

Conservation Division Report as of 31 July 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 & Balu Perumal <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 & TAT-KM Flyways; Tioman marine protected area, CTI & 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. Mangrove initiatives; KSNP for Ramsar BioBlitz 2018 - Balance of Star Foundation (RM18K). Firefly project supported by donation fund (RM20K) and European funder (RM25K/year)</p> <p>d. Tree planting activities; UCF Resource Centre & UCF Network activities are supported by EU-BL project for RM50K/ year.</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>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. Man & Nature Sg. Yu Tiger Corridor project Value of sponsorship Euro26K/year for year 2018/2019. Project support ends May 2019.</p> <p>g. Hornbill Survey in BTFC</p>

	<p>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>h. 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"> • 9 July: Sonny attended the “Projeck Germplasma Bagan Dato” meeting at FRIM, and presented on the progress of waterbird study conducted by MNS Perak Branch. • 17 July: Received approval from National Security Office based at Shah Alam allowing MNS to continue monitors Kapar Ash Ponds for the next season i.e. August 2018 to April 2019. • MNS Selangor Branch finalised and submitted the NCSC Bird Book, which were forwarded to BCC for comments, and further edits. <p><u>KSNP for Ramsar & firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-8 July: World Firefly Day 2018 celebration at Kg. Kuantan, Kuala Selangor. MNS organised community exhibition & related educational activities; including launching of the PAKAS community outfit and Firefly Community. MDKS was our official partner and as part of supporting gesture discounted 20% off from their ticket collection for the firefly watch for those 2 days. • 9-13 July: Mr. Woo and RA team at KSNP for 5-days conducting wildlife survey using camera traps. • 9 July: Maichal attended GEC organised Sahabat Hutan Gambut (Friends of Peatland Forest) community workshop at Homestay Sg.Sireh, Tanjung Karang. • 19 July: Meeting with Mei Lee - appointing her as RA to support Mr. Sonny with the firefly conservation work. • 30 July: : Meeting with Dr Holly Barclay from Monash University. Agreed to work on updating the “Directory of Wetlands in Malaysia”, in support to the recent review of National Wetlands Policy. <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 July: GEC CSR activity on river rehabilitation at UCF. About 30 people were involved in the activity. • 2 July: Sonny having meeting with Planning Hill Literacy to see future collaboration re. UCF Network. • 4 July: Balu attended meeting with Landlead (main developer of TRX) on rooftop garden design & landscaping. • 8 July: GEC CSR activity on river rehabilitation at UCF involving 20 pax. • 9-10 July: Balu & Anisah attended Cameron Highlands’ forest restoration meeting with Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia. Found out that there is no allocation for current year tree planting. It is agreed that FD Pahang will draft out agreement for participating NGOs to manage the restored 6-ha site. The

