

Conservation Division Report as of 16 July – 22 August 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 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 birds & 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 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); Bagan Datuk Bird Book (RM30K) and Firefly directory work supported by FRIM (RM22K); NCSC Otter project supported by MCIS (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>Staff:</u> Lee Ee Ling contracted as policy officer. Syamimi Makbul, Wan Rodiah, Woo Chee Yoong, Mohd Fakhirul (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. • NCSC final technical report submitted to Asean Center for Biodiversity and cleared by International Waterbird Expert. Financial report prepared and submitted by Intan. • 17 July: Submitted MNS comments on EIA-TOR for the “Proposed Expansion of Bitumen Refinery Plant on Plot 7195, Teluk Kalung Industrial Estate, Kemaman, Terengganu by Kemaman Bitumen Company Sdn Bhd.” • 22 July: Simone from Utrecht University Msc Sustainable Development- track Earth System governance, analysis Precondition focus on community based ecotourism to increase insight in success and failure in Ulu Groh, a questionnaire • 4 August: Submitted the SDG indicator 6.5.1 questionnaires for the IWRM • Commented on Monash University student’s comics on coastal reclamation, facilitated by KPA coordinator • 6 August: Participated in webinar: Pelancaran Rasmi Kajian Pembangunan Roadmap Transformasi Sektor Air Negara 2040 (WST2040); • 17 August: Sonny and Wai Pak attended the workshop at Putrajaya: Pengesahan maklumat SDG Indikator 6.5.1 kebangsaan- pelaporan SDG Ind 6.5.1 ke UNEP • 19 August: Submitted MNS comments on EIA-TOR for the Proposed Scheduled Waste Incinerator & Scheduled Waste Recovery Plant At Part of LOT 43852 (PT 6327)/H.S. (D) 206502, Bandar Sri Sendayan, Daerah Seremban, Negeri Sembilan. <p><u>NCSC Project and migratory bird initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGSO approved the monthly Kapar Waterbirds monitoring for the 2020-2021. The first counting will start on 6th Sept. 2020. • Ricoh’s AWC Seminar for Flyway Communities postponed Oct. 2020 due to Covid19 pandemic. • Writing proposal to AWCF – the fund can provide up to USD5K for training and CEPA activities. • 17 July: Balu attended “Mesyuarat Jawatankuasa R&D Projek Germplasma Warisan Hutan Bakau Bagan Datuk Bil. 1/2020.” • 22 July: Attended webinar: BirdLife illegal bird trade: technical challenges and BL response (BL Asia) • 23 July: Attended webinar: The use of conceptual models in understanding and supporting management of wetlands • 27 July: Attended online event, “Launch of Global Mangrove Watch and a Discussion of Science.” • 6 August: Wai Pak attended roundtable meeting with Sunway University lecturers for consultation with Kg Sg Lima’s MPKK, islanders, and tour operators, plus recce of mangrove tree planting site. • 17 August: Wrote book chapter 13 for FRIM’s new publication: Mangrove Status in Peninsular Malaysia - Mangrove birds of North Central Selangor Coast, Selangor, Malaysia. • Ongoing: Developing “volunteer programme package” for Asian Waterbird Census 2021.

	<p><u>Firefly Initiative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August: Conducted month-long virtual WFFD 2020 celebration with contest & quizzes. • 19 Aug: Sonny co-authored paper with members of Firefly International Network; “Firefly Tourism: Moving A Global Phenomenon Toward a Brighter Future”. Paper submitted to Conservation Science and Practice for review. • July-August : Discussion with FoBK, FRIM and UM on firefly citizen science programme at Bukit Kiara. MNS to facilitate training under the GEF-SGP funded community project. • 18 August: Submission to Unicode T Consortium for consideration of a proposal for a Firefly Emoji by the Firefly Emoji Team (FIN, MNS and Tufts University). • 3-7 Aug: Sonny attended “Red List Assessment Regional Coordinators Training” via zoom. • 21 August: CV webinar - Firefly, a Childhood Insect Talk for HaveHope.org. • In discussion: To include Fireflies as part of the global priorities for “The Red List Strategic Plan 2020-2030”. <p><u>Tree planting initiatives and Urban Resource Centre, including Climate Change:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on paper submission for Forest Governance Forum 2021 highlighting MNS work re. PAKAS Komuniti and UCF Network. • Submitted comments to DBKL re. KL Structural Plan 2040; and gave feedback on the KLSP 2020 re. change of plan on SP Development at Bukit Persekutuan <p><u>MNS Otter Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully concluded the 1st virtual World Otter Day 2020 celebration which ran through May and June 2020. Submitted a written report to International Otter Survival Fund (based in Scotland) who provided a small grant to support the activity. Also successfully established the Malaysia Otter Network. • Concept proposal submitted for Otter project at KSNP (March 2020) accepted by Conservation, Food and Health Foundation. Currently finalising the full proposal for submission by 3rd Sept. 2020. Potential USD 30K funding for 1-year project. • Following the meeting with DBKL and PERHILITAN on the 21st May 2020, we provided details on the activities to be included the MOU between the 3-parties on Urban Otter conservation. • Mr. Woo Chee Yoong (RA) have signed up for 2-years M. Sc. course at Sunway University. He received full scholarship and partial funding to conduct his research which will be based at Kuala Selangor Nature Park. • Ongoing: Developing volunteer package for volunteer involvement in KSNP otter research, and supervising Ms. Zoe Richard (UPSI student) developing Otter Education Module. • 12th August 2020: Attended a webinar on “The Story of the River Otter” by River Otter Ecology Project.
Terrestrial Conservation Programme	<p><u>FGV Sun Bear Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing volunteer packages for visitor involvement in SBM activities at Kenong Rimba Park, including a booklet for Sun Bear volunteers. • Ongoing: Drafting of Sun Bear Education Module • Analyse and provide feedback on the Malayan 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. • 18 July: CV webinar session - The myths and facts of the Malayan Tapir by Habibun, NS/M Branch;

