

**Conservation Division Report covering the period of 26 Oct. – 30 Nov. 2020 (Extended MCO Period)**

<b>1. Division Updates:</b>	
2 programme areas i.e. the Marine & Terrestrial programmes which supported MNS Strategic Plan 2008–2020 implementation.	
Marine & Wetlands Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Sonny Wong &amp; Balu Perumal  <u>Staffs:</u> Ng Wai Pak hired as senior wetlands officer, Habibun as conservation centre and community officer, Shahril Kamarulzaman and Azelan Zakaria are hired-hand placed under UCF centers. EE staffs – Maichal (wetlands) and Zaid (marine/ education) assist on part time basis.  <u>Activity focus:</u> KSNP for Ramsar, North Central Selangor Coast &amp; TAT-KM Flyways, Migratory bird, otters &amp; firefly; Urban Community Forest &amp; UCF Network.</p> <p><b>Current Projects:-</b></p> <p>a. NCSC and migratory bird initiatives          Ricoh project (RM65K) came to a closure end Nov 2020. Current work related to AWC 2021 is funded by TKC MF (RM10K).</p> <p>b. Mangrove initiatives, Firefly and Otter projects;          Community mangrove tree planting supported by Forestry Department (RM6K); Firefly directory work supported by FRIM (RM21K); NCSC Otter project supported by MSIG (RM30K).</p> <p>c. Tree planting activities; UCF Resource Centre &amp; UCF Network activities are supported by self-funding activities related to tree planting and merchandise sales. At the moment there are planting stocks worth RM50K in nursery, which will be used to support the IWK Pantai and Nestle ReLeaf tree planting initiatives.</p>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Balu Perumal &amp; Yeap Chin Aik  <u>Staffs:</u> Lee Ee Ling contracted as policy officer. Syamimi Makbul, Wan Rodiah, Woo Chee Yoong, Mohd Fahirul (all attached to EU-BL project) and Nur Syuhada hired as RAs. EE staffs – Shashi (Certification/ EIA) and Adha (KPA/ education) assist on part time basis.  <u>Activity focus:</u> Hornbill &amp; large mammals’ conservation, forest policy work related to biodiversity &amp; climate change; Important Bird &amp; Biodiversity Areas (IBA) and MNS-BirdLife Partnership Programme.</p> <p><b>Current Projects:-</b></p> <p>d. Sun bear 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. Negotiation is on-going to extend the project for next 5-years period.</p> <p>e. Hornbill Survey in BTFC          NCTF project support worth RM75K for 2019/2020; BirdLife/NatGeo Helmeted Hornbill project (RM45K), Bursa KL grant for 2020 (RM116K); MNS HVP 2019 volunteer payments (RM30K) and Coffee Bean &amp; Tea Leaf campaign grant (RM30K),</p> <p>f. 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.
<b>3. Project Activities Updates</b> Projects activities are on track with proposed timeline with no major issues.	
Marine & Wetlands Conservation Programme	<p><u>General:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going planning for Marine/ Wetlands Programme 2020/21 underway; identification of new projects for 2020/21 and sourcing for possible funding/ donors. Appointed En. Azli Abu Bakar as programme advisor for work with Marine Parks Department, Malaysia. Focus will be on Seribu Archipelago (Tioman and Mersing Islands) and the Andaman Seas (Langkawi, Penang, and the coastline of Kedah and Perlis).</li> <li>• 25 Nov: Meeting with Jabatan Taman Laut (Mr. Albert) on join collaboration re. Andaman Sea project. Was given a map of proposed Marine Park Areas in Langkawi – Taman Laut Datai &amp; Taman Laut Singa Besar..</li> </ul> <p><u>NCSC Project and migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-5 Nov: EAAFP Shorebirds Science Meeting webinar attended by Sonny and Wai Pak.</li> <li>• 21 Nov: Ricoh’s AWC 2020 Seminar held virtually, with 76 participants. PERHILITAN and MNS branches presented their findings moderated by Prof Ahmad &amp; Mr. Tan Choo Eng.</li> <li>• 27 Nov: Sonny attended the briefing, “Pelan Pengurusan dan Pembangunan Pelancongan Teluk Intan” by Tourism Perak.</li> <li>• 28 Nov: Wai Pak attended and presented at the “Workshop on Coastal Wetland Birds Conservation in Asia-Pacific Region” organised virtually by the Shanghai Science &amp; Technology Museum.</li> <li>• 28-29 Nov: Woo participated in the Flyway Youth Forum 2020.</li> <li>• In discussion: CV publication of Bird Check List (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) proposed by BCC.</li> <li>• Received news that our proposal for Hasanah Special Grant 2020 (Covid-19) at Pulau Ketam was not successful.</li> </ul> <p><u>Mangrove and Firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 &amp; 17 Nov: Sonny &amp; Woo attended the Reverse the Red 1 &amp; Red 2 webinars organised by IUCN SSC; also submitted cfirefly list from Malaysia to Red List coordinator.</li> <li>• 4-5 Nov: Zaid attended “Mesyuarat penanaman pokok pesisir pantai 4/2020” in Kuantan, Pahang.