

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

<b>1. Division Updates:</b>	
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 &amp; Balu Perumal  <u>Staffs:</u> Ng Wai Pak as senior wetlands officer, Habibun as conservation centre and community officer, Shahril Kamarulzaman 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 &amp; TAT-KM Flyways, Migratory birds &amp; firefly; Urban Community Forest &amp; UCF Network.</p> <p><b>Current Projects:-</b></p> <p>a. NCSC project with RICOH Japan (July 2019 – June 2020), including migratory bird initiatives; Value of sponsorship is RM65K per year under single year contract with BL Japan starting in 2019. We had been informed by BL Japan that the project runs until 2022.</p> <p>b. Mangrove initiatives and Firefly project; Supported by anonymous European funder (RM25K/year) and Forestry Department (RM5K). Bagan Datuk mangrove bird book project supported by FRIM (RM30K).</p> <p>c. Tree planting activities; UCF Resource Centre &amp; UCF Network activities are supported by self funding activities (est. RM50K/ year).</p>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>Managers:</u> Balu Perumal &amp; Yeap Chin Aik  <u>Staff:</u> Lee Ee Ling contracted as policy officer. Syamimi Makbul, Alifah Ilyana, Woo Chee Yoong, Mohd Fahirul 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. 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>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 &amp; 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>

### 3. Project Activities Updates

Projects activities are on track with proposed timeline with no major issues.

Marine  
Conservation  
Programme

#### General:

- Planning for Marine/ Wetlands Programme 2020/21 underway - identification of new projects for 2020/21 and sourcing for possible funding/ donors.
- 19 May & 4 June: Provided feedback to DOE as part of TORAC panel re. development of a new international port at Kuala Linggi. MNS N9/Melaka was notified and participated in the zoom meeting organised by DOE.
- 20 May: Participated in UMT organised webinar, "Biotechnology approach to protect marine environment".
- 26 May: Participated in World Turtle Day Talk, Nottingham University Malaysia.
- 1 June: Discussed with Dr. Holly (Monash University) on joint proposal to KeTSA re. producing an updated wetlands directory for Malaysia. The exercise will also involve expertise from Nottingham University Malaysia to produce the spatial/ remote sensing maps.
- 9 June: Attended LUAS's stakeholder discussion & input session re. IRBM Sungai Buloh

#### NCSC Project and migratory bird initiatives:

- Prepared and submitted the 2019/20 report to Ricoh, plus a new activity proposal for 2020/21 period.
- May - June: Focus on the preparation of Bagan Datuk bird book – 1<sup>st</sup> draft circulated for internal review by Perak Branch; forwarded to VP and BCC Chair for comments.
- New application for Kapar monthly waterbird count by MNS bird SIG members processed; covering a period between Aug20 - Mar21:
- Second round of finalizing the ACB's NCSC survey report after receiving feedback from their International Waterbird Expert Dr Taej Mundkur. Expected to be completed and sent off by 25 June.
- Ricoh's AWC waterbird training for communities – postponed to Oct 2020.
- Sonny contributed a book chapter on "Birds of Rehabilitated coast of Selangor" to FRIM's book series on Bagan Dato Mangrove Heritage Project;
- 21 May: Submitted AWC article to EAAFP newsletter.
- 2 June: Participated in the Ricoh Eco Action Day 2020 decarbonisation panel titled, "The race to net zero".

#### Firefly Initiative

- May - June: Sonny working on the CFZ fireflies book compilation and attending compulsory SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group's Online Training on Red List before the actual training in June 2021
- 18 May Launching of World Firefly Day 2020 theme by Firefly International Network; theme "Rising Hope" with arts performances, press release, YouTube Channel and Facebook.
- 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.

