

Conservation Division Report as of 16 June – 15 July 2020 (CMCO Period)

1. Division Updates:	
2 programme areas i.e. the Marine & Terrestrial programmes which support MNS Strategic Plan 2008–2020 implementation.	
Marine & Wetlands Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Sonny Wong & Balu Perumal <u>Staffs:</u> Ng Wai Pak as senior wetlands officer, Habibun as conservation centre and community officer, Shahril Kamarulzaman and Azelan Zakaria hired-hand 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 & TAT-KM Flyways, Migratory birds & firefly; Urban Community Forest & UCF Network.</p> <p>Current Projects:-</p> <p>a. NCSC project with RICOH Japan (July 2019 – June 2020), including migratory bird initiatives; Value of sponsorship is RM65K per year under yearly contract renewable with BL Japan starting 2019. Sadly, we had been informed by BL Japan that the project ends in June 2020. However, the migratory bird initiatives will continue re. community training and AWC, but we will have to look for other funders.</p> <p>b. Mangrove initiatives and Firefly project; Community mangrove tree planting supported by Forestry Department (RM6K); Firefly directory work supported by FRIM (RM22K).</p> <p>c. Tree planting activities; UCF Resource Centre & 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 the nurseries.</p>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Balu Perumal & Yeap Chin Aik <u>Staff:</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 & 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>d. 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. Negotiation is on-going to extend the project for next 5-years period.</p> <p>e. Hornbill Survey in BTFC 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 & Tea Leaf campaign grant (RM30K),</p>

	<p>f. 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 & Wetlands Conservation Programme</p>	<p><u>General:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Marine/ Wetlands Programme 2020/21 underway - identification of new projects for 2020/21 and sourcing for possible funding/ donors. • Alifah help prepare Marine Ecosystem slides for online education purposes. • NCSC final technical report submitted to Asean Center for Biodiversity and cleared by International Waterbird Expert. Financial report prepared and submitted by Intan, awaiting approval. • 2 & 7 July: Submitted MNS comments on TOR for “Tambak Laut Seluas 300 ekar (122.406 ha) in Pekan Klebang, Seksyen 1, Bandar XLIV, Daerah Melaka Tengah, Melaka” by Konsortium Pembangunan Tanah Laut (Melaka) Sdn. Bhd. • 9 July: Submitted MNS comments on TOR for Proposed Crude Oil Processing Plant on Lot 1863 And Berths within Kuantan Port Mukim Sungai Karang, District of Kuantan Pahang Darul Makmur by Tetuan Newocean Refinery (M) Sdn Bhd (Newocean) And Kuantan Port Consortium Sdn Bhd. <p><u>NCSC Project and migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kapar monthly water bird count by MNS bird SIG members - application for new term i.e. Aug20 - Mar21 submitted to the authorities. • Ricoh’s AWC Seminar for Flyway Communities postponed Oct. 2020 due to Covid19 pandemic. • 28 June: Ricoh project signboards were set up at Sg Buloh Sasaran and Kg Sg Lima Jeti to sensitise the public on NCSC-IBA and EAAFP Flyway site. • 2 July: Wai Pak Invited to give a talk on the importance of mangrove habitat for migratory birds, eco and volunteerism potential to Majlis Perbandaran Klang and Selangor Tourism. • 9 July: In collaborate with Sunway University, a proposal was presented to Selangor Excos; YB Hee and YB Ng, to develop the Flyway Komuniti at Kg Sg Lima, Pulau Ketam focusing on voluntarism and ecotourism. • 15 July: Bagan Datuk bird book printed; delivered 200 books to FRIM, 200 for Perak Branch, and balance 600 copies for sale @ RM50/each. <p><u>Firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June-July: coordinating MNS’s virtual WFFD 2020. Planned activities include - press release, President’s speech (video), FAQs, on-line contest and games, including joint activity with Kasetsart University Thailand. • Compiled Bukit Kiara fireflies 2017-2020 draft report. • Sonny co-author: Global firefly tourism paper with members of Firefly International Network. 1st draft circulated for comments to the partners. • 24 Jun: Worked on developing SOP for firefly watching during COVID-19 period. Hafiz from Cherating Firefly has adopted this into his operation. • 29 Jun: Sent firefly posters to Johor Branch for exhibition • 10 July: Congregating Firefly Zones book (or Firefly Directory) received RM22K support form FRIM for its printing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 -24 Jun & 8 July: Discussion with FoBK, FRIM and UM on firefly citizen science. MNS to facilitate training under the GEF-SGP community project. <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre, including Climate Change:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 June: Facilitated KSNP mangroves webinar organised by N9/Melaka Branch. • 22 June: First tree planting income (RM5K) since MCO - by PASTECC. Planting of 100 merbau seedlings at Heritage Trail. • 8 July: Meeting with Amelyn and Dr. Ruslan (Human Capital) who are contracted by CIDB to review the Construction Industry Environmental Sustainability Plan. • 13 July: GEC live-video shooting at Sg. Bras-Bras for the ROLPOP project. • Working on paper submission for Forest Governance Forum 2021 highlighting MNS work re. PAKAS Komuniti and UCF Network. • Received RM22K for mangrove tree planting from Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia. About RM6K allocated for supporting community tree planting at Kg. Sg. Timun, Rembau, which will come under UCF's responsibility. • 10 student interns reported for duty during the CMCO period; Heikal from Kolej Mara, Hairol from UPM, and 8 others from UPSI. The latter group worked on the Latihan Industry from home and supervised remotely by Mr. Balu Perumal.. <p><u>MNS Otter Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the meeting with DBKL and PERHILITAN, we provided feedback on details of activities that MNS will be interested to work on with the authorities. This will be included in an MOU that will be signed between the 3-parties on Otter conservation. • Successfully concluded the 1st virtual World Otter Day 2020 celebration, and submitted a written report to International Otter Society based in Scotland, who provided a small grant to support the activity. • Mr. Woo Chee Yoong (RA) have signed up for 2-years M. Sc. course with Sunway University. He received full scholarship and partial funding to conduct his research which will be based at Kuala Selangor Nature Park.
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop packages for visitor involvement in SBM activities, including a booklet for Sun Bear volunteers. • Ongoing: Drafting of Sun Bear Education Module • Analyse and provide feedback on Sun bear Action Plan prepared by UKM. • On-going discussion with FGV and project partners to extend the Sun Bear project to next phase of 5-years. • 13 July: Meeting with FGV and FELDA on issues related to human-wildlife conflicts in oil palm plantations. Both parties indicated they will be happy to work with MNS to rehabilitate areas identified as wildlife corridors (or HCV) within their plantations. <p><u>BTFC Forest/Hornbill Conservation Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing fundraising cum merchandising project with James Koh (artist). Mr James Koh has given his two paintings to MNS for further use on 10 July]. • Finalising hornbill proposal for Peninsular Malaysia (BT & Terengganu) under the BirdLife Tokyo Dinner Funds. (12 months / June 2020-May 2021 / RM65K). MNS Kuching has signed the bilateral agreement with BirdLife Asia. Project duration is 15 July till 30 April 2021.

