

## Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



### CAPACITY BUILDING



The “Malaysia National Improving Forest Governance Course” and “Training of Trainers (TOT)” was successfully carried out.

### INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



24 publications (e.g. press releases, articles, factsheets) were produced for MNS’s Malaysian Naturalist (MN) magazine, MY Forest Watch website, and Facebook page.

### SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



The Komuniti PAKAS (Pusat Aktiviti Kesedaran Alam Sekitar, or Environmental Awareness Activity Centre) and “Friends of Hornbill” Community Action Groups were formed.

### INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



MNS continued to engage closely with Malaysian forest policy processes, involving Central Forest Spine, Heart of Borneo, Protected Areas, UNFCCC, among others.

The **Malaysian Nature Society** continued monitoring and training activities at Central Forest Spine (CFS) and Heart of Borneo (HoB). The main project sites included Belum Temengor Forest Complex, Ulu Muda, Setiu Wetlands, Imbak Canyon, Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary and Mount Dulit. Engagement with state and non-state actors; indigenous peoples; and local communities remained close, with some 40 National Stakeholder Committee (NSC) members in the project. Key activities included:

- Supported Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS) for the second consecutive year in organising the “Seminar on Strengthening Indigenous Community Conserved Area (ICCA)”
- Implemented the MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme (HVP) 2018 throughout August and September.
- Formed the “Friends of Hornbill” Community Action Group.
- Co-organised Belum Rainforest Summit (BRainS) 2018 with Pulau Banding Foundation, WWF-Malaysia and Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).
- Organised the annual NSC Meeting No. 2/2018.

## MNS STAFF AND STAKEHOLDERS WERE TRAINED IN FOREST GOVERNANCE ISSUES BY THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Incorporated Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail as a Project Advisor – advising on capacity building and awareness.
- Organised a Project Charter meeting-cum-workshop.
- Attended the Annual Project Management Meeting in Bogor, Indonesia.
- Participated in the Consultation workshop on IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas Programme.
- Ms. Intan Zurani Abd Razak attended the project auditing exercise by EU-appointed auditors at the BirdLife (BL) International office.
- Celebrated the inaugural Hornbill Festival focusing on the Belum-Temengor Forest Complex.
- Finalised the project's 'Advocacy Plan' and 'Communication and Visibility Plan'.
- Continued to publish on project developments in the Malaysian Naturalist, local media etc.
- Provided input to the nomination process of the Royal Belum State Park as a UNESCO World Heritage site.



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## MNS engaged closely in the Multi-Stakeholder Discussion on the Mid Term Review of the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (MTR-IIMP): Seeing the review through SDG lenses

- Joined as a member of the MyCFS coalition.
- Had a meeting with the Biodiversity and Forestry Management Division, Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources (KATS).
- Participated in the Workshop on Status of Climate Science and Technology in Asia.
- Green Market Booth and film sessions at Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival (KLEFF) 2018.

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

- 15-17 Jan: Ulu Muda Workshops (Kedah and Penang)
- 17 Feb: Launching Ulu Muda Expedition
- 8-9 Mar: Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) workshop
- 15-17 Mar: Forest Governance Roadshow (Zone: Central)
- 21 Mar: International Day of Forests
- 25-29 Mar: Project Management Team meeting, Genting Highlands
- 30 Mar: MY Forest Earth Hour event

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