



MY forest

The tropical forests of Malaysia are a treasure trove of biodiversity, putting the country in the top 12 most biodiverse nations on the planet. Malaysia features many landscapes recognised as Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs), besides supporting the livelihood of her people. Human habitation and development, however, have created long-standing environmental problems, owing to agricultural expansion, infrastructure development, deforestation and the degradation and fragmentation of our forests.

The national as well as state governments have implemented measures to stem forest loss, including such initiatives as Central Forest Spine, Heart of Borneo, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) and the still-elusive Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT-VPA). Nevertheless, weak governance may sound the death knell for these green spaces, unless non-state actors can be empowered to play a larger part in forest governance.

Realising that these critical stakeholders in forest conservation activities – local communities, indigenous people, non-governmental organisations and the public – are constrained by a lack of technical knowledge, experience and political influence, this project aims to equip non-state actors with the necessary technical knowledge,

platforms and skills to establish forest monitoring programmes and have a stronger voice in forest management advocacy.

The five-year project (2017-2021) is funded by the European Union and led by BirdLife International. The partners are national civil society organisations Malaysian Nature Society (MNS), Burung Indonesia (Indonesia), Haribon Foundation (the Philippines) and Tenkile Conservation Alliance (Papua New Guinea), as well two academic institutions – the University of Wolverhampton (UK) Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT) and the University of Papua New Guinea.

MNS, as the Malaysian partner, is committed towards strengthening local community involvement in forest advocacy and protection of Malaysia's green spaces as important habitats for its wildlife, with a focus on the Central Forest Spine, Heart of Borneo and identified IBAs, as well as the REDD+ and FLEGT initiatives.

In achieving these goals, MNS seeks to work with MNS State Branches, local communities, non-governmental organisations, the public and government departments to ensure the project is successful, not just for the five-year period but also as a long-term programme to foster strong and effective governance for Malaysia's forests.

Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance

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MY Objectives

- To build the capacity of national, provincial and local non-state actors to monitor the use of forest resources, forest conditions and its carbon stocks
- To engage effectively with local authorities and national decision-makers
- To participate in forest management and land use planning processes
- To inform and influence forest policy processes
- To increase transparency, access to information and accountability in forest management and conservation
- To create viable, constructive and sustainable networks of well-informed non-state actors

MY Target Areas

- Central Forest Spine
- Heart of Borneo
- Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs)



MY Implementation Targets

- Deliver training on forest governance, management and policy
- Implement community-based monitoring at priority sites
- Support forest conservation, forest restoration and sustainable livelihoods at priority sites
- Strengthen community networks to facilitate information exchange and inform policy processes
- Engage in land use planning and forest policy processes at local, provincial and national level
- Promote cross-border cooperation through exchange visits and a forest governance forum

National Stakeholder Committee

- Government agencies
- NGOs
- National EC/FLEGT representatives
- National UN REDD+ Programme offices
- Technical experts
- Local communities
- Interested third parties

Implementation Agency

Malaysian Nature Society

Malaysia's oldest environmental NGO is a membership-based Society that seeks to raise awareness about the country's natural heritage and its conservation, via community involvement in the stewardship of its natural resources.

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Hutan tropika Malaysia merupakan khazanah alam yang menakjubkan, di mana Malaysia diiktiraf antara 12 negara yang mempunyai kepelbagaian biologi tertinggi di dunia. Khazanah alam negara juga meliputi kawasan penting untuk burung dan kepelbagaian biologi iaitu IBA (Important Bird and Biodiversity Area dibawah klasifikasi BirdLife International) serta menjadi sebahagian sumber pendapatan rakyat.

Namun, kehijauan ini terancam pembangunan dan penggunaan sumber alam yang tidak terkawal. Mahupun terdapat inisiatif pemuliharaan hutan di peringkat kerajaan negeri dan persekutuan, seperti Central Forest Spine, Heart of Borneo, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) dan Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT-VPA), penguatkuasaan yang lemah bermaksud khazanah alam negara akan terus tergendai.

Kini tiba masanya pihak bukan kerajaan – masyarakat setempat, masyarakat Orang Asal, badan bukan kerajaan dan rakyat jelata – yang merupakan pemegang taruh yang kritikal di dalam pemuliharaan alam sekitar, memainkan peranan yang lebih besar terhadap pentadbiran hutan yang efektif.

Projek ini bertujuan melengkapkan pihak bukan kerajaan dari segi pengetahuan teknikal, pengalaman dan penggubalan dasar kerajaan

untuk menjayakan program pemantauan khazanah alam dan mengenengahkan suara rakyat demi pentadbiran hutan yang mementingkan pemuliharaan.

