

Conservation Division Report as of 31 March 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 (On study leave until May 2019). 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, CTI & general coastal zone management; Migratory birds & firefly; Urban Community Forest & UCF Network</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. New contract signed with ACB to conduct waterbird survey in the IBA for USD32K.</p> <p>b. Migratory bird initiatives; FRIM currently funds mangrove bird book publication on NCSC (RM20K) 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 anonymous European funder (RM25K/year), plus FD project at Kg. Sg. Limau, Rembau (RM5K).</p> <p>d. Tree planting activities; UCF Resource Centre & UCF Network activities are supported by EU-BL project for 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. Nabilah Jamaludin, Alifah Ilyana, Mohd Fakhirul and Nur Syuhada hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shiyamala (climate change), Habibun (biodiversity), 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. Additional support for MATCAP received from Unilever (RM20K).</p> <p>f. Man & Nature Sg. Yu Tiger Corridor project Value of sponsorship Euro26K/year for year 2018/2019. Project support ends June 2019.</p>

	<p>g. Hornbill Survey in BTFC NCTF project support worth RM150K for 2018/2019; Coca Cola - Water Vision project (RM50K), EU-BL MY forest project (50K) and BirdLife/NatGeo Helmeted Hornbill project (45K).</p> <p>h. EU-BL Forest Governance project (MY forest Project) 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"> ● 11 Mar: Sonny attended, "Mesyuarat JK Projek Germplasma Bagan Dato Bil.1/2019" at FRIM. ● 18-19 Mar: Rose & Kanda Kumar attended the BL inception workshop on "Hunting of Migratory Bird in SEA" in Bangkok, Thailand. ● 21 Mar: Skype with Dr. Taej (Wetlands International) on public use and sharing of the Malaysian AWC database owned by MNS. ● 22 Mar: Sonny meeting with EcoWorld volunteers for possible CSR activity at UCF. ● 22-25 Mar: Yeap on the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB) assignment i.e. conducting waterbird survey at NCSC. This will be done in 2 phases; a preliminary one in Mar 2019 and the other during Oct 2019. The contract agreement was signed on 18 Mar 2019 and totaled USD32K. ● 24 Mar: Monthly Kapar PP shorebird count. <p><u>KSNP for Ramsar & firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Mar: Meeting with TrEES & FoBK re. Earth Hour & Earth Day celebration at Bukit Kiara. ● 23 Mar: Briefing and training of FoBK members on firefly walk. This is in preparation of Earth Hour activity, plus creating future Firefly ambassadors. ● 30 Mar: Earth Hour celebration at Bukit Kiara – Firefly watch and story telling <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 Mar: Night walk activity at Royal Selangor Golf Club – jointly organised with MNS Selangor Branch. ● 5 Mar: Prepared 30 merbau seedlings for MNS-UPM MOU signing ceremony. ● 7 Mar: Monthly meeting with MNS-SB Flora SIG re. rehabilitation of Federal Hill ● 15 Mar: Sonny meeting with Forest preschool teacher, Chloe at UCF re. possible student activities.
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 Mar: Attended MATCAP meeting at UPM. This is following on the last minilab held at KSNP. ● 6 & 7 Mar: SBM 2017 report writing workshop organized at UKMS. Amirah, Nabilah and Syudada were involved with officers from PERHILITAN & UKM. ● 9 & 10 Mar: SBM members participated in the Raptor Watch 2019 at Tanjung Tuan, Melaka ● 11 Mar: Attended Control Union's advisory committee meeting held at PJ Hilton.

- 12 Mar: Submission of SBM 2017 report to Prof. Shukor.
- 18 & 19 Mar: SBM 2018 report writing workshop organised at MNS auditorium.
- 20 Mar: Syuhada visiting NWRC at Sungkai, Perak re. possibility of linking wildfriend activities to the production of enrichment/ rehabilitation materials for the captive bears.
- 24 Mar: Pelancaran “Kempen Sayangi Sawitku” at Sime Darby Plantation, Pulau Carey. Shan attended on behalf of MNS.

Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project

- 9 & 10 Mar: SRR participated in the Raptor Watch 2019 at Tanjung Tuan, Melaka.
- 14 Mar: Alifah attended the “Global Tiger Recovery Plan” seminar at Perhilitan, Cheras.
- 17 Mar: Launch of “Our Malayan Tiger Campaign” by KATS’s Minister at My Town Mall, Cheras. 5 SRR members were present to setup exhibition. Prof Ahmad was there representing MNS. Many other NGOs were also involved.

Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC

- 11-20 Mar: Yeap at BTFC working on hornbill project.
- Submitted 1-year progress report to MNRE and requested for replenishment of funds.

EU Forest Governance Project

- 5 Mar: BL International monthly skype session with regional partner organisation. Discussed on the arrangement for the upcoming regional PMT meeting at Awana Genting Highland at the end of the month.
- 6 Mar: Tanesh (Monash Univ. student intern) presented her LI report. She assisted the MY forest project on the policy and advocacy aspects of forest conservation eg. Bukit lagong & Bukit Cerakah FRs. The other student intern, Ms. Morgane from Belgium helps Ezanor on the project communication and updating project website.
- 8 & 9 Mar: MNS-BCC IBA review workshop at Ancasa Apartments, Port Dickson. 30 participants from 9 branches of MNS attended, including from Sabah and Sarawak. Dr. Ding Li from BL Asia, Mr Tan Choo Eng the BCC chair and Mr Yeap Chin Aik from CV Div facilitated the workshop.
- 9 & 10 Mar: Sahabat Enggang participated in the Raptor Watch 2019 at Tanjung Tuan, Melaka, followed by their 1st quarterly meeting at RPS Air Banun on 12 Mar 2019. Balu, Woo and Fadhil coordinated the meeting.
- 11 & 12 Mar: Ee Ling and Prof Ahmad attended the GEF National Dialogue at Le Meridian Putrajaya.
- 19 Mar: Balu and Intan attended the project proposal writing briefing by EU Delegate to Thailand at Menara Tan & Tan, Jalan Tun Razak, KL. MNS’s submission of 2 concept proposals for projects focussing on women, media and indigenous communities have been successful and now the EU is calling for the full proposal.
- 19-23 Mar: Ee Ling and Nik Maseri in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah attending the Heart of Borneo Conference. Whilst there they also arranged meetings with various project stakeholders, namely MTIB, Sabah Biodiversity Center, Sabah Parks and the Sabah Forestry and Wildlife Department.
- 20 Mar: Meeting with EcoKnight re. support for Kuala Lumpur EcoFilm Fest (KLEFF) 2019 involving MY forest project stakeholders.
- 25-29 Mar: EU-BL Regional PMT meeting at Awana Genting Highland. Dato Freezailah, Prof. Ahmad and Shan attended the 1st day event, and later briefly joined by Mr. Vincent on the 3rd day. On the 5th day field trips to project sites i.e. Janda Baik and Kuala Selangor were organised. After that the BL International team, together with Dr. Hum also visited Ulu Muda and BTFC, facilitated by Shan & Intan.

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