

Conservation Division Report as of 30 April 2018

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 <u>Staffs:</u> Shahril Kamarulzaman, Anisah Ahmad and Woo Chee Yoong hired as RAs. EE staffs – Maichal (wetlands), Zaid (marine/ education) assist on part time basis. Intern: Wan Rodiah, UPM till 20/8 <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; Urban Community Forest & UCF Network</p> <p>Current Projects:-</p> <p>a. NCSC project with RICOH Japan (Jan 2017 – Dec 2019) Value of sponsorship RM65K per year for 3-years contract with BL Japan (until 2019).</p> <p>b. Migratory bird initiatives; FRIM funds (RM20K) for migratory bird book publication and Bagan Dato bird survey (RM50K), plus some unspent funds from Cemex Project (RM40K)</p> <p>c. Tree planting activities; FDPM Cameron Highlands project (Jun 2017 –May 2018) is funded for RM50K by FDPM. Nursery establishment at KSNP supported by the same for RM10K. UCF Resource Centre is supported by EU-BL project for RM30K.</p> <p>d. KSNP for Ramsar BioBlitz 2018: Balance of Star Foundation RM18K.</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 & Mohd Fadhirul hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shiyamala (climate change) & 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>e. 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 local community action groups.</p> <p>f. 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</p>

	<p>conservation work in Malaysia generally.</p> <p>g. Man & Nature Sg. Yu Tiger Corridor project Value of sponsorship Euro28K/year for year 2017/2018. Project support extended until 2019.</p> <p>h. Hornbill Survey in BTFC NCTF project support worth RM150K for 2018 will ensure continuation of Hornbill conservation project at BTFC. Further co-support from Coca Cola - Water Vision project (RM50K), BL-EU MYforest project (20K) and BirdLife/NatGeo Helmeted Hornbill project (10K).</p> <p>i. EC-BL Forest Governance project (MYforest) 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.</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"> • 15 April: Monthly water bird count at Kapar Ash Pond by BCC shorebird group. Last count date for 2017/18 season submitted by Waterbird Group • Submitted TNB proposal (5 years; RM2.5M) – a multiyear project which will include biodiversity assessment and outreach programme to reduce the risk of TNB installation in Peninsular Malaysia. <p><u>Migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 April: Trial run on the bird survey by MNS Perak Branch funded by FRIM & Muslim Aid Foundation. • 6 April: Sonny attended FRIM JTRD meeting and updated on the NCSC book production by MNS Selangor Branch. • 15 April: Bird survey at Bagan Dato with MNS Perak Branch <p><u>Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 April: Sonny and Shiyamala attended Cooling KL City” seminar held at IRMS-University Malaya • 12 April: 30 participants from Shell Training Centre help out at our UCF Centre and planted tree saplings. • 13 April: GEC proposal for stream maintenance under the River of Life project • 23 April: Meeting with Ms. Judith and Ms. Ainie of Royal Selangor Golf Club on potential nature activities and donation to MNS from wildlife book and calendar sale. <p>KSNP for Ramsar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 April: Preparatory meeting with Maichal and Ashok re. the KSNP BioBlitz scheduled for Jun-Aug 2018. <p>Firefly Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To submit a proposal to EU project for firefly secretarial work and the World Firefly Day celebration together with the PAKAS community

	<p>workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-10 April: Revisit PAKAS with Neal as advisor for the community development and rebranding of PAKAS. • 27 April: IUCN Firefly Specialist Group registered and MNS is a co-chair for the group in addition to the Fireflyers International Network as the Honorary Secretary. Preparation for FIN registration. MNS supported FIN website.
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sub Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-20 April: FGV organised Sahabat Beruang Matahari community programme (and book) launch at Felda Residence Trolak, Sungkai Perak. The event saw participation of 200 people led by FGV & FELDA top management. Mr. Henry, Ms. Stephanie and Prof Ahmad attended as MNS VIPs. MNS was involved in hosting about 100 SBM members; setting up Sun bear exhibition during the launch (with UKM and PERHILITAN), and holding a volunteers' workshop afterwards. • 23 April: Anisah and Nabilah facilitated SK Ringlet (Cameron Highlands) school visit to Elephant Sanctuary at Kuala Gandah, Pahang. <p><u>HSBC Tapir Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 April: World Wildlife Day 2018 celebration at Tangkak, Johore. RAs (Amirah, Nabilah and Anisah) attended and set up MNS exhibit. Also were there to receive Wildfriend Endorsement Certificate for NGOs from the MNRE Deputy Minister. • 16 April: Balu & Amirah attended the "Tea Tarik" session of Sustainable Palm Oil Community held at IOI Resort City, Putrajaya. • 28 April: Invited to World Tapir Day 2018 celebration at Sg. Dusun Wildlife Sanctuary. Amirah and Adha were there to set up an exhibition. Mr Henry & Mr Eric Sinnaya who also represented MNS, received mock cheque worth RM4K on behalf of PERHILITAN to procure food supplies for the Tapir. <p><u>Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-8 April: At Gua Musang conducting ecotourism feasibility survey with consultant, Mr Neal Nirmal. Also mapped out the Sg. Yu wildlife corridor with Fadhil (RA) identifying possible tree planting sites to support community activity. • 21 & 24 April; Sahabat Raja Rimba set up exhibitions at Taman Tugu and UPM respectively. 4 members of SRR were involved and facilitated by Ms. Alifah. <p><u>Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-19 and 25-28 April: Yeap at BTFC with Mr Woo (RA) conducting hornbill research (= as part of monthly fieldwork assignment). Mr Woo is a new recruit and has been employed under the MY forest project and put to assist Yeap at the BTFC landscape. • Preparations are being made to restart the MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme (for Plain-pouched Hornbill) based in Kg Chuweh, Temengor in August-September 2018. • Monitored the progress of a tree nursery work by hired Kg Chuweh

	<p>villagers under the Coca-Cola project. To date, about about 3,000 seeds/saplings have been planted. Met with Assistant District Forestry Officer to seek advice on planting locations in Temengor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSPC has written to MNS to seek assistance in sponsoring the IBA boards that was previously placed inside the park which was damaged in the flood of 2014. MNS is looking into this matter positively as a means to increase our visibility in BT. <p><u>EU Forest Governance Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 April: Meeting with Dr Adrian (WWFM) re. MyForest Watch programme. Activity to be undertaken jointly between MNS & WWFM, whereby the latter will share their forest mapping capability and resources with MNS members who will be conducting the site monitoring. • 21 April: Facilitate MENGO AGM and World Earth Day 2018 celebration at Khazanah Ilmu , Bukit Tugu. MyForest project also had an exhibition set up and conducted the “Forest of Hope Asia” book launch. Tan Sri Salleh Mohd Nor did the honours on behalf of MNS with Bjorn & Fanny distributing the signed books to EU-BL project partners. • 27 April: Discussion with Prof Ahmad (project advisor) on the MyForest roadshows to be held after Hari Raya. Agreed and finalised on the programme and content, plus on the follow up agenda with the relevant agencies. <p><u>Others:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a booklet for the Teluk Air Tawar-Kuala Muda coast IBA as an advocacy and awareness tool based on the previous MNS/BirdLife/CEMEX work. Expected to be completed before SPICEC 2018 in October. • YCA is working on the MNS-Merdeka Award series articles (four in total) for MN as per recommended in the MNS internal evaluation report of the project with assistance from BOT member (Datin Seri Panglima Dr Ann Anton). The first article has been published in March 2018 (Sarawak waterbirds) while the second is poised for June 2018 issue (Miri mangrove fireflies).
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