	<p>measure is also intended to help NGOs to raise the needed funds through CSR activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 July: Meeting with Geological Society Malaysia at MNS. Discussed involvement in KSNP Biobliz, plus other work interest of MNS in Greater KL – Batu Caves, Klang Gates Ridge and Anak Bukit Takun. Langkawi & Ipoh GeoParks were also mentioned as potential areas for future collaboration. • 22 July: Eza attended GEC organised “River of Life” media visit to the Klang River. The DID-ROL initiative will be expanded to include our UCF Resource Centre as part identified education hubs along the river. • 23 July: Meeting with John/ Khadijah & Shan re. possible collaboration in mapping urban parks in Greater Kuala Lumpur area. • 30 July: Follow up skype meeting with Mr Kerman Wildberger (representing Livelihood Funds, France) re. large scale mangrove rehabilitation project in Malaysia.
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sub Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-10 July: Amirah attended the 2nd public consultation for RSPO P&C review at Vivatel Hotel, KL. • 18 July: MNS was invited by PERHILITAN to Sg. Dusun WS to discuss on issues related to Tapir conservation in Peninsular Malaysia. Shan, Raffi, Prof. Ahmad and Habibun attended the meeting. • 27 July: Quarterly management meeting for Sun bear project held at PERHILITAN Cheras. The delay in receiving FGV funds in a timely manner were highlighted so as not to effect the progress of the project. • 30 July: Eza and Nabilah visited National Wildlife Rescue Centre in Sungkai, Perak. Main objectives were to document the progress/ development of national sun bear enclosure, and to interview researchers & staffs involved in the sun bear conservation activities. • 31 July: Balu attended the MSPO National Steering Committee meeting (on behalf of VP, Me Vincent Chow) at Ministry of Primary Industries, Putrajaya. The meeting was briefed on on the progress of MSPO implementation and the uptake of stakeholders to the scheme (by MPOCC & MPOB). <p><u>Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 & 27 July: Skyped with Linda Preil & Janis Wicke (Einhorn - Germany) and Sue Marshal (BL Asia - Singapore) on possible livelihood support to small rubber farmers at Merapoh. • 19-20 July: Alifah (and Balu) attended WWFM organised “Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (or CATS)” minilab at Hotel Corus, KL. • 31 July: Received confirmation from M&N re. 3rd year support to a value of Euro 26K. MNS signed the project extension contract on 16 July 2018. • 29 July: Participated in World Tiger Day 2018 celebration at Zoo Melaka. <p><u>Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-15 July: Yeap at BTFC with Mr Woo (RA) conducting hornbill research (= as part of monthly fieldwork assignment). • Final preparation for Hornbill Volunteer Programme (HVP) 2018, including uploading information on MNS website. The event which will take place during August and September 2018, will be broken into 20 slots of 4D3N and will cater for 4 participants each slot. HVP packages are sold at RM700/person (MNS members) and RM800/person (non-MNS members).

EU Forest Governance Project

- 4 July: Yeap attended consultant study on “Forest Payment for Ecosystem Services in Peninsular Malaysia” at Dutamas, Solaris KL.
- Planning for CIDT training in Sept 2018. Wrote letters to facilitate visa approval for oversea trainers from UK & Cameroon.
- 10 July: Shiyamala & Ee Ling attended CETDAM organised Climate Change Dialogue, “Is Malaysia climate resilience?” at Hotel Armada, PJ.
- 11 July: MyForest Watch meeting with partner organisations (Grassroots, WWFM & Aid Env.) held at WWFM office in PJ. Discussed on various strategic ways by which monitoring and reporting on deforestation activities happening within PM, Sabah & Sarawak can be documented, shared and reported amongst stakeholders. MNS indicated its interested to host the MYforest Watch activities through the BL-EU project.
- 13 July: Workshop on MYforest project charter & finalising mechanism/ administrative procedures for distribution of funds from the project. Attended by project team & advisors, including Exco member, Ms Stephanie.
- 13 July: Attended ECRL meeting at ERE called by TREES. MENGO members who attended were updated on the progress of the project. Seems that the new government have freezed all activities on the ground pending PM’s meeting with the Chinese government.
- 16 July: Contracted Grassroots to prepare communication & advocacy plan for BL-EU project. These reports were requested from each of the country partners by BL International during the last management meeting in Bogor, Indonesia.
- 17-18 July: Balu attended the MTCC Standard Review Committee meeting at Avillion Hotel, Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan.
- 19 July: Attended MCCG meeting at GEC office in PJ. Discussed on writing introductory letter to the new minister of climate change and make appointment to meet her to further discuss matters related to Malaysia’s obligation to UNFCC.
- 24 July: : Meeting with Dato Rashid of PBF re. joint organisation of CIDT forest governance training (3-14 Sept) and BRAINS 2018 (18-20 Sept). Agreed that the MYforest project will sponsor the participation of MNS Branches and members to these events.

Others:

- 6 student interns from local universities (UM & UMT) recruited to assist with CV Div work at MNS.
- 28 July: Submitted CV annual report for MNS-AGM.

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