

Conservation Division Report as of 26 September – 30 October 2020 (Extended MCO 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 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 & TAT-KM Flyways, Migratory bird, otters & firefly; Urban Community Forest & UCF Network.</p> <p>Current Projects:-</p> <p>a. NCSC project with RICOH Japan ended in June 2020. However, the migratory bird initiatives will continue, especially re. community training, Kapar monitoring and AWC, but we will have to look for other funding.</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 & 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>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 & 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. 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 & 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.
3. Project Activities Updates 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"> • 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 Seribuat Archipelago (Tioman and Mersing Islands) and the Andaman Seas. <p><u>NCSC Project and migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Sept: Application submitted to Tan Kean Cheong Bird Conservation Memorial Fund for Nation-wide waterbirds census training, monitoring & seminar for Asian Waterbird Census 2021 (RM10k), additional info were sent on 13 Oct 2020. • CGSO approved the monthly Kapar Waterbirds monitoring for the 2020-2021. The first counting was conducted on 3rd Oct. 2020 with 30,723 birds counted. The bird count activities are now postponed due to KEV's temporary closure during EMCO. • Preparation are in the works for Ricoh's AWC Seminar to be held virtually on 21 Nov. 2020. The announcement will be made after scheduled IBA review workshop next month. • 8 & 10 Oct: Wai Pak attended the IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group annual meeting and workshop. • 9 Oct: Wai Pak, Sonny and Woo attended the World Migratory Bird Day webinar: Inspiring Actions for Migratory Shorebird Conservation • 14 Oct: Application submitted for the Hasanah Special Grant 2020 (Covid-19) to support 6 months community development project at Pulau Ketam. Project intends to develop volunteer-ecotourism package; PM: Wetland team provided comments on Kota Melawati Special Draft Local Plan-KSNP. • 14 Oct: CV staffs attended Wetlands International AsiaPacific Regional Strategy webinar. • 16, 23, 30 Oct: Wai Pak attended Wetland Management Webinar Series organised by Mai Po Habitat Management, Research & Monitoring, and EE Centre. • 17 Oct: CV team facilitated webinar organised by KSNP during Festival of Wings; Talk on "Birds of KSNP" presented by Jacelyn See and "KSNP for Ramsar" by Wai Pak. • 20-27 Oct: BCC participating in Perak Utara Scientific Expedition organised by Dept. of Fisheries & Marine Parks. Conducted bird assessment of Pulau Sembilan facilitated by Perak Parks Corporation. <p><u>PUBLICATIONS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A chapter in "Status of Mangroves in Malaysia" published by FRIM Special Publication No. 50 (2020); Chapter 13 <i>Mangrove Birds of North Central Selangor Coast, Selangor, Malaysia</i> (Jacelyn See, Sonny Wong, Wai Pak). • A paper in FRIM Proceedings No. 19 (2019): Proceedings of the National Seminar on Mangrove and Coastal Forest; Paper on <i>Birds of rehabilitated coastal mangrove forest in Selangor</i> (Sonny Wong). <p><u>Firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct: Submission of revised proposal to GEF SGP. FoBK, FRIM and UM are parties to the firefly citizen science programme at Bukit Kiara along with MNS.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In preparation of proposal for submission to MNZ Species Conservation Fund for collective FIN activities. • Yazid (Ecocare) attended Jabatan Landskap Negara meeting on Sg Yakyah firefly – preparation of tourism management plan. • 22 Oct: Zoom discussion with Dr Nada, FRIM on the congregating firefly zones, including updates for the firefly directory. • 24 Oct: Sonny facilitated Negeri Sembilan/ Melaka Branch Nature Heroes Talk - Firefly, a Childhood Insect. • 27 Oct: Submitted IUCN SSC FSG 4th Quarterly report; also preparing for SSC Strategy Plan 2021-2024 discussion in November 11. • New proposal developed to support firefly community project in Malaysia, and submitted to CIMB Foundation (RM210K). <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre, including Climate Change:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing: Paper preparation for submission to Forest Governance Forum 2021 highlighting MNS work re. PAKAS Komuniti and UCF Network. • Aug. - Nov. 2020: 3 volunteers from local universities registered to help on routine work at UCF 3 times per weeks. En. Muhammad Hairul Izam presented his internship work on the Impact of Covid-19 to fishermen community in Kuala Selangor (30 Sept). • 30 Oct: Sonny attended IDC-eBengkel Syndication Bersama Sektor Swasta & NGO Bagi inisiatif Pembangunan Dasar Perkongsian Data Nasional– National Data Sharing Policy (NDSP), • Yeap submitted proposal to Habitat Foundation to fund the Chuweh tree nursery. Also received news that proposals submitted to Control Union to support tree planting at Sg Yu Tiger Corridor and NCSC last month were not successful. <p><u>MNS Otter Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitted proposal for Otter conservation project at KSNP to Conservation, Food and Health Foundation accepted. USD 30K funding for 1 year project – to start in Jan 2021. • Sept. 2020: Continued with internal meetings on developing the DBKL-MNS Otter proposals amongst MNS colleagues. • 8 & 10 Oct: Woo participated in the IUCN SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group annual meeting and workshop. • 9 Oct: Woo participated in a short interview by REED regarding otter and other biodiversity in Kepong Metropolitan Park. • 12 – 23 Oct; Woo started fieldwork on the MSIG-CIAP project - surveying otter population and its distribution along Kuala Selangor coastline. • 16 Oct: Woo as the speaker in a live talk on the “Otters – Malaysia’s Unsung Mammal” by Have Hope. • Ongoing: Developing “volunteer package for KSNP; and writing World Otter Day article for MN.
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing: Developing volunteer packages for Kenong Rimba Park & Sun Bear Education Module • 28 Sept: Submitted revised proposal for JFL (Halcyon) plantation HCV assessment to Prashant (BirdLife Asia). • 30 Sept: Collaborative 1st meeting with Wildlife Reserves Singapore (Jessica See & Sonya) re. supporting our IUCN Threatened Species work in Malaysia. To start with 2 projects next year i.e. firefly & peat swamp fishes.

