

Conservation Division Report as of 31 May 2018

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| 1. Division Updates: | |
| 2 programme areas i.e. the Marine & Terrestrial programmes which support MNS Strategic Plan 2008–2020 implementation. | |
| Marine Conservation Programme | <p>Managers: Sonny Wong Staffs: 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 Activity focus: 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>Managers: Balu Perumal & Yeap Chin Aik Staff: Lee Ee Ling contracted as policy officer. Nabilah Jamaludin, Alifah Ilyana & Mohd Fahirul hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shiyamala (climate change) & Amirah (biodiversity) assist on part time basis. Activity focus: 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 conservation work in Malaysia generally.</p> <p>g. Man & Nature Sg. Yu Tiger Corridor project</p> |

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| | <p>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 capacity building of non-state actors in forest governance including 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 and migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 May: Meeting with Mdm. Pasu on the progress of NCSC bird book commissioned to MNS Selangor Branch. • 24 May: Maichal attended Wetlands TWG meeting Bil. 1/2018 at MNRE, Putrajaya. • On-going bird survey at Bagan Dato by MNS Perak Branch. • 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. • MNS Secretariat requested BCC water bird group to prepare new (counter) list and dates for 2018/19 season at Kapar Ash Pond. • Still waiting for feedback from the submitted TNB proposal (5 years; RM2.5M). <p><u>Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 May: Balu gave talk on tree planting at SKJT Bukit Darah. Sungai Buloh, Selangor (am); and meeting with TRX project managers re. roof top garden project (pm). • 7-9 May: Orang Asli Sg. Buloh starts work on the Heritage Trail under a 1-year trail maintenance contract that was been signed with them. • 15 May: Monthly meeting with Flora SIG. • Follow up discussion held on GEC proposal for stream maintenance under the River of Life project. <p><u>KSNP for Ramsar & firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation letters for KSNP BioBlitz (scheduled for July-Aug 2018) sent out to all researchers in MNS database. • Proposal submitted to EU-BL project for PAKAS & Firefly secretarial work; budget request for RM40K/ year. • Planning for World Firefly Day 2018 scheduled for 7 & 8 July 2018. |
| <p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p> | <p><u>FGV Sub Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received proposal from Penang KPA (=RM3K) for support to state-level programme scheduled for 26 June 2018. Will involve 26 schools in Penang. |

HSBC Tapir Project

- Work is progressing re. the development of Tapir Module for school activities. This will be the last delivery under the project which will come to a closure end of the month.

Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project

- Community work organised on monthly schedule with 40 SRR members, This will allow us to transfer fund (RM4K/monthly) for their involvement re. corridor monitoring, nursery maintenance and tree planting, marketing of products, and public education and awareness activities.
- On the other hand, MNS will continue on training and capacity building activities, as well as, provide opportunity for networking for the community group.

Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC

- 30 Apr – 13 May: Yeap and team of 2 Orang Aslis from BTFC attended Hornbill Research Training Programme in Thailand (Khao Yai NP & Budo-Sg Padi NP) organised by Hornbill Research Foundation, Mahidol University, Thailand.
- 18 – 28 May: Yeap at BTFC with Mr Woo (RA) conducting hornbill research (= as part of monthly fieldwork assignment).
- 31 May – 1 June: MNS HQ play host to regional Helmeted Hornbill Inception Workshop. The training workshop supported by funds from National Geographic was organised by BL Asia with the participation from 4 BL country partners (Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand & Myanmar), including hornbill experts from the region.

EU Forest Governance Project

- 5 May: Updated MNS Council on the progress of EU-BL project.
- 17 - 22 May: Balu travelled to Nagoya, Japan on the invitation of Dr Hiromi Yamashita of Ritsumeikan Asia-Pacific University to present a symposium paper on the non-state actors' involvement in mangrove/ tidal ecosystem restoration in Malaysia.
- 25 May: Attended BRAINS 2018 Technical Committee Meeting at PBF HQ at the Palace, Damansara Perdana. New dates for the biennial symposium confirmed for 18-20 Sept 2018. In conjunction with the event, MNS will organise Hornbill Festival for the local communities at BTFC.
- 30 May: Ee Ling and Balu attended MyCFS meeting with stakeholders at Nottingham Training Centre at Chulan Tower, KL
- 31 May: Mengo Core Committee meeting at MNS HQ to discuss sending collective statement to new Pakatan Harapan government re. MNRE.

Others:

- 10 May: Interview session with Ms. Winter of Ohio University Honors Tutorial College (OUHTC) in the U.S. who is working on a dual thesis about the human dimensions of climate change as well as climate change communication.
- 11 May: Secretariat briefing Mr John Koh (BOT Chair) re. MNS annual work plan for 2018/19.

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