative expenses (scooter rental and fuel, notary, insurance, taxi)	554 568,24
		➤ Accomodation and Office rents	467 318,25
		➤ Expenses related to volunteers + other expenses (hospital, insurance, etc.)	91 743,05
		➤ Bank charges	1 345,55
<b>Total inflows on December 31, 2024</b>	<b>3 423 543,79</b>	<b>Total outflows on December 31, 2024</b>	<b>2 622 776,03</b>

# 2024 Financial statements, focus: educational antenna

INFLOWS	In €	OUTFLOWS	In €
Individual donations	2 707,00	Purchase of educational equipment and supplies	1 842,56
Provision of services	2 230,00	Costs related to educational activities	4 7113,79
Tutoring support	1 600,00	Accomodation	1 665,96
		Travel	2 472,12
		Food	575,71
Bank retrocessions and reimbursements	478,78	General expenses	182,90
Sales of goodies	3 381,76	Allowances for Civic service Volunteers	2 950,84
Adjournment of 2023	322,29	Bank charges	3,05
<b>Total inflows on October 26, 2024</b>	<b>10 719,83</b>	<b>Total outflows on October 26, 2024</b>	<b>9 222,92</b>

# Internationals partners in 2024

- La Ménagerie du Jardin des Plantes de Paris
- La Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle
- La Zoo de La Boissière du Doré
- La Parc Animalier d'Auvergne
- Le Zoo de La Barben
- Le ZooParc de Trégomeur
- Pairi Daiza Foundation
- EcoZonia
- Les Terres de Nataé
- Zoo de Lyon
- Zoo de Lille
- Zoo du Bassin d'Arcachon
- Cerza
- AFdPZ – Association Francophone des Parcs Zoologiques
- AFSA – Association Francophone des Soigneurs Animaliers
- SECAS – Société d'Encouragement pour la Conservation des Animaux Sauvages
- Thrigby Hall Wildlife Gardens
- Dudley Zoo
- Hamerton Zoo
- WildWonders
- Hertfordshire Zoo
- Costwold Wildlife Park
- Fauna Formation
- Ferme Souchinet
- La Guilde
- GetOut

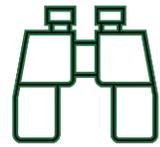


# Filipino partners in 2024

- PAWFI – Palawan Animal Welfare Foundation Inc.
- France Volontaires Philippines
- City ENRO – Environmental and Natural Resources Office
- Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre
- City of Puerto Princesa
- Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
- Barangay Irawan
- Katala Foundation Inc.
- Barangay Langogan
- Palawan State University
- Department of Education of PPC
- Talarak Foundation



# 2025 Action plan



- ❖ Radio-tracking (home range, behaviour,...).
- ❖ Study the activity and micro-habitat preferences of the binturong.
- ❖ Study the impacts of Typhoon Odette, through camera trapping in Langogan.
- ❖ Study the feeding behaviour of the binturong ex and in situ.



- ❖ Increase in awareness-raising and educational activities.
- ❖ Complete the first year of the educational programme and develop it in other schools in person or online.



- ❖ Improve facilities and daily care of animals.
- ❖ Expand the orchard and make it productive.
- ❖ Develop a partnership with agricultural students from the Western Philippines University.
- ❖ Develop the insect farm.



- ❖ Continue educational interventions and develop new activities.
- ❖ Organise the 2025 World Binturong Day.
- ❖ Search for new financial partners.
- ❖ Develop activities with kindergartens and primary schools.