- 12 Oct: Habibun, Wai Pak, Yeap and Balu attended the Malaysian Primatological Society (MPS) Action Plan Workshop 1.
- Continuous efforts from MNS secretariat to get the project reimbursed for 2019 expenses (RM160K). Submitted all the relevant receipts for project audit, and collective invoices from project partners.

BTFC Forest/Hornbill Conservation Work

- Agreement for Segre-BirdLife proposal for MNS being prepared by BirdLife. Also in discussion with BirdLife and other interested donor on possible long-term support for MNS' conservation projects.
- Final 50% from Bursa Malaysia (RM58,000) secured. Spending period July-Dec 2020. Preparing quarterly reports (July-Aug/Sep-Oct) for Bursa Malaysia.
- Malaysian Care have disbursed the funds for Sg Buloh. MCO Food aid have been delivered to Kg Tebang and Kg Charokbus in Temengor on 20th Oct. The Sg Buloh food aid will be managed by Balu. Reports are being prepared for donor.
- 12-23 Oct: Conducted fieldwork under the BT hornbill conservation work.
- MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme 2020 cancelled due to COVID-19/RMCO but the Orang Asli Hornbill Guardians are still monitoring/counting them at fixed stations daily. Monitoring extended to Oct 2020 to keep track of PPHs still in the landscape.
- Developing hornbill training modules.
- Invited by the Royal Belum State Park World Heritage Site Subject Experts Meeting on 29 Oct to present case for hornbills as an Outstanding Universal Value for preparation of the Royal Belum WHS dossier (along with Ee Ling).
- Invited by and presented a hornbill talk to KeTSA's Biodiversity Management Unit on 1 Oct. Additionally, there were discussions on possible donor funding on forest restoration (with hornbills in mind) after the talk and a continuation meeting on 5th Oct (with Balu along).

PUBLICATIONS:

- 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.
- Finalising the paper on Ulu Muda hornbills with co-authors for MNS Ulu Muda Seminar in Nov 2020.
- Preparing hornbill-related article for the MNS 80th Anniversary Book (to be submitted to Lee Su Win at her request).
- 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.
- Short communication on hornbill has been published in the IUCN SSC Hornbill Specialist Group's bulletin Volume 1 No. 2. The article is downloadable online at the HSG website.

