

Conservation Division Report as of 30 September 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 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 2021.</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, Woo Chee Yoong, Mohd Fadhirul and Nur Syuhada hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shiyamala (climate change), Amirah and Shashi (Certification/ 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 (2016-2020); 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) 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"> • 3, 6 & 11 Sept: Planning meetings conducted for the preparation of Pesta Sayap 2019. • 15 Sept: Kapar monthly waterbird count by MNS bird SIG members. • 26 Sept: Projek Germplasma Bagan Dato meeting at FRIM, attended by Sonny & Wai Pak. MNS submitted new proposal for extension of bird survey during AWC 2020 and to conduct bird training for the local community. <p><u>KSNP for Ramsar & firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 Sept: Fadhil to attend 6 weeks training course on protected area management at Institut Pelbagaian Biologi (IPB) Bukit Rengit, Lanchang, Pahang. The training programme was conducted by PERHILITAN under the PA Management project. • 18-21 Sept: Zaid attended the DID organised workshop on “Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in river management”. • 21-24 Sept: Dr Mathews Joseph from India (Sacret Heart College, Kochi, Kerala), facilitated by Mr. Morgan (ex-PERHILITAN) conducting “spider research” at KSNP. <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-11 Sept: Sonny attended the “Seminar Kebangsaan Hutan Paya Laut & Pesisir Negara” in Hotel Park Avenue, Sg. Petani, Kedah and presented a poster on the bird diversity in restored mangrove forests. • 10 & 26 Sept: Balu, Raffi & Shan having meeting with SP Setia on Federal Hill development. MNS has earlier submitted a proposal (RM50K) to them to conduct ecological risk assessment at their site. • 24 Sept: Attended MTCC conference 2019, “Pushing boundaries advancing sustainability” at Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur with Prof Ahmad. Later joined MTCC’s 20th year dinner celebration. • 28 Sept: Shan and Raffi attended “Kajian Geopark Gombak-Hulu Selangor” at Pejabat Iktisas Planners, Taman Melawati. This will be new initiative under PLAN Malaysia to recongnise the geological monuments within KL-Selangor perimeter protected.
<p>Terrestrial Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Sept: Habibun & Shazana involved in setting up MNS exhibition during World Elephant Day 2019 at Kuala Gandah, Pahang. • 9-17 Sept: Ng Wai Pak in Sri Lanka presenting his M.Sc. research paper on Sun bear. His trip is partially funded by Bornean Sunbear Conservation Centre. • 17-18 Sept: Attended 6th JAWG meeting at Capri by Frasers, Kerinchi, KL. The meeting reviewed the feedback received from various stakeholders after the 1st public consultation conducted on the draft document. • 19 Sept: Meeting with Dr Wong Siew Tee (BSBCC) at PJ Crystal Crown re. collaborative work involving communities and Sun bears in Peninsular Malaysia. He offered to sponsor a research project to be carried out by Ng Wai Pak at Kenong Eco Park, and agreed to collaborate with MNS to help fundraise for the threatened species. • 23 Sept: MNS wildlife team (5 persons) attended the FGV organised workshop on environmental management within oil palm plantation at UKM, Bangi, Selangor.

- 23-26 Sept: Wai Park attended Sun bear IUCN Expert Working Group meeting, including participating in the 2nd International Sunbear Symposium on the conservation and management of the species in Meridian Hotel, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah,
- 28 Sept: Wildfriend activity at Zoo Negara. About 20 KPA youth members participated.

Tiger Conservation Project (previously known as Man & Nature Project)

- Tiger Fund established and “Tree for Tiger” fundraising campaign started at UEEF.
- 24-26 Sept: 2 SRR community members attended the Sustainable Natural Rubber workshop in Hat Yai, Thailand – accompanied Alifah and Syazana. The event was funded by Eichorn and jointly organised by Rainforest Alliance and Mighty Earth.
- 24-26 Sept: Habibun at Merapoh interviewing SRR members to discuss on the impact of the project, plus getting information to develop new project to be submitted to Maisons du Monde.
- 26 Sept: Meeting with Mycat Secretariat on the representation of WILD as new project partner. The decision will be made at the next Head of Organisation meeting.

Hornbill Conservation Work in BTFC

- Ms. Sathiarubini assisting Yeap with database development on BTFC & UMFR.
- Yeap and Woo Chee Yoong attending to Hornbill Volunteer programme at BTFC. SHELL grant to support 80 participants involvement during the 2-months programme.
- 4 & 12 Sept: Planning meetings for Hornbill Festival 2019.
- 16 Sept: Celebration of Hornbill Festival 2019 organised by Friends of the Hornbill at Kg. Air Banun, Gerik, Perak. About 400 local indigenous communities from the Jahut & Temiar participated in the event. Neighbouring Royal Belum State Park was represented by their officials who set up exhibition booth and presented on their activities. MNS team coordinated nature education activities and tourism workshop and conducted games with the participants.

EU Forest Governance Project

- 6 Sept: Ee Ling attended “Kick off” meeting re. preparation of Pelan Induk CFS at Bangunan UTC, Melaka; Meeting with Dr Tapan re. preparation for forest governance symposium.
- Alaleh Eghbali (UM student from Iran) interning with the EU-BL project for 3 months. She is tasked to support Ee Ling with the policy analysis work.
- 11 Sept: AM: MSPO standards’ revision meeting and discussion amongst project team members arranged by Lee Ee Ling & Alaleh. The documents are up for 2nd revision and will be finalised by 2020; PM: Lee Ee Ling later attended “CFS Open Source Platform” launch by Yayasan Hasanah at Taman Tunku, KL. MNS IBA database was shared with ERE to help built the platform.
- 13 Sept: AM: Balu & Ms. Stephanie attended the launch of KLEFF at Taman Tugu Nursery. The event was organised by EcoKnight, where Ms. Stephanie gave a short introduction on the MY forest Award sponsored by the EU-BL project; PM: Project team discussed the amendments to Forester’s Bill and the National Forestry Act. Short paper was prepared and submitted to the Forestry Department;
- 18 Sept: Project Management Team skype call re. the quarterly update on the EU-BL project. Ms. Intan represented MNS. Still no confirmation when the 3rd year funding will be coming in.
- 23 Sept: Yeap attended NSC-IC CFS meeting at KATS, Putrajaya. The meeting discussed on jump starting the UNDP project which has been stalled since early-2018.
- 26 Sept: EU-BL team meeting with Ms. Josil Murray (FAO-FLEGT) & Ms. Aimi Lee (EFI) re. regional forest governance symposium to be held in Indonesia in February 2020. FAO and EFI wants to leverage EU supported Indochina country participation during the symposium.

Others:

- 14 Sept: Attended the MNS's 72nd AGM in Ecocare Kertih, Terengganu.
- 23 & 27 Sept: Skype with Prashant and Sue Marshall on possible new project in Gua Musang under the Sustainability of Natural Rubber Policy agreement between Halcyon and BirdLife International. This was followed by preparatory meeting with Martin Holland and Prashant at MNS HQ with the fieldwork taking place between 29 Sept. – 8 Oct. 2019. .

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