

Conservation Division Report as of 31.8.2017

1. Division Updates:	
2 programme areas i.e. the Marine & Terrestrial programmes which support MNS Strategic Plan 2008–2020 implementation.	
Marine Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Sonny Wong/ Zaid (part time) <u>Staffs:</u> Shahril Kamarulzaman & Anisah Ahmad hired as RAs. EE staffs – Maichal (wetlands), Yazid & Adha (marine) assist on part time basis. <u>Activity focus:</u> KSNP for Ramsar & North Central Selangor Coast Flyway; Tioman marine protected area & general coastal zone management; Migratory birds, firefly & coral reef conservation</p> <p>Current Projects:-</p> <p>a. NCSC project with RICOH Japan (Jan 2017 – Dec 2019) Value of sponsorship RM65K per year. New 3-year contract with BL Japan until 2019 signed in Oct 2016. Components of the NCSC project (= water bird survey) also supported by FRIM project.</p> <p>b. Birdlife-Cemex Project to protect Penang IBA. Value of sponsorship RM75K for 2016/17. Working with MNS Penang Branch on the protection of Penang IBA (policy advocacy & public awareness). Cemex indicated that they might cease operation in the country and discontinue project support.</p> <p>c. KSNP mangrove nursery & botanic garden project Project supported under Shell Grant for NGOs (activities extended to Dec 2017). Value of sponsorship RM60K. Additional fund (RM5K) for 2017 supported by FDPM.</p>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Balu Perumal & Yeap Chin Aik <u>Staff:</u> Lee Ee Ling contracted as policy officer. Nabilah Jamaludin & Alifah Ilyana hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shiyamala (climate change), Habibun & Amirah (biodiversity) assist on part time basis. <u>Activity focus:</u> Hornbill & large mammals conservation, forest policy work related to biodiversity & climate change; Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas (IBA) and MNS-BirdLife Partnership Programme</p> <p>Current Projects:-</p> <p>d. Sunbear Conservation Programme with FGV, Perhilitan and UKM Value of sponsorship RM160K/ year for 5-years (2015-2019); Project supports the CEPA outreach programme for sunbear conservation, plus establishment of community action groups.</p> <p>e. HSBC Tapir Conservation Project Value of sponsorship RM150K/year for 3 years (2015 – 2018). Project supports MNS's public and awareness events, including research on Tapir and MNS conservation work in Malaysia generally.</p>

	<p>f. Man & Nature Sg. Yu Tiger Corridor project Value of sponsorship Euro30K/year for year 2016/2017. Project support extended by donor for 2 more years until 2018.</p> <p>g. Bukit Persekutuan Project Think City project support ended Aug 2017. Project rebranded as Urban Community Forest Resource Centre and currently supported by FDPM tree planting project at Cameron Highlands (RM50K).</p> <p>h. MBZ Fund – Helmeted Hornbill Survey in BT Value of sponsorship (RM60K) for 1-year work. New proposal submitted to NCTF approved for 2018/19 for RM150K and this will ensure continuation of Hornbill conservation project at BTFC.</p> <p>i. EC-BL Forest Governance project Value of sponsorship Euro100K/year for period of 5 years (2017 -2021). Main trust of this multi country project will be on REDD+ and FLEGT-VPA. 1st year funding of Euro140K received from BL International in May 2017.</p>
<p>3. Project Activities Updates Projects activities are on track with proposed timeline with no major issues.</p>	
<p>Marine Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>NCSC Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 July – 4 Aug: Kapar community survey by 4 student interns at Kg. Sg. Serdang coordinated by Ms Anisah. Survey report finalised. • 13 Aug: Monthly bird count at Kapar Ash Pond by BCC shorebird group. • Mr Wildfred Calder-Potts (volunteer from Taiwan) using the RS maps helped to calculate the changes in carbon stock for the mangrove forest within the NCSC IBA, including carbon accumulation for the previous Ricoh planting area at KSNP. • FRIM approved funding (RM40K) for 2 projects; Bird book & bird survey of mangrove planted sites. <p><u>Nursery and tree planting project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly progress report submitted to FDPM. • 27 Aug: Yazid attended Mesyuarat penyelarasan Majlis HHA & KEHB, at Pejabat Daerah Kemaman, Terengganu <p><u>Birdlife-Cemex Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student interns prepared community survey report on Penang IBA supervised by Ms Anisah & Yeap. <p><u>Other projects/ activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13-19 Aug: Eza with 2 student interns (UNIMAS - Farhana & Jeet) at Tioman Island conducting land-based ecotourism survey with local community. Survey report prepared.
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sub Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 & 21 Aug: Series of meetings with FGV re. finalizing “Garis Panduan for Sahabat Beruang Madu” or CAG-TOR document.