Projek lima tahun ini (2017-2021) dibiayai oleh Kesatuan Negara-Negara Eropah dan diterajui BirdLife International. Rakan kongsi projek adalah Persatuan Pencinta Alam Malaysia (MNS), Burung Indonesia (Indonesia), Haribon Foundation (Filipina) dan Tenkile Conservation Alliance (Papua New Guinea), berserta University of Wolverhampton (UK) Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT) dan University of Papua New Guinea.

MNS, sebagai rakan kongsi di Malaysia, komited terhadap memperkasakan penglibatan masyarakat setempat dalam menjuarai khazanah alam dan pemuliharaan hutan sebagai habitat hidupan liar. Kawasan sasaran projek ini adalah Central Forest Spine, Heart of Borneo dan IBA tertentu, serta inisiatif REDD+ and FLEGT.

MNS kini berusaha untuk bekerjasama dengan cawangan MNS peringkat negeri, masyarakat setempat, badan bukan kerajaan, orang awam dan agensi kerajaan, demi menjayakan projek ini, di dalam tempoh hayat projek dan juga untuk jangkamasa yang lebih panjang, demi pentadbiran dan pengurusan hutan Malaysia yang lebih efektif.

Memperkasakan penglibatan pihak bukan kerajaan di dalam pentadbiran hutan

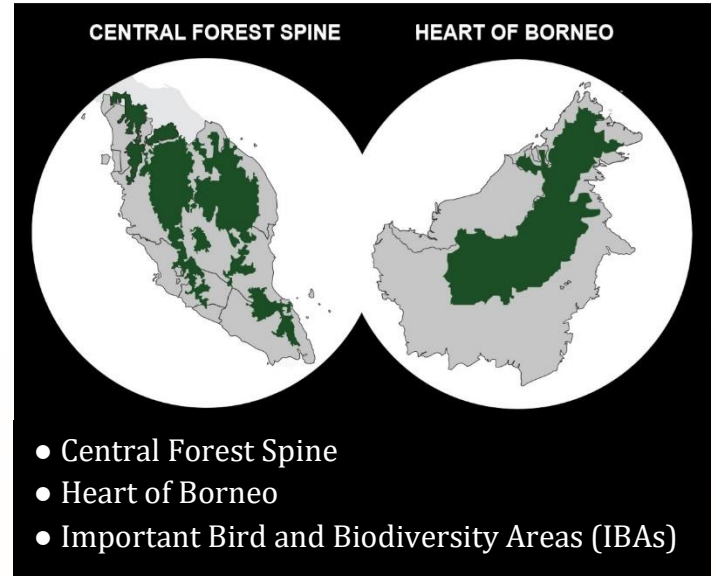
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Objektif

- Membina kapasiti pihak bukan kerajaan di peringkat nasional, negeri dan setempat untuk memantau keadaan hutan, penggunaan sumber alam dan stok karbon
- Penglibatan secara efektif dengan pihak kerajaan setempat serta penggubal dasar negara
- Pembabitian di dalam proses pentadbiran hutan dan proses perancangan guna tanah
- Memberi maklumat dan mempengaruhi dasar yang membabitkan pentadbiran hutan
- Meningkatkan ketelusan, penyaluran maklumat dan kebertanggungjawaban di dalam pentadbiran dan pemuliharaan hutan
- Membina jaringan konstruktif, informatif dan berkesinambungan bagi warga pihak bukan kerajaan

Kawasan Sasaran



Sasaran Implementasi

- Memberi latihan dasar, penjagaan dan pentadbiran hutan
- Memulakan sistem pemantauan hutan untuk masyarakat setempat
- Mendukung pemuliharaan hutan dan penjanaan pendapatan lestari di kawasan sasaran
- Jaringan masyarakat lebih mampan untuk memudahkan perkongsian maklumat dan pengetahuan mengenai proses penggubalan dasar
- Melibatkan diri dalam penggubalan dasar sumber alam dan hutan di peringkat kerajaan tempatan, negeri dan kebangsaan
- Promosi jalinan antara negara melalui lawatan dan mengadakan forum pentadbiran hutan

Jawatankuasa Pemegang Taruh Kebangsaan

- Agensi kerajaan
- Badan bukan kerajaan (NGO)
- Wakil EC/FLEGT peringkat nasional
- Pegawai program UN REDD+ peringkat nasional
- Pakar-pakar bidang teknikal
- Masyarakat setempat
- Pihak berminat

Agensi Implementasi

Persatuan Pencinta Alam Malaysia Malaysian Nature Society (MNS)

MNS, sebagai badan bukan kerajaan berunsur alam sekitar tertua di Malaysia, berusaha untuk meningkatkan kesedaran awam mengenai khazanah alam negara, serta penglibatan masyarakat setempat untuk memperjuangkan kepentingan sumber alam.

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