EU Forest Governance Project

- 26 Sept: Submitted MNS feedbacks to DOE on TOR Bagi Projek Pembangunan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kulim (KXP) dan Kedah Aerotropolis, Mukim Sidam Kiri, Daerah Kuala Muda, Kedah Darul Aman.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 Sept: MNS Terengganu Chair Wong Chee Ho and Anuar Con Mc A Fee attended the Perbincangan Hal-hal Yang Berkait Dengan Hutan Simpan Kekal Belara upon invitation by Pejabat Setiausaha Kerajaan Terengganu. • 28 Sept: Ee Ling (with Nur Syamimi) submitted feedbacks on the Forest Stewardship Certification (FSC) Re-certification of the four (4) Sabah Forestry Department's FMUs to SCS Global Services. • 29 Sept: Balu, Pasu and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail attended the town hall meeting on the proposed degazettement of KLNFR at Amverton Resort, Pulau Carey, Klang. • 29 Sept: Ee Ling and Balu attended the Malaysia-UK Pact: Market engagement webinar; PM: Submitted MNS comments on TOR for the Proposed Logging and Oil Palm Plantation At Lot PTD 218 (2245.3 Ha) In Mukim Tenggaroh, Daerah Mersing, Johor Darul Takzim By Nadi Mesra Sdn Bhd. • 30 Sept: Conducted the Forest Governance Online Zonal Workshop - Forest Certification practices and Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) implementation in Malaysia; PM: Attended the Mesyuarat TORAC Bagi Projek Pembangunan Lapangan Terbang Antarabangsa Kulim (KXP) dan Kedah Aerotropolis, Mukim Sidam Kiri, Daerah Kuala Muda, Kedah Darul Aman. • 1 Oct: Zaid attended the Mesyuarat TORAC bagi TOR for the Proposed Logging and Oil Palm Plantation At Lot PTD 218 (2245.3 Ha) In Mukim Tenggaroh, Daerah Mersing, Johor Darul Takzim By Nadi Mesra Sdn Bhd. • 2 Oct: Balu facilitated a training workshop on HCV-HCSA to Control Union staffs during their harmonization programme week. • 6 Oct: Yeap and Woo working on the IBA revision workshop scheduled for Nov 2020. Team conducted a dry run of the event. • 7 Oct: Ee Ling participated in the Regional Stakeholder Consultation on Malaysian Nation Interpretation (MYNI) for Management and Monitoring of HCVs; PM: My forest team participated in the BL organised Equilibrium Partnership Webinar (civil society engagement). • 9 Oct: Yeap and Shan attended meeting called by Perak State Forestry Department on matters pertaining to the 'Tapak Kajian MNS' in Halong (Temengor FR); PM: Balu attended 4th Task Force Virtual Meeting for IGEM 2020 preparation. • 10 Oct: Ee Ling submitted MNS comments on TOR For The Proposed Logging And Tin Mining Operation, Compartment 24 And 31 Within Hutan Simpan Kenderong, An Area 245 Hectares, Sub District Of Kerunai, District Of Hulu Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan. • 12 Oct: Ee Ling attended the Mesyuarat TORAC for TOR For The Proposed Logging And Tin Mining Operation, Compartment 24 And 31 Within Hutan Simpan Kenderong, An Area 245 Hectares, Sub District Of Kerunai, District Of Hulu Perak, Perak Darul Ridzuan. • 12 - 20 Oct: Zaid participated in the International Palm Oil Sustainability Conference (IPOSC) 2020 - Module 2: Renewable Energy, Climate Change And Food Security. • 16 Oct: Syamimi participated in the webinar organised by KASA: "Climate Change: Where We Are"; PM: Ee Ling attended the Mesyuarat TORAC and submitted MNS comments on TOR For The Proposed Solid Waste Transfer Station At Lot 2370, 4122, 2784 & Part Of Lot 2778, Mukim Parit Jawa, Daerah Muar, Johor Darul Takzim. • 19 - 23 Oct: MNS involved in the virtual IGEM 2020 exhibition and conference, with other 6 MCCG members. We showcase an online exhibition booth and 3 conferences – Sustainable Forest Management, Nature Base Solution and Business and Biodiversity. • 27 Oct: My forest team attended Asean Center for Biodiversity/ KeTSA organised webinar series – Mainstreaming biodiversity post 2020.
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