

Conservation Division Report as of 31 July 2019

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> Ng Wai Pak as wetlands officer, Shahril Kamarulzaman, Syazanna Alias, Woo Chee Yoong and Wan Rodiah hired as RAs. EE staffs – Maichal (wetlands) and Zaid (marine/ education) assist on part time basis. <u>Activity focus:</u> KSNP for Ramsar, North Central Selangor Coast & TAT-KM Flyways, Migratory birds & firefly; Urban Community Forest & UCF Network, CTI & general coastal zone management.</p> <p>Current Projects:-</p> <p>a. NCSC project with RICOH Japan (Jan 2017 – Dec 2019) Value of sponsorship is RM65K per year under 3-years contract with BL Japan. We had been informed by BL Japan that the project runs until 2022.</p> <p>b. Migratory bird initiatives; Received USD32K for NCSC water census from ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (Apr. – Dec 2019).</p> <p>c. Mangrove initiatives; Firefly project supported by anonymous European funder (RM25K/year) and Forestry Department (RM5K).</p> <p>d. Tree planting activities; UCF Resource Centre & UCF Network activities are supported by self funding activities (est. RM50K/ year). BOH Malaysia provided RM20K for KPA school activities at Cameron Highlands.</p>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Balu Perumal & Yeap Chin Aik <u>Staff:</u> Lee Ee Ling contracted as policy officer. Habibun hired as conservation centre and community officer. Alifah Ilyana, Mohd Fahirul and Nur Syuhada hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shiyamala (climate change), Amirah and Shashi (palm oil/ EIA) 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 sun bear conservation, plus establishment of local community action groups.</p> <p>f. Hornbill Survey in BTFC NCTF project support worth RM75K for 2019/2020; Coca Cola - Water Vision project (RM25K), EU-BL MY forest project (50K) and BirdLife/NatGeo Helmeted Hornbill project (45K).</p> <p>h. EU-BL Forest Governance project (MY forest Project)</p>

	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.
3. Project Activities Updates Projects activities are on track with proposed timeline with no major issues.	
Marine Conservation Programme	<p><u>NCSC Project and migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received approval from Malaysia Security Commission to allow birders from BCC shorebird group to conduct the monthly Kapar bird watching activity. Exco endorsement were also received to support their activity up to a sum of RM3,000. <p><u>KSNP for Ramsar & firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-7 July: Sonny in Bangkok, Thailand; visiting and networking with Thai researchers and counterpart. Also attended World Firefly Day celebration. 6 July: World Firefly Day celebration at Kg. Kuantan, Kuala Selangor. Event jointly organised with MDKS and funded partially by LBG Foundation. About 500 people including 200 students from nearby schools participated. Prof. Ahmad attended the event. 8-11 July: Ecocare Kertih officer facilitated “Bengkel Guru KPA Kebangsaan” at Pulau Redang, Bidong & Lang Tengah, Terengganu in conjunction of World Ocean Day 2019. 16-18 July: Prof. Sara in Malaysia; facilitated the IUCN Firefly SSP KBA workshop with Dr. Hum at MNS, later gave a public talk at Kg. Kuantan i.e. Kuala Selangor Firefly Sanctuary. Afterwards she also visited another community firefly ecotourism project at Kg. Dew, Taiping. 18 July: Balu, Wai Pak & Fadhil attended Monash U., UPM & UNMC organised “Workshop on management options for conservation of freshwater ecosystems in Peninsular Malaysia at KLTC Chulan Tower. 23-24 July: Focus group discussion on “Sustainable Water Resources Management in the Langat Basin, Selangor” at Ministry of Economic Affairs. Wai Pak attended. 25 July: Syuhada facilitated water quality monitoring session at Sg. Pauh Recreational Forest, Cameron Highlands during “Kem KAS & Keselamatan Empangan TNB” organised by Department of Environment. <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-7 July: Facilitated BOH-SK Ringlet environmental camp at Sg. Pauh Recreation Forest Cameron Highlands, Pahang. Event attended by 80 students and 20 teachers. 15 July: Meeting with SP Setia on the proposed high-rise development at Bukit Persekutuan. Shan and myself representing MNS, requested that they do ecological risk assessment on the said development. 15 July: Habibun & Zaid attended “Mesyuarat kumpulan focus R&D program restorasi kawasan terosot Semenanjung Malaysia” held at Holiday Villa, Kota Bahru, Kelantan. Part of the discussion was on local community perception about the tree planting activities conducted to mitigating future flooding disaster in Kelantan. 26 July: Wai Pak & Sonny attended “Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa Teknikal R&D bagi penanaman pokok pesisir pantai” at FRIM. The meeting also discussed on paper presentations by project proponent at a national seminar to be organised in Sept 2019.
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-7 July: KPA Teacher Camp at Pusat Ko-ko Naning, Malacca. Theme – conservation of threatened wildlife facilitated by Ms. Amirah & Ms. Alifah. 15 July: Attended the launching of Malaysian ASEAN Green Chamber of Commerce at