- 17-19 Aug: Nabilah involved in the organisation of Sabah KPA Camp at Sandakan, Sabah.
- 20-30 Aug: Nabilah (& Syuhada) training attachment with the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre.
- 21 Aug: Meeting with project partners (FGV/UKM/PERHILITAN) to plan for project launch in Trolak, Perak.
- 30 Aug: Alifah & Anisah visited Felda Residence Trolak to oversee logistics in anticipation to SBM-CAG launch on 6 Sept 2017.

HSBC Tapir Project

- 1 Aug: Attended BIOFIN workshop at Putrajaya Shangrila Hotel organised by UNDP.
- 4 Aug: Meeting with MPOB re. proposal submitted on palm oil small holders certification - attended by Amirah & Balu.
- 11-13 Aug: Amirah & Alifah facilitated Program Kesedaran Awam Konflik Manusia- Gajah (organised by PERHILITAN) at RPS Sg Banun, BTFC.
- 15 Aug: BIOFIN training at WWFM attended by Intan, Alifah & Ms Stephanie.
- 17 Aug: Amirah attended MPOCC Forum at Dewan Fakulti Pertanian, UPM.
- 18 Aug: Balu attended CU 5th advisory council meeting – Dahlia 1, Level 2, East Wing, Hilton PJ Hotel
- 21 Aug: Meeting with Dr Evelyn Lee (& Dr Manoharan) at UPM re. collaborative work on Tapir Education.
- 23 Aug: Balu participated in Merdeka day celebration at SMK Darul Ehsan, Selayang
- More awareness materials reproduced which includes plag, t-shirts & souvenir items.

Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project

- New contract document signed for 2017/18 term.
- Currently in the midst of planning of activities with inputs from Sahabat Raja Rimba committee members.
- 19 Aug: Start of SEA Games with Green Tiger (or Rimau) as its mascot.

ThinkCity & Cameron Highlands Project:

- 8 Aug: Attended launch of Think City's Tun Perak Pocket Park project with MNS President.
- 9 Aug: Trip to Cameron Highlands to recce FDPM planting site & possible school programme with 3 UPM student interns.
- 15 Aug: Meeting with MKCS Bukit Kiara (am), and Press conference organised with Badan Warisan to highlight both the historical and natural value of Bukit Persekutuan (pm).
- Send in the final milestone report to Think City and concluded the project.

Helmeted Hornbill Survey in BT (Hornbill Conservation Project)

- 5-9 Aug: Yeap & 3 Orang Asli helpers from BTFC attended Perayaan Hari Orang Asal Se-Malaysia 2017 celebrated at Keningau, Sabah.
- 21 Aug: Hornbill project proposal submitted to NCTF approved for 2017/2018 funding cycle.

	<p><u>EU Forest Governance Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Aug: Attended briefing session on Phase 2 ECRL Project at L15 Menara Dutamas, Solaris. Followed with meeting NSAs, i.e. PEKA & TrEES on 7 Aug, before coming out with a joint press statement against the project on 10 Aug. • 4 Aug: Country project team 1st meeting with advisor, Dato Freezailah (EU FLEGT). Skipped prearranged skype meeting with Capacity Building WG. • 8 Aug: Partially sponsored JOAS's seminar during PHOAS 2017; reassessing/ re-evaluating indigenous community situation 10-years after Malaysia signed the UNDRIP declaration. • 10 Aug: Send the invitation letters to various NSA focal points to join "National Stakeholder Committee". Also started early preparation for Project Implementation Workshop. • 18 Aug: Meeting with Trees & TRCRC on organising NGO Roundtable discussion on CFS. Subsequently TrEES submitted proposal for support from MNS. • 20 Aug: Submitted half yearly report on EC-NSA project to BL International (Asia). • 21 Aug: Balu attended NSC TNC/BUR Bil. 1/ 2017 meeting at MNRE, Putrajaya. • 23 Aug: Project team (Balu, Ee Ling & Dato Freezailah) attended introductory meeting with Malaysian Timber Industrial Board & European Forest Institute at Menara MPGRM, Cheras. Briefed them on the BL-EU Project and agreed to form a working committee on the implementation of MYTLAS. • 25 Aug: Steve Page (Australian volunteer) added to the project team and tasked to assist with GIS/RS work. • 29 Aug: Yeap attended NSC IC-CFS Bil 2/2017 meeting at MNRE, Putrajaya. Later Balu & Ee Ling had a skype discussion with Ding Li & Nick on policy advocacy. <p><u>Other projects/ activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Aug: Bid farewell to 4 UPM interns • 24 Aug: MNS EXCO meeting • 28 Aug: Discussion with Google Malaysia re. training on Google Earth Tools. The training is slated for Oct 2017. • 30 Aug: Supported CSR plant rescue activity at Taman Tugu with Columbia Sport. • Started planning for MNS AGM conference
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