</li> <li>• 16 Nov: Yazid attended “Bengkel pemuliharaan kunang-kunang” organised by Jbt. Landskap Negara in Kemaman, Terengganu.</li> <li>• 23 Nov: Sonny attended meeting at FRIM, “Mesy. Core-Group Proj Penanaman Pokok Bakau &amp; Spesies Sesuai di Pesisiran Pantai Negara - Bil 02/2020” and reported on the progress of firefly directory project.</li> <li>• 27 Nov: Sonny contributed a mangrove firefly chapter for Modul Sekolah Bebas Plastik; prepared half yearly report to MBZ Species Conservation Fund on FIN project.</li> <li>• 30 Nov: Web meeting with Wildlife Reserve Singapore on ASAP and CPSG SEA. Sonny and Balu presented on national firefly and freshwater fish conservation activity.</li> <li>• Received news that FoBK proposal to GEF-SGP for community firefly study approved. MNS to play a major role in developing firefly citizen science programme at Bukit Kiara (RM10K).</li> </ul> <p><u>MNS Otter Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6-8 and 13-15 Nov: Woo attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Capacity Building Training for the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 &amp; 24 Nov: DBKL Otter project - site visit by Sonny, Woo &amp; Sashi to Taman Botani Perdana to view the “Visitor Information Centre” earmarked for the development of Nature Education Centre; later conducted internal meetings to prepare NEC &amp; otter proposal with other MNS colleagues.</li> <li>• 11 Nov: Woo attended the “Pre-AWS 2021 Webinar: Human Well-Being and Wetlands” organized by Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia.</li> <li>• 13Nov: Zoom meeting with Leona and Annabel (as Sabah representatives from MON) to discuss on the possibility of starting MNS Otter Project in Sabah.</li> <li>• 17 Nov: Woo is invited as a speaker in the Webinar “Young Researchers’ Perceptions on Illegal Wildlife Trade” organized by Wildlife Awareness Network.</li> <li>• 19-30 Nov: Woo at KSNP pursuing fieldwork on otter.</li> <li>• Submitted article to MN (Dec. issue) about WOD 2020 celebration.</li> <li>• Received news that the proposal submitted for Otter conservation project at NCSC to Conservation, Food and Health Foundation was approved. The 1 year project (RM100K) will start in Jan 2021.</li> <li>• Developed and submitted a new proposal to Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund.</li> </ul> <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre, including Climate Change:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 Oct: Student intern, Nuriliyana Nazirah (UCSI) internship presentation.</li> <li>• 11 Nov: Seminar Pembangunan Geopark Gombak-HuluLangat, Selangor organised by PLANMalaysia, attended by Patrick, Sonny and Zaid.</li> <li>• 20 Nov: Presented on UCF as part of the Green Team Action (social responsibility) during webinar on sustainable oil palm in Malaysia.</li> <li>• 20-27 Nov: 3500 mangrove seed were procured from Kuala Gula, and distributed to KSNP and Kertih centers respectively. Habibun executed the activity with the respective park managers.</li> <li>• 26 Nov: Habibun attended “Mesy. JTRD Program Penanaman Pokok Bakau &amp; Spesies Sesuai di Pesisiran Pantai Negara. BIL 02/20”.</li> <li>• Received news that the tree nursery proposal submitted to Habitat Foundation has been shortlisted (RM25K).</li> <li>• Sonny submitted a firefly article to Tan Sri Salleh MN and Su Win for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book; prepared Trillion Tree presentation and revised UCF packages</li> <li>• Wan Rodiah presented a talk on “Fungi of Malaysia” organized by Have Hope</li> </ul>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear (tiger &amp; other mammals) Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing: Developing volunteer packages for Kenong Rimba Park &amp; Sun Bear Education Module</li> <li>• 31 Oct: Submitted feedback to DOE relating to addressing wildlife crime in Malaysia.</li> <li>• 2 Nov: Habibun and Syuhada at Gua Musang Field Centre for nursery maintenance and interpretive trail development.</li> <li>• 5-6 Nov: Meeting with SRR Community re. organization account registration, and continued with site survey Sungai Yu Wildlife Corridor.</li> <li>• 4, 6, 9, 12 &amp; 25 Nov: Habibun, Wai Pak, Woo, Yeap and Balu continue attending the Malaysian Primatological Society (MPS) Small Ape Action Plan workshops. As a follow up Woo distributed “Gibbon sighting” form to be filled up by MNS members.</li> <li>• 24 Nov: Habibun, Wai Pak and Balu attended the “Mesyuarat Kumpulan Kerja MyGajah Bil.1/2020” organized by Perhilitan via zoom meet.</li> </ul> <p><u>BTFC Forest/Hornbill Conservation Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27-29 Oct: Yeap participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> IUCN Hornbill Specialist Group Steering Committee Meeting (online).</li> </ul>

