

MNS KB Talks June 2019 - June 2020

- Relictual Great Apes of Sundaland – Fossil and Prehistoric Orangutans.
Dr. LIM Tze Tshen
29 August 2019
- Usun Apau Retraced: Oxford Revisits the Sarawak Plateau/ Together with FoSM
By Oxford students (Maryam Hafiz, Matthew Jones, Rosalie Wright.
20th September 2019
- Wild Orchids of Sarawak: A decade of study and way to go forward.
Ms Ling Chea Yiing / SFC
30 October 2019
- Japanese Forests, Forestry and Migratory Birds
Yuichi Yamaura, a Japanese bird researcher,
21 December 2019
- Asian Birdlife Festival/Khaoyai National Park & Rapid Assessments of the Helmeted Hornbill
Jason Teo & Batryshia Teepol
11 February 2020
- Reforestation in Sarawak - Challenges and Solutions.
Dr Timothy Hatch
5 March 2020

Total of six Talks for the year.

ACTIVITIES

Asian Bird Fair

- Held from 27-29 September 2019. Four UNIMAS MNS members volunteered at the MNS store.
- Made profits – 30% commission from NHP Singapore RM2022.81. MNSKB RM1105.70
- Gave brief conservation talks to school students who stopped by.

Hunting of Wild Birds in Sarawak

A 4-month (7 October 2019 - 31st January 2020).

BirdLife International (Asia), partner of MNS, funded RM8,000.00 for Kuching Branch while Penang Branch got RM7,000.00.

Jason Teo did a literature review at SFC, Sarawak Museum Department, Ministry of Environment and other government agencies offices.

Project has been completed. Report written and submitted for review.

Mandarin Birding Brochure

Yeo Siew Teck and Ng Jia Jie did the translation to Mandarin. Honorarium to MNSKB was RM 800.00, and direct costs, arranging printing, translation, coordinating the job was RM400.00

Projects

My Forest Funding RM20,000 from European Union (May 2018 – February 2019)

- MNS is the implementing agent for the funding.

- For birds inventory surveys at
- Mount Dulit;
- Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary; and
- Capacity building at Kuala Lawas and Kuala Baram, jointly with SFC – shared expenses.
- Conducted 2 waterbird workshops in Miri and Kuching and 1 forest workshop in Kuching
- Purchased 3 pairs of binoculars at RM1170 with the project funding.
- Project completed.

Rapid Assessments on Helmeted Hornbill from BirdLife International (Asia)

Between June to August 2019, MNSKB completed rapid assessments of the Helmeted Hornbill in:

- Batu Laga, Sg Asap, Belaga
- Hose Mountain, Sg Asap, Belaga
- Gunung Pueh National Park (HOB), Lundu
- Tanjung Datu National Park (HOB), Lundu
- Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary (HOB), Lundu
- Spearheaded this on-going 5-year Project 2019-2023
- Collaboration with SFC –original sites were Paya Maga or Mt Dulit, then changed to Usun Apau and Bungoh Range National Park
- Helmeted Hornbill additional funding of RM40,000 for Usun Apau and Bungoh Range National Park. Sabah and Peninsular Malaysia are also getting funding for the Helmeted Hornbill projects.

- Some positive outputs from these Projects include collecting data from various sites.
- Invited to present Talks on field and community surveys on the Helmeted Hornbill:
8th October 2019 Tapir Talk at University Malaya, (organised by MNS HQ) by Ng Jia Jie
21st October 2019 – RIMBA Talk (organised by SFC) in Miri by Jason Teo Jia Hong
- Capacity-building for young MNS Members: Batrisyia Teepol and Jason Teo are working on writing Papers on the shorebirds at Bako-Buntal Bay and hornbills in Sarawak.
- Sponsorship of RM3258 for purchase of spotting scope.

1. Improving Biodiversity Conservation of Wetlands and Migratory Waterbirds in the ASEAN Region (December 2019 – January 2020)

- Funding from Japan-ASEAN Corporation and facilitated by ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity. Funding was given to SFC.
- Conducted by MNS Kuching Branch together with SFC.
- Team members: Rose Au, Ong Kang Wei (Selangor Branch), Daniel Kong, Batrisyia Teepol and Ng Jia Jie.

- Request for a similar Project from Brunei Darrulsalem but did not happen due to certain technicalities.

Sejingkat Ashponds

- 2 days count – 21 species and 14,027 birds.

Bako-Buntal Bay

- 4 days count: 31 species and 14,095 birds
- Highlight – Northern Shoveller (1st record in Sarawak)

Kuala Baram Wetlands/Aquaculture Ponds

- 3 days count - 28 species and 2,089 birds
- Highlight – Long-billed Dowitcher (1st record in Sarawak, possibly Malaysia)

Kuala Limbang

- 3 days count – 24 species and 3,874 birds

Kuala Lawas

- 3 days count – 25 species and 4,934 birds
- Highlight – Dunlin (1st record in Sarawak, possibly Malaysia).
- Income to MNS Kuching Branch: RM4600

2. Belawai – Kuala Paloh Shorebird Census (25-27 February 2020)

- WWF-Malaysia Kuching has an ongoing water management project at Belawai, in collaboration with SFC.
- Bird census is part of project work.

- Rose Au and Daniel Kong conducted a 2-day bird census jointly with SFC and WWF.
