

MALAYSIA

Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



CAPACITY BUILDING



A total of 149 (67F, 82M) were trained in four (4) trainings/workshop (ie. IBA review, forest governance, Forum On Orang Asal and Honorary Wildlife Ranger Training Course).

INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



A total of 522, 513 ha of IBA sites [ie. BTFC, Ulu Muda, Samunsam, Mount Dulit, Bako-Buntal, Brunei Bay (Kuala Lawas & Kuala Baram)] are being monitored.

SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



The Project National Stakeholder Committee (NSC) members increased to 41 with 3 new additional member organisations. MNS is sitting in the MyCFS communication platform, with another 7 NGOs. The Friends of Hornbills (a local community group) was formed.

INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



MNS continue to support Malaysian forest policy processes on REDD+, Climate Change, LULUCF, forest certification, palm oil certification, biodiversity conservation and CEPA.

The **Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)** continued to advocate for good forest governance & non-state actors participation, including monitoring forest activities at Central Forest Spine (CFS) and Heart of Borneo, at its IBA sites, especially at Belum-Temengor Forest Complex (BTFC).

Outcome 1: Capacity Building

- 30 MNS members (16F, 14M) participated in the 3D2N Honorary Wildlife Ranger Training Course (9th - 11th July), to protect wildlife, forests, and natural environments.
- 53 indigenous people (14F, 38M) participated in PHOAS 2019, especially the Forum On Orang Asal (28th August). The event enabled the indigenous community to share information and their challenges in forest governance amongst themselves, as well as with the government.

Outcome 2: Increased transparency and access to information

- 53 members from Friends of Hornbill (a local community group) continued to monitor and share information relating to forest conditions at BTFC. This is done through monthly meeting.
- The Ulu Muda Seminar 2019, themed "Biology Ecology and Socio-economy of Ulu Muda Forest Reserves" was organised on 11th November.

61 volunteers (36F, 25M) joined the MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme (HVP) 2019 at BTFC

- MNS developed targeted communication/talks to share information on BTFC, IBA and Malaysia's Important Hornbill Landscapes, which linked to Central Forest Spine, with important stakeholders.
- Two (2) maps showing the rate of deforestation in the forest (between 2007 and 2017) were produced.
- MNS contributed in two (2) workshops to review Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Guidelines; one (1) EIA report for proposed projects; two (2) on forest certification; one (1) on MSPO Standards; and any other reporting tools relating to forest governance and management.
- Project progress was shared in a national radio interview at BFM89.9 with Regional Coordinator Dr. Hum Gurung and MNS President Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail.
- MNS continued to organised two (2) Tapir Talks which discussed on degazettement of forest reserves and protected areas and MNS branches' efforts addressing to forest issues. Approximately 75 attendees participated in the events.

Outcome 3: Sustainable and informed networks

- The Friends of Hornbill celebrated the Hornbill Festival (16th September 2019) at BTFC as part of capacity building the indigenous peoples to be the advocated for their forest landscape.
- MNS had eleven (11) cooperative engagements with governmental agencies on forest governance management and conservation issues, ie. eight (8) meetings/workshops/roadshows relating to CFS; one (1) meeting on National Parks Advisory Council; one (1) meeting on the Draft Action Plan on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) on National Biodiversity; and one (1) workshop on Project Conceptualization Workshop for the Application of the GEF-7 Global Wildlife Programme Phase 2.

Outcome 4: Informed and effective participation

- MNS provided feedbacks on forest land use plans, such as the National Framework for Protected Areas and Terengganu State Structure Plan 2050.
- MNS also supported the national policy makers in complying the Malaysia's obligation to UNFCCC in a special session held in the Workshop on Capacity Building on Malaysia Delegation in conjunction with the 25th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC.

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The Project NSC stands at 41 members with three (3) additional members (Perak State Parks Corporation; Sabah Biodiversity Centre; and University of Nottingham Malaysia).

- MNS attended a NGOs dialogue session with YB Minister of Ministry of Primary Industries, which aims to capture NGO's opinions and insights relating to Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme.
- MNS also invited to be part of Malaysia Delegation to the 7th Regional Training Workshop on Timber Legality Assurance (19th - 21st November; Indonesia). MNS was nominated by the Ministry of Primary Industry to participate in ASEAN level workshop.
- MNS continued to engage closely with Sabah and Sarawak State Agencies to support their efforts relating to FLEGT-VPA.

Visibility

- MNS participated as partner and exhibitors in the Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival 2019 (7th – 13th October). MY forest Special Award was featured to promote project visibility.
- Ms. Rose Au (MNS Kuching Branch, Chair) was invited to attend the Sarawakian CSOs meeting with the EU Ambassadors (18th November).



UPCOMING EVENTS JAN — JUNE 2020

- 27th – 28th February 2020: 4th International Conference on Climate Change
- June 2020: Forest Governance Zonal Workshops (Zone: Sarawak)