- Covid-19 Aid received from Malaysian Care to support Orang Asli communities at Kg. Cheweh was disbursed on 23 July. Also preparing additional proposal to cover more villages in Temenggor, Selangor (Sg Buloh) and Johor (Kg Peta).
- Narrative and financial project reports for March till June 2020 submitted to Bursa on 13th and 16th July 2020.
- Returned to field from 13-24 July to normalize BT hornbill conservation work and install field SOP during RMCO.
- Developing hornbill training modules.
- Provided assignment to student intern, Mr. Heikal on extracting information re. Wildlife Food Plants in Malaysia.

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS/PAPERS

- Preparing a Plain-pouched Hornbill Hornbill Triangle Monitoring Report for 2018 and 2019 (MNS Conservation Publication Series).
- MNS Conservation Publication No. 21 printed and ready for distribution.
- Preparing a paper on Ulu Muda hornbills with co-authors for MNS Ulu Muda Seminar in Nov 2020.

EU Forest Governance Project

- May-June: Attended online training course by FutureLearn - IUCN Red List of Ecosystems: The Global Standard for Assessing Risks to Ecosystems.
- 25 June: Carbon stock assessment training organised by BirdLife International, and participated by project partners.
- 27 June: Zaid conducted field recce to illegal deforestation site at Padang Endau, Johore (new oil palm development on peat soil) and investigate the cause of Pontian Dam siltation.
- 29 June: Attended the stakeholder consultation session organised by KeTSA at FRIM re. finalising the drafts on Malaysia and Peninsular Malaysia Forestry Policy.
- 30 June: Participated in the discussion re. KLSP 2020 organised by MNS Selangor Branch.
- 4 July: Participated in the Virtual Training Series: Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation, organised by Malaysian Youth Delegation in collaboration with SEADPRI-UKM.
- 6 & 8 July: Submitted MNS comments on EIA on Development of Double Circuit (DC) 500KV Overhead Line (OHL) From Point M (Border Pahang/Selangor) to AP6A to DOE. Later contacted by Gunung-Ganang Corporation Sdn Bhd (EIA consultant) for discussion and clarification on MNS comments.
- 10 July: Participated in the meeting by the Coalition to Save Selangor's Forest.
- 11 July: Ee Ling attended 'Bengkel Asas Tingkatkan Kemahiran & Pengetahuan Menganai Isu Perhutanan Di Semenanjung Malaysia' by Mr. Meor from SAM, organised by Gabungan Darurat Iklim.
- 13-16 July: Attended the Chatham House Global Forum on Forest Governance. Altogether attended 4 panel forums live telecast on zoom platform.
- 14 July: Organised Tapir Talks 4.0 – Current Status of Biodiversity in Malaysia, featuring TS Salleh, Prof. Abdul Latiff and Dr. Ruth Kiew.
- 15 July: Submitted MNS comments on the RSPO New Planting Procedure (Revision 2020).