

## SOME KEY MILESTONES

- 1940 'Malayan Nature Society' was established, its first publication, *The Malayan Nature Journal* is published.
- 1963 Conservation of the Giant Leatherly turtles in Terengganu
- 1960s 'Save Batu Caves Campaign' launched.
- 1960s Limestone massifs of the Kinta Valley researched
- 1974 Introduced the *Malayan Naturalist*, quarterly periodical of MNS
- 1976-80 *Blueprint for Conservation in Malaysia* launched
- 1978 *Malaysian Hard Corals* book published
- 1979 Ampang Forest Reserve Campaign against logging launch with EPSM
- 1979 MNS Sabah & Sarawak branches formed
- 1979 *Poisonous Snakes of Peninsula Malaysia* published
- 1981 'Save Pulau Redang Campaign' launched.
- 1983 Pantai Acheh Campaign initiated
- 1984 Gua Kepayan Expedition launched
- 1985-89 Endau-Rompin Heritage Expeditions undertaken
- 1987 Kuala Selangor Nature Park established
- 1988 BOH-MNS Field Study Centre established
- 1988 National Bird Database and the *Suara Enggang*, the bimonthly bird bulletin, launched.
- 1989 *Pak Cipan* book series for children published.
- 1989 *Wayside Trees of Malaya* published.
- 1990 MNS 50th Anniversary Conference on Conservation of Tropical Biodiversity
- 1991 UNEP GLOBAL 500 AWARD
- 1991 School Nature Clubs (Kelab Pencinta Alam, KPA) launched with Ministry of Education
- 1991 MNS Tho Yow Pong Children Nature Education Fund established for underprivileged children.
- 1993 MNS efforts culminate in the establishment of Endau-Rompin National Park
- 1993 Belum Scientific and Heritage Expedition I launched
- 1993 MNS-FRIM-SHELL Nature Education Centre established in FRIM
- 1994 Malaysian Climate Change Group (MCCG), an alliance beginning with 3 local NGOs, formed.
- 1995 Proposed protection of Gunung Stong in Kelantan
- 1995 Kuala Selangor Nature Park receives *Minamata Award*.
- 1996 *Green the Nation* - Tree Planting Group launched
- 1996 Framework for Nature Education and Research Centre in Endau-Rompin National Park (Johor)

- 1996 Terrestrial survey of the Johor Island Archipelago and Gunung Ledang on behalf of the Endau-Rompin National Park begins.
- 1996 National Biodiversity Project towards Biological Diversity Country Study Document
- 1996 MNS joins the campaign against the Bakun Dam construction
- 1996 MNS joins the Malaysian Hills Network
- 1996 MNS Bird Conservation Council (MNS-BCC) established
- 1997 Environmental Education Program at Rimba Ilmu Universiti Malaya launched
- 1997 Terrestrial study for the Johor Island Archipelago and Gunung Ledang
- 1997-98 Avifaunal survey of Paya Indah, Selangor (Client: The Malaysian Wetlands Foundation)
- 1997 MNS becomes official national partner of BirdLife International
- 1998 Launch of the Asian Conservation Awareness Program (ACAP), a partnership amongst MNS, WildAid, and Department of Wildlife & National Parks Malaysia
- 1998 A Vegetation and Avifaunal Survey of Tasik Chini, Pahang (Client: Wetlands International-Asia Pacific)
- 1998 A Feasibility study on the Establishment of a Nature Park in Malim Nawar, Perak (Inclusive of Avifaunal Survey).
- 1998 Belum Science and Heritage Expedition II launched
- 1998 Pulong Tau Expedition launched by MNS Miri branch
- 1998 Kampung Endah Model Site – A community project on environmental education launched.
- 1998 Study of the Klang Gates Ridge for the proposal of the Selangor State Park, in collaboration with TrEES
- 1998-04 Milky Stork Captive Breeding & Reintroduction Program is launched at Kuala Selangor Nature Park. First of its kind in the world !
- 1999 Johor Mangroves study for Johor National Parks Corporation
- 1999 Organised and Hosted BirdLife International World Conference, Awana Genting.
- 1999 Expedition to Pantai Aceh, Pulau Pinang
- 1999 Prepared proposal for the Establishment of Kinta Nature Park (Batu Gajah) and Development Plans (inclusive of avifaunal survey) [submitted to State EPU and Perak State Tourism EXCO]
- 1999-present Organisation of nationwide Asian Waterbird Census (Malaysia) [Annual country reports produced].
- 1999 Hosted the Birdlife International World Conference launched by the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment with Queen Noor of Jordan as Patron
- 2000 Millennium Tree Planting – A Green Gift to the Nation, Co-organiser. Entry to the Guinness World Book of Records for number of trees planted.
- 2000 Organised first *Malaysia Water Forum*