#### MNS Otter Project

- 16 May: Launch of virtual World Otter Day 2020 celebration – with month-long interactive awareness activities, games and quizzes. 1<sup>st</sup> such attempt undertaken by MNS, whereby CV Div was supported technically by ED Div. The event received sponsorship from International Otter Society based in Ireland (RM500).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 May: Collaborative meeting on Urban Otters with Jabatan Landscape and Rekreasi, DBKL. Mr. Woo presented on our aspiration to protect the threatened wetland species found in many of DBKL's ponds and lakes.</li> <li>• 15 June: Skyped with group of otter experts to form Malaysian Otter Network. Prof. Ahmad chaired the meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre, including Climate Change:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 May : Participated in webinar organised by MNS Melaka/NS Branch (Nature Heroes Series) - Start your own butterfly garden.</li> <li>• 22 June: First tree planting income (RM5K) since MCO - by PASTECC</li> </ul>
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13–15 Mar: SBM members attending the Raptor Watch event at Tanjung Tuan. Because of the cancellation, the community group were taken on a visit to Sg. Menyala EcoEducation Centre.</li> <li>• 18 Mar: Created more activity on SBM social media (Instagram &amp; Facebook). Syuhada and Habibun acted as administrators. Posted related issues about wildlife beside Sunbear. Last (experimental) posting was during World Tapir Day 2020 – where MNS President's speech was telecast using SRR IGTV medium</li> <li>• 6 – 10 Apr: exploring the AirBnB website as a part of online host for eco-tourism experience and adventure for SRR Package.</li> <li>• Finalise FGV 2019 technical &amp; financial report, which was submitted to FGV. We are expecting a payment of RM160K for 2019/2020 period.</li> <li>• Develop package for visitor involvement in SBM activities, including a booklet for Sunbear volunteers.</li> <li>• Ongoing: Drafting of Sun Bear Education Module</li> <li>• Analyse and provide feedback on Sun bear Action Plan prepared by UKM.</li> </ul> <p><u>BTFC Forest/Hornbill Conservation Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a multi-year (3 years/2021-2023) BT forest/hornbill proposal with Dr Anuj Jain (BirdLife Asia) for submission to Segre Foundation (est. Euro40K/yr). Proposal now being reviewed internally by BirdLife before another round of finalization.</li> <li>• Developing fundraising cum merchandising project with James Koh (artist) ie "Art for Hornbills". Artist has completed the paintings, will discuss on how to best capitalize on items.</li> <li>• Finalising hornbill proposal for Peninsular Malaysia (BT &amp; Terengganu) under the BirdLife Tokyo Dinner Funds. (12 months / June 2020-May 2021 / RM65K). In progress.</li> <li>• Scouting for other potential donors for BT work.</li> <li>• Drafted proposal for Temengor Scientific Expedition. Submitted to HOD Conservation for feedback on next steps.</li> <li>• Develop and submitted to BirdLife Asia a small grant proposal for private donor for Ulu Muda hornbill conservation work. Awaiting feedback.</li> <li>• Secured RM5K humanitarian aid for Kg Chuweh from Malaysian Care due to the COVID19.</li> <li>• Preparing March-April and May-June 2020 Report for Bursa Malaysia for funding BT hornbill work.</li> <li>• Returned to field from 15-26 June to normalize BT hornbill conservation work and install field SOP during RMCO.</li> <li>• Enrolled in an online learning course on the IUCN Red List on Ecosystem Assessment (FutureLearn / Deakin University) in June.</li> </ul> <p>PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS/PAPERS</p>

- Preparing a Plain-pouched Hornbill Hornbill Triangle Monitoring Report for 2018 and 2019 (MNS Conservation Publication Series).
- Prepared and completed a technical report on the ornithological works of BTFC (MNS Conservation Publication Series). Securing the ISBN number and bar code.
- Preparing a paper on Ulu Muda hornbills with co-authors for MNS Ulu Muda Seminar in Nov 2020; Developing hornbill training modules.

#### EU Forest Governance Project

- May-June: Prepared and submitted the MNS Policy Brief on REDD+ to Dr. Poshendra (BL).
- May-June: Ee Ling attended online training course by FutureLearn - IUCN Red List of Ecosystems: The Global Standard for Assessing Risks to Ecosystems.
- June: Postponement of Forest Governance Forum – initially planned for 8 June 2020 to next year. However, the planning for the forum – compilation of abstracts/ papers, etc. still continue on.
- 16 May: Participated in the 'Forest Conservation Webforum 2020 - Non-State Actors in Forest Governance: Experience Sharing between Bangladesh and Malaysia'. Mr. Balu was one of the resource person providing the case study for Malaysia. The other was Mr. Nagaraj from GEC.
- 18-19 May: Revised and completed the NSC Meeting No. 2/2018 meeting minutes.
- 19 May: Participated in the Webinar organised by DHI and UNEP: TEEBAgriFood Implementation Project – Promoting a sustainable agriculture and food sector.
- 21 May: Participated in the Meeting TORAC for TOR on Proposed Development of Plantation Land Into An Agricultural Crops Plantation & Agro-Based Products at Pajakan Negeri 8224, LOT 2438, Mukim Ulu Nengiri, Daerah Bertam, Jajahan Gua Musang, Kelantan Darul Naim.
- 21 May: Attended the ERE Webforum: Webinar Kebangsaan, Sesi II: Sumbangan Kepelbagaian Biologi Kepada Masyarakat.
- 22 May: Attended the Virtual High Level Panel Discussion - "Solution from Nature, the Commons Options".
- 26 May: Attended the UN-REDD Programme organised webinar: Session 6 – Mitigation plans and inspirational goals: examples from the private sector.
- 22-29 May: Ee Ling working on the MNS policy brief on "Saving Ulu Muda".
- 27-28 May: Prepared and submitted letter to DOE on map evidence re. the siltation of Pontian Dam; Researched on the 'Development plans underway for Klang Gates/Selangor State Park under MPAJ Local Plan'.
- 30 May & 4 June: Prepared and submitted MNS feedbacks, and attended TORAC meeting on Proposed Reclamation and Dredging for the Development of Kuala Linggi International Port.
- 1 June: Attended the WWF organised plenary group meeting 2 on economic stimulus package – Building Back better: Healthy, Resilient, Sustainable Economy.
- 4 June: Webinar session on Green Climate Fund supported REDD+ project. The event was organised by KeTSA with the help from UNEP, and focussed on REDD+ Safeguards.
- 5 June: Submitted comments to Second Order Draft of the Working Group 1 contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report.
- 6-7 June: Ee Ling attended the Jaringan Ekologi dan Iklim (JEDI) organised Ulu Muda Forum 1 & 2 – Role of Ulu Muda Forests in Climate Change Control and Provision of Ecosystem Services; Importance of Ulu Muda for Forests and Biodiversity Conservation, Ecotourism and Local Livelihoods.
- 9 June: Attended The Habitat Foundation organised Building Collective Capacity Online Webinar - Land, Law and the Development Process.
- 10 June: Attended the REDD Learning Session 67: The NDCs we want – Forests in the Focus.