



Negros Bleeding Heart (*Gallicolumba keayi*) Final Construction and Repair Update

On the 19th of October, we received fundings from Plzen Zoo. The amount of over 185,909 pesos was a big help with the construction of one of the most needed facilities - Negros Bleeding Heart Pigeon. The money provided us enough to build high standard and very durable aviaries. Main construction started on October 26th and ended November 11th with two welders, 5 laborers and 2 painters.

Whatever deficit during the construction was readily covered from the pocket of our president Fernando Gutierrez. All the accounting is attached to this email together with the invoices. One of the goals of the new Talarak team is to be transparent in everything we do.



Fig. 1 20 Negros bleeding heart aviaries in Talarak Kabankalan built in 17 days.

All constructions were based on the plans I sent in my last report. No modification was made. We now have 20 aviaries with 10'length x 8'height x 5'width. In these aviaries we were able to house 7 pairs, 1 trio with defect legs, and some of the babies still not weaned from the parents.

The week after moving the birds into the aviaries we noticed a total change in the behaviour of the pairs being less stressed, letting us monitor them from a closer distance while they perch totally calm. What is more amazing is that one of the pairs that have never bred the past years is now sitting and preparing her nest.

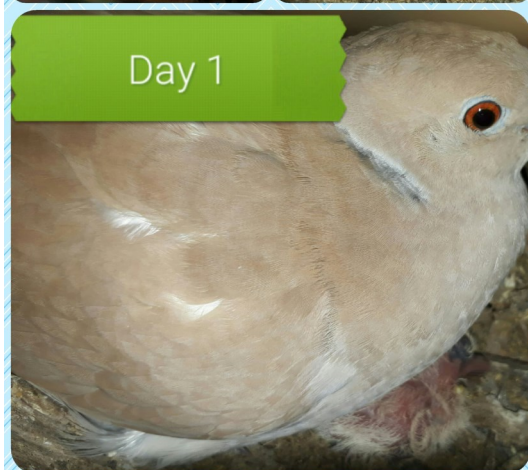


Fig 3. Foster parents take care of their chicks.



Fig 2. Pair of Gallicolumba keayi perching calmly in their new aviary.

On other note, we would like to mention that we were able to foster two chicks of Negros bleeding heart with a good range of growth, to a pair of Streptopelia roseogrisea. The chicks already jumped from their nest past November 22nd with no visible defect.



Fig 4. 15 day old chicks.

Finishing these facilities gave us the opportunity to move some birds from BCC-NFEFI and to relocate some of the animals housed there into better enclosures. This new movement keeps Talarak Kabankalan with the following population.



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MALE	FEMALE	PAIRS	CHICKS
8	9	7	3