

Conservation Division Report as of 31.3.2018

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. <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>
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) & 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>
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3. Project Activities Updates

Projects activities are on track with proposed timeline with no major issues.

<p>Marine Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>NCSC Project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 March: Submitted feedback on the draft National Wetlands Policy 2018 to MNRE. • 15-17 March: Maichal attended the rorkshop on revising the LUAS 1999 Enactment at Dorsett Grand Subang, Subang Jaya. • 18 March: Monthly water bird count at Kapar Ash Pond by BCC shorebird group. • Preparing TNB proposals for submission – 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 March: Yeap attended Ecoknight organised WASEDA Symposium at University Malaya – Sustainable mining, development & practices. • 3-18 March: Raptor count at Tanjung Tuan, Melaka for 16 days. This is a reduction from last year's count which lasted for 30 days. • 10 & 11 March: Raptor Watch at Tanjung Tuan, Malaka. MNS CV coordinated the participation of local community groups (LCG) during the annual festival, plus organizing BCC workshop for getting feedback on MNS Strategic Plan 2018-2020. • 18 March: Recce of Bagan Dato germplasm area with MNS Perak Branch. This will be a new bird survey & assessment project funded by FRIM & Muslim Foundation. • 30 March: Sonny attended FRIM Core Group meeting and updated on the NCSC book production by MNS Selangor Branch. <p><u>Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 March: Meeting with Mr. Faris from Sedunia.my to develop a web portal for recruiting volunteers for UCF Resource Centre. • 11 March: UCF provided 30 tree seedlings for TrEES tree planting programme with local community at Taman Melawati, Gombak. • 22 March: Discussion with Maichal on the proposed Biobliz at KSNP (scheduled for Jun-Aug 2018 period). Main aim of this mini expedition is to
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	<p>get current & additional data on the habitat & biodiversity of KSNP for RIS preparation and subsequently Ramsar nomination of the park.</p>
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sub Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 March: World Wildlife Day 2018 celebration at Menara Felda. Together with PERHILITAN, MNS set-up exhibition booths for socialising the FGV sponsored project to their and FELDA staff members. • 18-20 March: The project facilitated Kem KPA peringkat Negeri Johor. The 3-days event was co-organised by Pusat Ko-kurikulum Negeri Johor and MNS Johore Branch. A short field trip to FGV nursery and seedbank located at Kulai, Johore was conducted on the second day for the participating students & teachers. • 22 March: Attended Sun bear committee meeting No. 1/2018 at Menara Felda. Main focus of discussion was on the preparation for launching of SBM-CAG group on 19 April 2018. • 29 March: FGV CAG launch planning meeting at Felda Residence Trolak. Ms Eza & Nabilah represented MNS. <p><u>HSBC Tapir Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 March: MNS participated in the launch event for “Program Perangi Jerat 2018” at Tangkak, Johore by setting up exhibition booth. At this event MNS was also appointed as official NGO partner for PERHILITAN’s WildFriend programme. • 5 & 6 March: Maichal attended FRIM organised “Bengkel konsultasi pemegang taruh kajian penglibatan komuniti setempat dalam ekopelancongan & kawasan perlindungan Semenanjung Malaysia” at Hotel Everly Putrajaya. • 27 March: Attended Mesyuarat MyGajah 1/2018 at PERHILITAN, Cheras. <p><u>Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-28 March: Alifah facilitating community programme at Kg. Telok Gunung, Merapoh. Provided support to Sahabat Raja Rimba activities on the ground – forest tree nursery, rubber handicrafts & bakery products. • 25 March: Tree planting by the community group at the Sg. Yu EcoViaduct. • 26-30 March: Mapping activity to determine new planting areas along the 13km wildlife corridor at Sg. Yu, Merapoh. The activity which was conducted with local assistance was facilitated by Steve & Shahril from MNS HQ. <p><u>Hornbill Survey in BTFC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted project inception report to MNRE for them to transfer the first tranche of funds to MNS. • 11-23 March: 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. <p><u>EU Forest Governance Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 March: NGO meeting with Ms Astrid Schomaker, EU Global Director of Sustainability at Menara Tan & Tan. MNS delegation consists of 6 people including Tan Sri Salleh, Dato Freezailah, Prof Ahmad & VP Eric Sinnaya.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 & 7 March: Yeap and Ee Ling attended British High Commission organised, “Illegal wildlife trade and anti poaching workshop” at Grand Millennium Hotel, Kuala Lumpur • 13 March: Ee Ling attended TWG Biodiversity Intactness Index meeting (Bil. 1/2018) at FRIM, Kepong. • 14 & 15 March: EU-BP project financial audit at Cambridge. UK. • 15 March: Lunch meeting with Dr. Agus Setyarso (EU-FLEGT consultant) and Pn. Aimi Lee (EFI) at Wadi Hadrawat Restaurant, Jalan Ampang. Dato Freezailah led the MY forest team during the discussion. • 21 March: Attended NSC CFS 1/2018 meeting at MNRE, Putrajaya. Apparently the ministry will be going ahead with the Labis-Jemaluang wildlife viaduct despite objection received from NGOs. • 23 March: Attended NSC NC3/BUR2 meeting at MNRE. Main discussion was on finalising the draft final country report and submitting it to UNFCCC. • 24 March: Gave talk at the HABITAT, Penang Hill on the MY forest project. The Habitat Foundation has since joined the NSC of MY forest project. • 27 March: Ee Ling attended the workshop on National Mitigation and Adaptation Action Plan at Pullman Hotel, Putrajaya. • 28-29 March: Mr Iqbal of MNS Miri Branch facilitated Mr. Jerome Pons (EU delegation to Thailand) familiarisation visit to IBA sites in Sarawak. Sites chosen include Lambir Hills National Park, Kuala Baram Wetlands and Piasau Nature Reserve. <p><u>Others:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 March: Send in CV Div budget (2018-19) to finance. • 28 March: Did a presentation at Segi University on KPA for Youth programme, plus attending to accept the donation raised by the students.
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