University Malaya.

- 27 July: Wildfriend activity at Zoo Negara. About 20 KPA youth members participated.
- 29 July: Dr Anna & Syamimi attended the public consultation on newly introduced RSPO standards on Juristical Approach (JA) at Promenade Hotel, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project

- 10 July: Yeap attended PTNP organised meeting to plan for Global Tiger Day 2019 celebration at Gerik, Perak. The event is to be held on 3rd Aug 2019.
- 23 July: MYCAT and Pahang Forestry Department organised “Tree planting for tigers” at Sg. Yu wildlife corridor in conjunction of World Tiger Day 2019 celebration. Habibun attended on behalf of MNS.
- 28 July: SRR community participated in an exhibition during the “Global Tiger Run” event organised by WWF Malaysia (and Perhilitan) at IOI City Mall, Putrajaya.

Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC

- 1 July: Ms. Sathiarubini reports for duty as student intern from UPM. She will assist Yeap with database development on BTFC & UMFR for the next 6-months.
- 2-14 July: Yeap at BTFC working on hornbill project.
- 21-25 July: Yeap and 2 of the Hornbill Guardians were involved in the International Congress on Conservation Biology (or ICCB) 2019, at KLCC, Kuala Lumpur.
- 31 July: Yeap briefed Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (CBTL) management on the hornbill volunteer programme at BTFC. This is in conjunction of CBTL’s annual wildlife campaign which will run from Aug – Oct 2019, whereby they will feature the 10 species of hornbills, plus raise funds to support MNS’s work at BTFC. They also intend to get their top management involved in the HVP as well.

EU Forest Governance Project

- 4 July: Public Consultation on the new MC&I standards at Imperial Hotel, Kuching – Rose attended.
- 8-19 July: Lee Ee Ling at Kuching, Sarawak. She attended the Honorary Wildlife Ranger training course held at Matang Wildlife Centre, which was jointly organized by SFC & MNS Kuching Branch. She later meets up with the Sarawak government agencies and other stakeholders involved in forest governance issues in the state.
- 9 July: Attended regional consultation on the MTCS Enquiry Draft in Corus Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. This is with regard to new standards development for natural forest certification under MTCS/ PEFC.
- 10 July: ENGO meeting with Ms. Romchat (UNCHR) at Double Tree Hotel, KL on issues related to Climate Change and Environmental Risk Management. MNS and EPSM was represented by Mr. Balu, Ms. Stephanie and Mr. Nithi.
- 12 July: Yeap attended National Steering Committee on Protected Areas Financing – Meeting No. 1/2019 at Pulau Banding Resort, Perak.
- 18 July: Theory of change & project management workshop organised by BirdLife facilitators; Dr. Hum, Dr. April & Dr. Chalotte. The latter two trainers were involved with ICCB 2019 at KLCC. About 10 MNS staff members participated in the capacity building exercise.
- 19 July: EU-BL Project Management Team meeting with Dr. April & Dr Hum. The issue of financial reporting and payment delays were discussed.
- 22 July: Meeting with Shiro re. planning for REDD+ workshops next year and the uptake of Global Sustainable Natural Rubber by the business community.