- 2000-present First Raptor Watch Week, Tanjung Tuan launched (in partnership with Melaka & Negeri Sembilan State and local government, agencies and businesses) [Annual event and raptor monitoring reports produced]
- 2000-01 Conducted a baseline natural resource inventory of Gunung Ledang (inclusive of avifaunal survey) [Client: Johor National Parks Corp.]
- 2000 Conservation of Rafflesia and Raja Brooke Bird Butterfly program in Ulu Geroh with indigenous community
- 2001 Developed by MNS for the Johor Parks Corporation, the Nature Education Centre, Endau-Rompin (Johor) launched.
- 2001 Wild for Wildlife, a public Awareness Program with WILAID International launched
- 2001 'Save Sg. Buloh Forest Reserve' launched (on-going).
- 2001 Provision of technical input and training to the Sarawak Biodiversity Centre to assess the use of small towns in Sarawak by migratory swallows.
- 2001 Avifaunal survey during the Kuala Selangor Biodiversity Survey.
- 2001 Study on Fireflies of the Kuala Selangor District
- 2002 MNS appointed as Ramsar CEPA NGO-Focal point for Malaysia
- 2002 Study on Eco-tourism carrying Capacity of Pulau Layang Layang
- 2002 Nature awareness and education camp for the local community of Pulau Tinggi – a project with Ford Motor Malaysia
- 2002 Conservation Assessment of the *Lesser Adjutant Stork*, a Globally Threatened Species in the State of Johor Darul Ta'azim, Peninsular Malaysia (Report prepared for the Johor State Government)
- 2002 Conducted a carrying capacity study of Pulau Layang-Layang (inclusive of seabird study) [Client: Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism]
- 2002-05 Selection and Nomination of Important Bird Areas in Malaysia. Publication of the *Handbook of Important Bird Areas in Malaysia*.
- 2003 Raptor Watch 2003 resulted in the saving of Tanjung Tuan Forest Reserve from development – a commitment from the Melaka State Government.
- 2003 Scientific & Heritage Expedition 2003 – Langkawi Islands.
- 2003 Conducted an avifaunal survey during the 3rd Belum Expedition organized by UKM-Forestry Department (Peninsular Malaysia).
- 2003 Avifaunal survey during the Scientific & Heritage Langkawi Expedition, organized by MNS, Langkawi Development Authority and Forestry Department (Peninsular Malaysia)
- 2004 The launch of MNS CENTRE Project, a community project at Kuala Selangor.
- 2004 Selection and nomination of Important Bird Areas in Malaysia. Publication of the *Handbook of Important Bird Areas in Malaysia*.
- 2004 Completion of the Hornbill Research Projects (1st phase), Royal Belum State Park
- 2004 Field research on hornbills in Belum-Temengor forest complex, Perak.
- 2004 Milky Stork Captive Breeding & Reintroduction Program Phase 1 ends with successful release of 9 birds into the wild as an experimental release. Phase 2 being sought.

- 2004 MNS appointed as Coordinator of Malaysian Climate Change Group (MCCG)
- 2005 Report prepared for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, “*Important Bird Areas and Ramsar: Building Linkages and Priorities for Conserving Wetlands and Wetland-dependent Birds in Malaysia*”.
- 2005 Published, *Forest Policy and Strategic Plan 2002-2010*
- 2005 Published, *A Checklist of the Birds of Malaysia*
- 2005 Published, *Report on the Milky Stork Captive Breeding & Reintroduction Programme, Kuala Selangor Nature*
- 2005 Published, *A Handbook of the Important Bird Areas in Malaysia*
- 2005 Published, *Public Participation in Environmental Decision Making*
- 2005 Published, *Penyertaan Awam dalam Membuat Keputusan berkaitan Isu Persekitaran*
- 2006 Kuala Selangor Nature Park becomes a member of Wetlands Link International (WLI)
- 2006 KPA celebrates 15th year anniversary
- 2006 *MNS Belum Temengor Campaign 2006* launched: 80,000 signatures collected and submitted to Chief Minister & Prime Minister of Malaysia
- 2006-07 Research & project, “An assessment of the feasibility of developing Birdwatching as a tourism product (Phase 1)” for Ministry of Tourism.
- 2007 *Directory of Important Bird Areas in Malaysia – Key Sites for Conservation* published and launched
- 2007 MNS Belum-Temengor Campaign sees success with the Perak state government gazetting the Royal Belum State Park.
- 2007 MNS in partnership with ABN Amro launched the Small Grant Programme, awarding 5 conservation projects were awarded RM20,000 each
- 2007 Kuala Selangor Nature Park celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> year under MNS management.
- 2007 Launched. ‘Save Federal Hill’ Campaign in collaboration with Badan Warisan. On-going.
- 2008 Launched the *bird i-witness*, the Malaysian version of the Worldbirds database, an online Database system [www.worldbirds.org/malaysia](http://www.worldbirds.org/malaysia)
- 2008 (Oct) Awarded. Birdlife International Partnership Award by Birdlife International.
- 2008 (Nov) Awarded. Inaugural Merdeka Award for Excellence in our Belum Temengor Conservation Initiative.
- 2009 Saved. Kota Damansara Community Forest (Save Sg. Buloh Forest Reserve Campaign) announced by state government to be gazetted after a 7 year campaign lead by MNS and local community groups.
- 2010 Federal Hill Campaign. KL City Mayor pledges to protect Travers Hill (part of the Federal Hill, in support of MNS’ and Badan Warisan’s 2007 campaign.