

Conservation Division Report as of 30 April 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). Recently received USD32K for NCSC water census from ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity.</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 Fahirul 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</p>

	<p>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"> ● 12 Apr: Yeap produced 1st draft of ACB assignment report and distributed for internal feedback. ● 21 Apr: Monthly Kapar PP shorebird count. ● 29 Apr: Skyped with Dr. Taej (AWC coordinator) on stream lining the annual waterbird census data for Malaysia, plus tackling the problems related to the nomination of Kapar Ash Ponds as a flyway site. Expressed that we need international NGOs' support to help save the site. <p><u>KSNP for Ramsar & firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 16 Apr: MyMangrove monthly discussion talk given by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Behara Satyanarayana of INOS-UMT. From MNS, Zaid, Yazid & Syazana attended. ● 22-26 Apr: Shahril and team working on Mangrove Botanic Garden project at KSNP. <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 Apr: UIA student's activity at UCF. ● 9 & 14 Apr: GEC's ROL-POP activity at UCF. ● 11 Apr: Wan & Shahril set up UCF exhibition at Damesh International School. It is our understanding that the school will adopt UCF as their learning centre and will support on-going activities at the nursery. ● 12 Apr: Assisting the printing of FOBK materials for 2019 Earth Day celebration. ● 20 Apr: Attended FOBK Earth Day public event at Lembah Kiara. MNS set up an exhibition re. UCF and gave a talk on fireflies. MY forest project partially supported the event by facilitating the community assessment work conducted by EPIC. Amongst the VIPs include the Minister of MASTECC, Hanna Yeoh and Tan Sri Salleh Mohd Noor.
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 14 Apr: Launching of Tapirama exhibition at MATIC. Event facilitated by Ms Eda and Mr Raffi on behalf of MNS. ● 17 Apr: Last date for finalising the 1st draft of MATCAP and sent to Dr Evelyn (UPM). ● 18 Apr: 1st quarter project coordination meeting on Sunbear project at FST, UKM. Discussion was focussed on the submission of 2017/18 report, plus reimbursable of payment for the year. ● 19 Apr: Invited to FGV Sustainable Policy discussion. MNS attended to provide NGO input to their on-going internal process. Other stakeholders present include representatives from MPOA & MPOB.

- 21 Apr: Meeting with Noor Ain on her appointment re. the preparation of Sunbear training module.
- 22 Apr: Amirah, Shashi, Mike & Shyamala attending EMS ISO 14000 (environmental management) training course with SGS (M) Sdn. Bhd.
- 29 Apr: Attended and presented on MNS Tapir conservation work at PERHILITAN, followed by meeting to finalise MATCAP.

Man & Nature Tiger Corridor Project

- 10 Apr: SRR school activity at Kolej Komuniti Selayang; facilitated by Nabilah and Nur Syuhada.
- 11-19 Apr: Nabilah, Syuhada and Fadhil at Gua Musang; planning activities with SRR and help with monitoring of the Sg. Yu wildlife corridor.
- 15 Apr: Skyped with Mr. Prasanth (BL Asia) re. conducting biodiversity assessment exercise in Halcyon rubber plantations based at Gua Musang.
- 24-27 Apr: KPA camp at SK Lurah Bilut, Pahang. The 4 day event saw the launch of State-level Tiger Campaign with the students and local communities, plus a national-level teacher's TOT camp on Sunbear/ wildlife conservation. For the later, about 40 teachers were taken for a 2D1N programme at Kenong Eco Camp at Kuala Lipis, Pahang.
- 30 Apr: Official launching of "Ops Belang" by the KATS Minister at Paya Indah Wetlands. Attended by Prof Ahmad and Shan.

Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC

- 15 Apr: Yeap invited to give talk (training) on hornbill to Pulau Banding Resort staffs.
- 16-26 Apr: Yeap at BTFC working on hornbill project.
- 28 Apr: Yeap presented a paper on his PhD work re. the ecology of hornbills of BT at FRIM organised wildlife forum.

EU Forest Governance Project

- 1 & 26 Apr: Meeting Mr Lim Si Siew (technical proposal writer) to prepare the full proposals for the EU grant. MNS's submission of 2 concept proposals for projects focussing on women, media and indigenous communities have been successful
- 2 Apr: EU project meeting with Dr Hum to discuss on project planning for 2019 and the logframe.
- 3 Apr: Ee Ling attending bengkel penilaian CBD 6NR at Putrajaya Marriot Hotel, IOI City Resort.
- 4 Apr: With Dr Tapan (Nottingham University) planning to organize a regional symposium in Malaysia. The event will be conducted in conjunction of MNS 80th year celebration.
- 5-7 Apr: The 1st MNS-CIDT Forest governance roadshow conducted at Kertih, Terengganu. About 30 participants attended the workshop.
- 8-10 Apr: Recce trip to Johore Parks; joined by 5 staff member from MNS and BL regional coordinator; and facilitated by Johore Parks Corporation. The monitoring/evaluation programme carried out following Sultan Johore's request to MNS to take on a more active role in the conservation of the State's natural habitats and its associated resources. Sites visited include Gunung Ledang and Endau-Rompin National Parks.
- 10 Apr: : Prof Ahmad attended the Rancangan Malaysia ke-12 preparation meeting as a member of TWG member for Nature Resources planning in Putrajaya.
- 18 Apr: TRCRC's rainforest medicinal book launch & forum on CFS at Menara Prisma, KL. Ms Eda & Prof Ahmad attended on behalf of MNS.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23 Apr: 1st of Tapir talk series conducted at Rimba Ilmu. University Malaya. The title chosen was “Protected Areas and degazettement of forests”; facilitated by Prof. Ahmad and the panellist include Tan Sri Salleh Mohd Noor (project advisor), Lim Teck Wyn (forest activists) and Michelle (MYD). About 80 participants, including 2 reporters attended the forum.• 25 & 27 Apr: : Ee Ling gave an introduction on the EU project to Selangor KPA teachers (at Kem Latihan Belia Negara, Tanjung Rhu, Sepang) and MENGO members during their annual AGM at MNS office.• 30 Apr: MCCG meeting re. the EU proposal prepared by the consultant.
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