- 29 July: Attended webinar, “How can SMART Mobile help you? Overview & Applications of the newest SMART conservation tool.”
- 8 Aug: Habibun attended “Sambutan Hari Konservasi Harimau dan Gajah Peringkat Kebangsaan” at Zoo Taiping & Night Safari.

BTFC Forest/Hornbill Conservation Work

- Developing a 3 year (2021-23) BT forest/hornbill proposal with Dr Anuj Jain of BirdLife Asia for submission to Segre Foundation (est. Euro40K/yr). Proposal now in final stages of review.
- Finalizing hornbill proposal for Peninsular Malaysia (BT & Terengganu) under the BirdLife Tokyo Dinner Funds. (RM65K).
- Develop and submitted to BirdLife Asia a small grant proposal for private donor on Ulu Muda hornbill conservation work.
- Secured RM40K for humanitarian aid from Malaysian Care for Temengor, Sg Buloh and Kg Peta. This will be disburse MNS in two tranches. Previous MCO Food Aid delivered to Kg Chuweh on 23 July.
- Prepared quarterly report for Bursa Malaysia, and submitted with supporting documents.
- Attended Hornbill Talk on 1 August organized by MNS N9/Melaka Branch.
- Attended a biodiversity/oil palm talk on 12 August organized by MPOC
- Returned to field from 14-28 Aug to normalize BT hornbill conservation work.
- Developing hornbill training modules.

PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS/PAPERS

- Preparing a Plain-pouched Hornbill Hornbill Triangle Monitoring Report for 2018 and 2019 (MNS Conservation Publication Series). Submitted 2019 draft to Thailand Hornbill Project team for inclusion of information for the Bang Lang (southern Thailand) side.
- MNS Conservation Publication No. 21 have been distributed to JPSM, DWNP and PSPC.
- Preparing a paper on Ulu Muda hornbills with co-authors for MNS Ulu Muda Seminar in Nov 2020.
- Hornbill/forest conservation article out on BirdLife International’s website
<https://www.birdlife.org/worldwide/news/why-birds-are-answer-saving-malaysian-forests#:~:text=Often%20dressed%20in%20bright%20colours,of%20Malaysia's%20most%20precious%20forests.&text=Hornbills%20are%20one%20of%20the%20most%20iconic%20bird%20families%20in%20Asia.>

EU Forest Governance Project

- 17 July: Submitted MNS comments on the EIA for the “Proposed 1567.20 Hectares (3873 Acres) of Agroplantation Development In Pt 9965, Mukim Hulu Cheka, District Of Jerantut, Pahang Darul Makmur”.
- 21 July: Participated in the webinar organised by MTCC: “Introduction to MC&I Sustainable Forest Management”.
- 24 July: Participated in the Sabah Forestry Department webinar 2/2020 which discussed on global forest goals, Tagal system and mainstreaming forest conservation through public-private partnership in the Kinabatangan area.
- 29 July: Attended the meeting by the Coalition to Save Selangor’s Forest; and participated in the webinar: The IUCN Green List – a standard for conservation of protected and conserved areas.
- 30 July: Participated in the EC FoGo Communication Working Group meeting.
- 7 August: Submitted input for Dewan Rakyat Sitting, Rancangan Malaysia Ke-12 and 2021 Budget.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 August: Attended the webinar: “Nature’s Hidden Treasures” organized by Wetlands International Malaysia, Gamuda Parks and Payah Indah Discovery Wetlands.• 11 August: Attended the Virtual Town Hall Meeting, hosted by Persatuan Alam & Warisan Bukit Fraser re. 15 storey resort development at Fraser’s Hill.• 12 August: Organised Tapir Talks 5.0 – Current Status of Biodiversity in Malaysia: Part II. Featuring Dato’ Dr. Mohd Tajuddin Abdullah, Prof. Dr. Zulfigar Yasin, Prof. Dr. Badrul Munir Md-Zain.• 13 August: Attended the EC FoGo Policy and Advocacy Working Group Meeting.• 16 August: Submitted 2020 quarterly and half yearly project reports to BirdLife International.• 19 August: Participated and provided input to the ‘Bengkel Pembentukan Garispanduan EIA Bagi Aktiviti Pengolahan Dan Pelupusan Buangan Bagi Buangan Terjadual, Sisa Pepejal Dan Kumbahan Bersama Pihak Berkepentingan” organized by DOE.
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