- 3 Nov: Project development discussion with Climate Governance Malaysia (grant-maker) showcase of NGO. Yeap submitted first draft of presentation to CGM thereafter.
- 4 Nov: Project development discussion with Full Circle Foundation HK (grant-maker). Submitted concept proposal on BT (and NCTF) thereafter.
- 4-6 Nov: Yeap, Balu & Sonny participated in the BirdLife Asia Partnership Meeting which was conducted online. Discussed on the new BL Strategy & attended breakout group sessions.
- 6 & 30 Nov: Project development discussion with Wildlife Reserves Singapore (grant-maker) re. supporting work on Hornbills of BTFC.
- 14 Nov: Woo interviewed by Ai FM programme about MNS hornbill conservation works.
- 16-27 Nov: Yeap conducted fieldwork under the BT hornbill conservation work.
- 27 Nov – Contract agreement for Segre-BirdLife grant (for MNS) currently being prepared by BirdLife; project team meeting conducted online on 2021 work readiness.
- Yeap preparing quarterly reports (July-Aug/Sep-Oct) for Bursa Malaysia; and developing hornbill training modules.
- Malaysian Care have disbursed the funds for Kg Peta. Aid was distributed to Sg. Buloh OA community on 8 Nov 2020. Reports (on Kg Charokbus/Tebang/Sg Buloh/Kg Peta) are currently being prepared for donor.

#### PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS/PAPERS

- Important Hornbill Landscapes in Peninsular Malaysia has finally been published in the Sarawak Museum Journal.
- Preparing a Plain-pouched Hornbill Hornbill Triangle Monitoring Report for 2018 and 2019 (MNS Conservation Publication Series). Thailand Hornbill Project team has returned with data for inclusion of information for the Bang Lang (southern Thailand) side. Report being finalized.
- Preparing a MNS CV Publication on Malaysian wildlife food plants – a compilation of plants consumed by our wildlife which supports MNS' tree planting and habitat rehabilitation work and guide to plant selection. Target completion is end December 2020, in time for the start of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-2030 (decadeonrestoration.org). Work progressing with intern.

#### EU Forest Governance Project

- 26 Oct: The newly formed "Coalition to Save Selangor's Forest", submitted letters to ADUNs and Ahli Parlimen Selangor, to seek their support to object the call for the degazettement of KLNPSF.
- 27 Oct & 26 Nov: My forest team attended Asean Center for Biodiversity/ KeTSA organised webinar series (Webinar 2 & 3).
- 28 Oct: Yeap attended webinar on avifauna in logged forests in Sarawak (online)
- 29 Oct: Balu attended CAN-PCG zoom meet (CANSEA).
- 1, 4 & 25 Nov: Participated in the Webinars organised by British High Commission in Malaysia.
- 5 Nov: Balu was invited as guest lecturer at UNM and presented on "Current forest management in Malaysia & role of non-state actors".
- 7 Nov: Yeap & Woo organized MNS IBA Review Workshop (online) supported by MY forest team.
- 10 Nov: Balu attended BL organized webinar on Nature Base Solution (part 2).
- 11 Nov: Organised Tapir Talks 6.0 – KL Structure Plan 2040 and the importance of green lungs; MNS Selangor Branch endorsed legal letter drafted by SAM representative (Thieva) which were submitted to the Selangor State Government re. confronting deforestation issues at Bukit Cerakah Forest Reserve.
- 13 Nov: Intan, Wan and Ee Ling attended the EC FoGo Audit lessons learned meeting organised by BL Cambridge.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 17 Nov: Syamimi and Ee Ling gave interview to Ms. Maisarah Bt Makmor (PhD candidate, Faculty of Built Environment, UM) on “Public Participation in EIA processes in Malaysia’.</li><li>• 19 Nov: Balu, Ee Ling, Eza, Yeap and Syamimi participated in the EC FoGo organised webinar; “Strengthening Local Community Group”. Balu shared the Malaysian case studies from the project.</li><li>• 20, 23 &amp; 24 Nov: Submitted feedback on Budget 2021 (focussing on KASA and KETSA requested budget). In this case, MNS assisted the MP for Kuantan to raise the issue in the following parliament sitting.</li><li>• 23 Nov: Balu attended “Sesi Perundingan Kerangka Kewangan REDD Plus” and “Panduan Pasaran Karbon Sukarela Sektor Hutan” organised by by the REDD+ unit in KeTSA.</li><li>• 25 Nov: Submitted MNS Q3 Quarterly Report to BL.</li><li>• 26 Nov: Ee Ling &amp; Syamimi attended EU SEA preparatory rehearsal dialogue with BL policy team.</li><li>• 27 Nov: MY forest team weekly meeting - following up on Q3 &amp; Q4 reporting of the project.</li><li>• 30 Nov: Balu attended the RSPO NPP development Sub-group meeting.</li></ul>
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