

Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



CAPACITY BUILDING



Forest Governance Zonal Workshops on forest governance were successfully carried out at Kertih (Eastern) and Alor Setar (Northern).

INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



18 publication units (e.g. brochure, press release, article, factsheet) produced, including MNS's Malaysian Naturalist (MN) magazine, MY Forest Watch website, and Facebook page.

SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



The project continued to support Komuniti PAKAS (Pusat Aktiviti Kesedaran Alam Sekitar, or Environmental Awareness Activity Centre) under Urban Community Forest (UCF) Network umbrella, including "Friends of Hornbill".

INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



MNS continued to be involved with Malaysian forest policy processes, involving Central Forest Spine, Heart of Borneo, Protected Areas, Climate Change, Palm Oil Certification, among others.

The **Malaysian Nature Society** continued to monitor developments at Central Forest Spine (CFS) and Heart of Borneo (HoB). Engagement with National Stakeholder Committee (NSC) members in the project, including MNS members, remained close.

Key activities included:

- Launch of the Ulu Muda Scientific Expedition.
- Poster presentation on REDD+ at the 3rd International Conference on Climate Change (ICCC 2019).
- Organised the MNS-BCC Workshop on the Revision of IBA Directory.
- Co-organised MY forest Dark Sky with the Fireflies @ Earth Hour 2019 with Friends of Bukit Kiara (FoBK).
- Organised 2 Forest Governance Zonal Workshops (Eastern & Northern regions).
- Organised the inaugural Tapir Talks – MNS Public Forum Series 2019, "De-gazettement of Forest Reserves and Protected Areas".
- Co-organised Earth Day KL celebration with FoBK and several NSC members.
- Co-organised the 12th Annual Climate Change Forum with CETDEM (NSC member).

MNS MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS WERE TRAINED IN FOREST GOVERNANCE BY MY FOREST PROJECT TEAM

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Attended the Annual Project Management Meeting at Awana Genting Resort, Malaysia.
- Participated in the MyCFS Meeting with Minister of Ministry of Water, Land and Natural Resources (KATS).
- Meeting on the nomination of Royal Belum State Park as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Provided input in the Evaluation Workshop on Targets 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of National Policy on Biological Diversity for the Malaysia's Convention on Biological Diversity Sixth National Report (CBD 6NR).
- Provided feedback to the Climate Change Policy paper during the Round Table Discussion on Climate Change and Sustainable Energy.
- Attended the Focus Group Discussion for the review of CFS Master Plan.
- Organised a training on news gathering and article writing.
- Celebrated the launch of Malaysia Third National Communication and Second Biennial Update Report to the UNFCCC.
- Launch of "Primates of Johor" Brochure with MNS Johor Branch.
- Continued to publish project developments in the Malaysian Naturalist and MY forest website and social media platforms, as well as created media buzz for MNS and forest issues via the Tapir Talks Public Forum.



MNS engaged closely in the nomination of Royal Belum State Park as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Forest Policy advocacy, such as providing feedback on:

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report on the proposed Projek Ladang Hutan Komersil Di Hutan Simpan Jerangau Seluas 5000 Hektar (Fasa 1) Dungun, Terengganu.
- Amendment of the Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 (Act 716).
- Melaka State Climate Action Plan draft report.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

- 9-11 July: Honorary Wildlife Ranger training course.
- August – September: Annual MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme, Belum-Temengor.
- 8-10 August: Seminar of World Indigenous People Day Celebration 2019.
- 16 September: Hornbill Festival, Belum-Temengor.
- December: National Stakeholder Committee meeting No 3/2019, to be held over two days.

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