

# Summit Declaration

The Grey-faced Buzzard, or Sawi in the lingua franca of the Philippine North, needs more than just one town, more than just one country, for it to gracefully complete its life cycle.

The international and interlocal cooperation required in saving vulnerable, endangered, and critically-endangered migratory raptors have already been well-established in the past iterations of this summit, which was originally conceptualized for the Grey-faced Buzzard and its important role across the Asia Pacific's human-altered ecosystems.

Now that our network of interested and concerned territories is expanding, the urgency for focus has become more evident. We need to march towards a singular path, albeit of seemingly daunting, multi-step conservation efforts.

With this widening network comes the need for specificity in action, so we can push forward as one unit. The synchronization of each push – replicated in several different sites – is crucial for us to truly make a dent in the status quo.

Hence, for this year's summit, we deem it most urgent to declare that this growing network must push forward to:

- **S**ustain information, education, and communication movements every year, and institutionalize Wildlife Studies in local universities and colleges, in conjunction to Agriculture Studies
- **A**dvocate for science-based legislation on the local level, complementing our countries' national laws on wildlife protection, with special focus on the Grey-faced Buzzard and vulnerable or endangered Migratory Raptors and their habitat
- **W**eigh the impact of local development plans and investment plans and recalibrate these to ensure the scientific placement of clean energy sources (solar panels, windmills, etc.) and commercial or residential land use, in such a way that will not jeopardize habitats of the Grey-faced Buzzard and other Migratory Raptors and Birds
- **I**nnovate programs and protocols for ecotourism, based on sincere deference for wild-life movement within their habitats, as well as on respect for local culture.

Done this 26th day of March 2024, on the occasion of the 4th International Summit on Grey-faced Buzzard and Migratory Raptors, Sanchez Mira, Cagayan, Philippines.