

Conservation Division Report as of 31.1.2018

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/ Zaid (part time) <u>Staffs:</u> Shahril Kamarulzaman, Anisah Ahmad and Woo Chee Yoong 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 for 3-years contract with BL Japan (until 2019) supporting the</p> <p>b. Migratory bird initiatives; FRIM funds (RM20K) for migratory bird book publication and Bagan Dato bird survey (RM50).</p> <p>c. Tree planting activities; FDPM Cameron Highlands project (Jun 2017 –May 2018) is funded for RM50K by FDPM. UCF Resource Centre is supported by EU-BL project for RM30K.</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 Fakhirul 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 local 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 Euro28K/year for year 2017/2018. Project support extended until 2019.</p>

	<p>g. Hornbill Survey in BTFC NCTF project support worth RM150K for 2018 will ensure continuation of Hornbill conservation project at BTFC. Further support from Coca Cola - Water Vision project (RM50K), BL-EU project (20K) and ASAP Helmeted Hornbill project (10K).</p> <p>h. 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.</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"> • RAs working on Flyway communities for AWC 2018 in various locations of NCSC; Pulau Ketam, Kg. Sg. Serdang & Sg. Buloh • Woo Chee Leong at Pulau Ketam for a week period conducting flyway community survey with Ms. Agnes (OIC for Coca Cola Water Project) • 20 & 21 Jan: AWC training conducted by RAs (Nabilah, Anisah and Woo) for flyway communities at Sg. Buloh Sasaran & Kg. Sg. Serdang • 21 Jan: Monthly bird count at Kapar Ash Pond by BCC shorebird group. • 25 Jan: Meeting with MNS Selangor Branch on the progress of NCSC bird book. • 27 Jan: AWC training for flyway community at Kuala Gula, Perak and waterbird count. <p><u>FRIM migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Jan: 1st meeting on Bagan Dato project with FRIM. Secured RM50K for the initiative proposed sometime back in June 2017. <p><u>Tree planting activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Jan: Submitted 2017 Cameron Highlands tree planting report to FDPM • 16 Jan: Our proposal for UCF Network Event at WUF9 accepted by organisor. Held 1st coordinating meeting with EU-BL project team. Immediately sent invite letters to BL partners of LDC in Asia, e.g. Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Cambodia. • 22 Jan: Committee meeting to discuss WUF9 - with Henry and John Koh. Plan and agreed on the networking event programme and finalised the list of panellist. Also started with printing collaterals and information materials for the UCF networking event. • 26 Jan: Meeting with GEC to further develop UCF as river interpretation and education hub for adoption under the “River of Life” outreach programme. <p><u>Other projects/ activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Jan: Maichal attended, “Best management practices workshop for palm oil on peatlands” organised by GEC and RSPO in Miri, Sarawak.
<p>Terrestrial</p>	<p><u>FGV Sub Bear Project</u></p>

<p>Conservation Programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Jan: Ng Wai Pak at MNS office updating his Sun bear research activities at Pitas, Sabah. Mentioned that he is writing his M. Sc. thesis and should be able to finish and join the MNS wildlife team again in June 2018. • 27 Jan: Nabilah attended the Sahabat Beruang Madu AGM and the organised annual dinner at Felda Kechau 2, Kuala Lipis. <p><u>HSBC Tapir Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Jan: Attended “Program Perangi Jerat 2018” meeting at PERHILITAN. NGOs were asked to partner with PERHILITAN on this national-level activity to be launched early this year. • 29 Jan: Henry attended the “Roadkill” meeting at MNRE <p><u>Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going support to Sahabat Raja Rimba activities on the ground – forest tree nursery, rubber handicrafts & bakery products. <p><u>Hornbill Survey in BTFC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-20 Jan: Yeap at BTFC conducting hornbill research (= as part of monthly fieldwork assignment). <p><u>EU Forest Governance Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Jan: Lee Ee Ling attended BUR2 Inception Workshop at Hotel Dorsett, Putrajaya • 10 Jan: Project briefing to TFT on My Forest Project. They later decided to join the Project NSC. • Worked on the My Forest NSC meeting minutes held on 14 Dec 2017 with Lee Ee Ling. • 15 Jan: Mr. Vinayagan (Regional BL Asia Director) and Ms Intan conducted interview with regional project coordinator candidate at MNS HQ. • 18 Jan: Interview with Mr Griffin Wilcox Smith of Massachusetts Institute of Technology on sustainable management of Malaysia’s extensive rainforests in carbon mitigation. Apparently MIT is having 5-years joint research programme with UTM on sustainable cities as well. • 22 Jan: Dinner meeting with French ambassador of environment on EU palm oil policy issue at Jalan Langgak Golf, KL with other ENGOs present. • 26 Jan: Meeting with JUPEM on possible collaboration and help in setting up spatial database for MNS. • 28 Jan: Worked with Lee Ee Ling and Alifah on the report writing for EU-BL project. • 29 Jan: Attended “Bengkel dan forum awam ekspedisi Ulu Muda” organised by MNS Kedah Branch. The forum was officially launched by YB. Dato Leong Yong Kong, Exco Kerajaan Negeri Kedah.
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