

# SUR LES TRACES DE DARWIN

PROJET MARCHE - 2025

*Photographie de l'expédition de 2023*



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# THE ASSOCIATION

"Listen, observe, and understand in order to transmit"



*Photographs from the 2023 expedition*

## Its background

The association was created in 2022 by a group of **AgroParisTech gap year students**, all passionate about biodiversity and science, and above all, keen on adventures and discoveries.

Within this framework, each year, a team of four students retraces the journey of a great explorer, with the aim of **producing a documentary** that assesses the **state of the biodiversity and the ecosystems these explorers encountered and described** for the first hundred years ago.

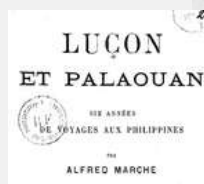
Meeting with experts and equipped with their scientific knowledge, the students involved in the project seek to **understand the drivers of biodiversity loss and raise people's awareness**.

After traveling around South America following Darwin's footsteps (in 2023) and then Indonesia following Wallace's footsteps (in 2024), the association is now taken over by four students who embark on a journey tracing the steps of March in ... the Philippines!

## The Philippines on Alfred Marche's footsteps

### Through the eyes of the explorer...

An opportunity to discover and understand the various ecosystems described by Alfred Marche and the biological diversity they harbor. This approach will allow us to analyze the current state of the endemic and iconic biodiversity he mentions in his writings and testify to its evolution since his visit.



*Drawings featured in Mr. Marche's logbook.*







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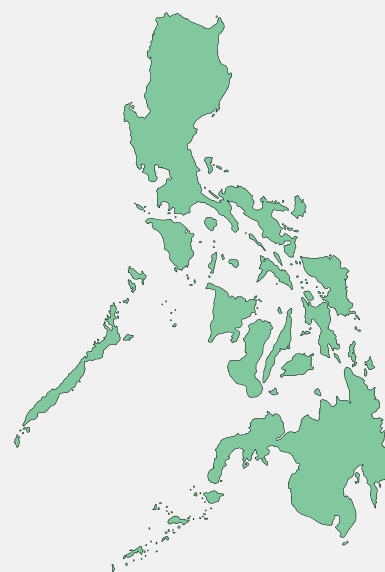


The Philippine eagle, the national emblem of the country, is one of the largest forest raptors in the world.

## Our Itinerary

From March to June 2025, we will meet with scientists, organizations, and local experts who witness the evolution of the ecosystems of the Philippine archipelago.

During our journey through the various biomes encountered, we will attempt to identify the main drivers that have led to the erosion of the archipelago's biodiversity as well as the transformation of its habitats over the past 200 years.



## A team of 4 explorers



**EMY**



**LOLA**



**NINA**



**CONSTANCE**

All of us have a **scientific background** through our studies at **AgroParisTech**. We are passionate about **biodiversity** and everything related to it: discovering new **ecosystems**, studying the interactions of the **species** within them...

In addition to being budding explorers, some members of the team are great photographers, passionate about creating audio-visual and communication content!

In the digital age, where images and videos are at the heart of information transmission, raising awareness among younger generations about the impact of human activities on biodiversity through video format seems essential in order to reach the greatest number.

We are determined to use all our skills to produce a video report intended to be broadcast to our partners, in schools from primary to higher education, as well as in amateur video festivals and shared on our social media platforms.

# OUR VIDEO REPORT



Visayan spotted deer



Flying fox



Photograph from the 2023 Expedition

You can find photos and video excerpts from previous years on the association's Instagram page.

Throughout our journey, we will capture **exceptional images** of unusual landscapes and endemic species to create a **1.5-hour documentary** that will be an excellent **support for sharing our experience**.

We plan to acquire **professional photography equipment** that will allow us to create a **high-quality report**. It is an opportunity to show the general public the stakes of maintaining exceptional biodiversity, thanks in part to the **contributions of specialists** and to the **expertise** we gained during our adventure.

## Our missions ?

- To provide an **updated overview** of the emblematic species discovered by A.Alfred Marche in the Philippines, understand the **changes in their environment** and **better anticipate them**
- To **raise public awareness** and **educate** young engineers about **biodiversity loss** and ecosystem protection through the **popularization of the knowledge** we acquire during our encounters.
- To convey an important message, **inform**, and **open the debate** in France.
- To show the **beauty of biodiversity** through striking images, captured with professional equipment.  
*Yes, sometimes art can serve science!*





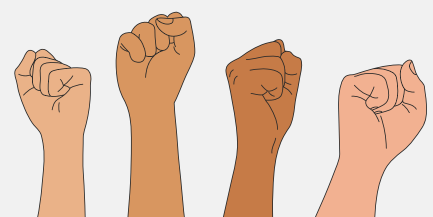
# WE NEED YOU!

## Share your work and knowledge

To create a report that accurately reflects the state of the Philippine biodiversity, we need **solid knowledge** and **reliable sources**. Your expertise, along with that of other scientists, is therefore **essential** and forms the foundation of our project

## Contribute to the realization of an impactful project

Your participation will allow us to carry out our project to the best of our abilities, **enhance our credibility** with the **experts** we meet, **discover more locations** witnessing biodiversity loss... with the aim of making the **knowledge** and **testimonies** we gather **accessible** to the public.





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We remain available and at your disposal if you need any additional information.

Looking forward to your response.