

COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE 69th MNS AGM

During the 2014-2016 term MNS successfully completed a number of key achievements, viz

1. To raise awareness on issues related to science and nature MNS joined hands with the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) the Malaysian Scientific Association (MSA) and the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM) to organize the first International Science and Nature Congress (ISNAC) in Sept 2015 with the tagline '75 Years of Conservation Success'.
2. In March 2016 MNS organized the 75th Anniversary cum fund raising dinner that was graced by HRH the Sultan of Selangor and attended by a cross section of corporate supporters and MNS members. During the dinner the inaugural Tapir Lifetime Achievement Award was launched. Members with outstanding contributions to the Society were also awarded special certificates of appreciation.
3. On policy a resolution motion on ecotourism was adopted. MNS will be involved in the Policy Making, Advising, Monitoring and Mitigation aspects of Ecotourism.
4. The MNS Tapir logo was successfully registered as a trade mark.

The MNS 2014-2016 Council held 8 meetings during its term of office. Twenty-three monthly EXCO meetings, with the 24th scheduled for 25th August 2016, were held with either the President, Vice Presidents, Hon Secretary and/or Hon Treasurer in attendance.

The financial status of the Society has turned around and the Hon Treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending May 2016 will provide more concise details. The situation for the next two years is forecast to continue to reflect a positive, stable and sustainable operation of the MNS secretariat, a notable improvement from the previous term. Work on securing new sources of funding is on-going. It is heartening to note that all the work put in during these last two years has also contributed to improvements in SOPs and the strengthening of the organizational structure resulting in greater stability of the operating units within the Secretariat. There is still work to be done to fine tune procedures and develop greater interaction and team work between the Secretariat and Branches and vice versa. The 'human factors' will be the most challenging and will therefore receive the most attention to bring about a smoother alignment and synergy between the two.

The past year saw MNS expanding its volunteer citizen science programmes in terms of species surveys. Excellent examples are the Asian Waterbird Census (AWC), My Garden Bird Watch (MYGB), Raptor Count, Restore Our Awesome Reefs (ROAR), MYCAT Walks in the Sg Yu Tiger corridor, Fireflies and other surveys carried out by member volunteers. MNS will continue to encourage the design of species monitoring programmes with input from Special Interest Groups (SIGs) within MNS membership and the local community. This multi-stakeholder approach will continue to be the main thrust for MNS in advocating for the protection of species.

Information on the programmes carried out by the Secretariat could be found in the annual report prepared by the Secretariat.

The Society is on a stable foundation and future engagements and focus will continue to be guided by the Strategic Plan 2012-2020 (revised in 2014) and also its vision and mission statement that has held true till this day. Based on the belief that a branch understands the pulse best more decentralization of ownership and implementation of localized projects will take place at branch level to draw on the diverse expertise of members in the areas of advocacy, DEIA, research and local contacts. Technical help where required will continue to be provided by MNS HQ staff.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks to the BOT, Council Members, EXCO, Branch Chairs and committees and to the members of MNS for your hard work, sacrifices and support. Your individual commitment and dedication in maintaining the good name of MNS and promoting conservation initiatives are highly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Henry Goh

COUNCIL MEETINGS RECORD FOR 2014-2016 TERM

Name	Position	18 Oct 2014	17 Jan 2015	18 Apr 2015	27 Jun 2015	13 Sep 2015	19 Dec 2015	13 Mar 2016	18 Jun 2016	Two years	Percent	
Henry Goh	President	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8	100%	
Prof Maketab Mohamed Harban Singh	Immediate Past President		•							1	13%	
Prof Dr Ahmad Ismail	Vice President	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	7	88%	
Stephanie Bacon	Honorary Secretary	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	8	100%	
Jenny Yow	Honorary Treasurer		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	7	88%	
Ivan Ho	Elected Council Member	•	•						•	3	38%	
Lim Kim Chye	Elected Council Member		•		•	•	-	-	-	3	60%	Resigned Nov 2015
Noor Jehan Bt. Abu	Elected Council Member		•							1	13%	
Peay Tan	Elected Council Member				•	•		•	•	4	50%	
S. M. Muthu	Elected Council Member		•	•		•		•		4	50%	
Musa Musbah	Elected Council Member		•							1	13%	
Johor Branch			•		•			•		3	38%	
Kedah Branch		•			•	•			•	4	50%	
Kelantan Branch		•	•	•	•	•	•			6	75%	
Kuching Vice Branch			•	•		•	•	•	•	6	75%	
Langkawi Branch		•	•			•		•	•	5	63%	
Miri Branch							•			1	13%	
Negeri Sembilan/Melaka Branch			•	•	•	•	•			5	63%	
Pahang Branch							•	•	•	3	38%	
Penang Branch			•	•	•	•		•	•	6	75%	
Perak Branch			•	•		•	•	•	•	6	75%	
Sabah Branch		•						•		2	25%	
Sandakan Branch			•				•			2	25%	
Selangor Vice Branch			•	•	•		•	•	•	6	75%	
Terengganu Branch		•		•	•		•		•	5	63%	
Mark Ng	Co-opted member BCC		•	•	•	•	•		-	5	71%	Stood down March
Tan Choo Eng	Co-opted member BCC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	1	100%	Elected as BCC Chair
Mohd Izzat	Co-opted member Youth		•	•	-	-	-	-	-	2	25%	Resigned February
Jessie Cheah	Co-opted member AS	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	7	88%	
Surin Suksuwan	Co-opted member			•			•	•	•	4	50%	
Vuthy Tainq	Co-opted - Membership	-	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	6	100%	Appointed June 2015
Prof Avadhani	Hon. Ambassador at Large	•							•	2	25%	
IS Shanmugarai	Executive Director	-	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	6	100%	Appointed April 2015
Members attending		11	23	15	16	18	17	18	19			

Note: The Council consisted of 30 members at the start of the term (September 2014) and with the various changes listed above there are 29 Council Members as at 15 August 2015.