

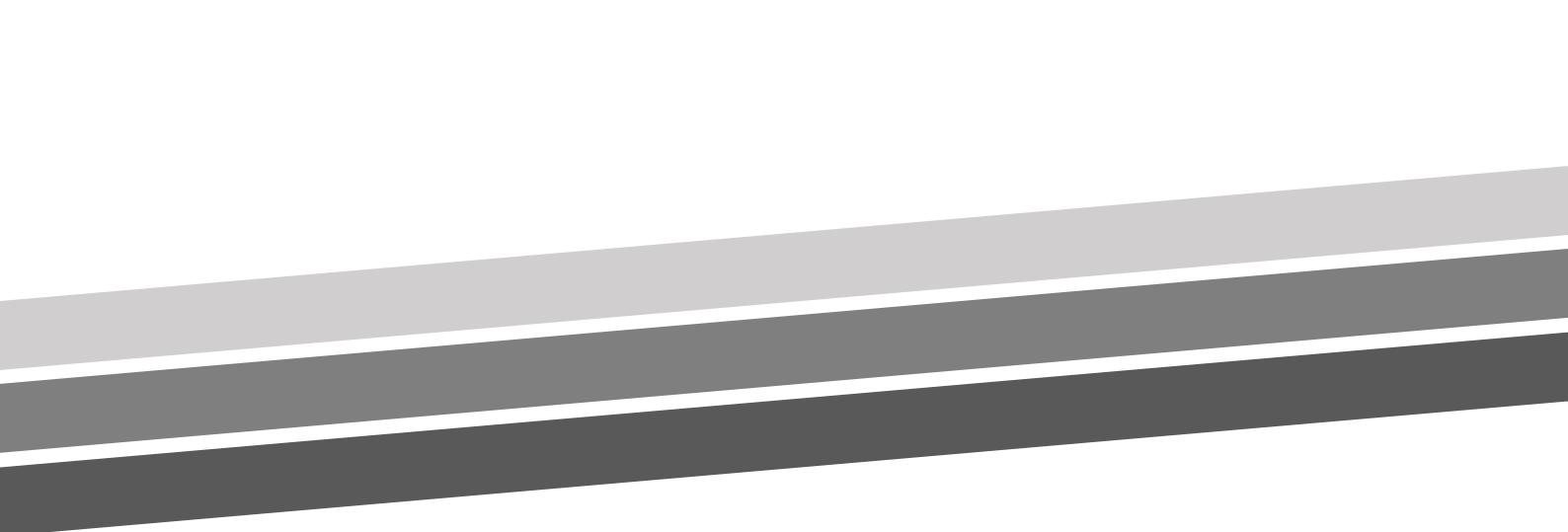
# MY forest NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING

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**VENUE: BANQUET ROOM, LEVEL 3,**  
**VISTANA KUALA LUMPUR**  
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## INTRODUCTION

**MY forest** is the Malaysian implementation of the project **Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea**. The project is funded by the European Union, led regionally by BirdLife International and implemented locally by the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS).

It is committed towards strengthening the capacity of critical stakeholders in forest conservation activities – local communities, indigenous people, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), civil society organisations (CSOs) and the public – in forest advocacy and protection of Malaysia's green spaces as important habitats for its wildlife. Its target areas are the Central Forest Spine (CFS), Heart of Borneo (HoB) and identified Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs), as well as the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) and the still-elusive Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Voluntary Partnership Agreement (FLEGT-VPA) initiatives.

Part of the execution of the project is the National Stakeholder Committee, made up of these non-state holders, as well as government agencies, National EC/FLEGT representatives, National UN REDD+ Programme offices, technical experts and interested third parties.

The National Stakeholder Committee Inception Meeting, No. 1/2017, was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017, alongside the launch of MY forest. This second National Stakeholder Committee meeting, No. 2/2018, is to:

- Get updated on MY forest;
- Highlight activities by MY forest grant recipients;
- Adopt the minutes of Meeting No. 1/2017; and
- Plan for activities in 2019.

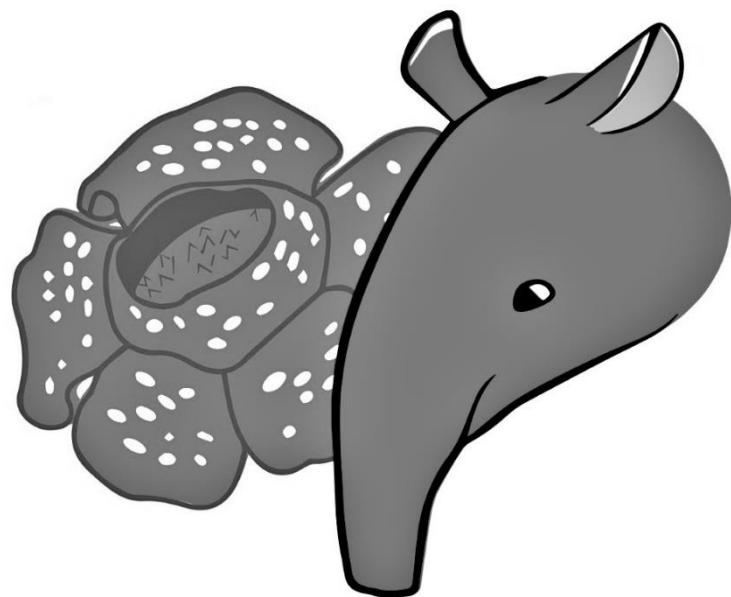


## PROGRAMME

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
8.30 – 9.00am	Registration & Breakfast
9.00 – 9.15am	Welcoming remarks by MNS President
9.15 – 9.30am	Presentation: BirdLife International – Regional project updates
9.30 – 9.45am	Presentation: MNS – MY forest Project update
9.45 – 10.00am	Presentation: Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS) – Perayaan Hari Orang Asal Sedunia 2017 & 2018
10.00 – 10.30am	Coffee break
10.30 – 10.45am	Presentation: MNS – Belum-Temengor Forest Complex
10.45 – 11.00am	Presentation: MNS Kuching Branch – Birds Inventory at Mount Dulit and Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary, Sarawak (IBA)
11.00 – 11.15am	Presentation: MNS Kedah Branch – Ulu Muda Scientific Expedition
11.15 – 11.30am	Presentation: MNS Sabah Branch – Capacity building and contribution in conserving Pulau Ular, Labuan (IBA) and Imbak Canyon Conservation Area (HoB)
11.30 – 11.4am	Presentation: Treat Every Environment Special (TrEES) – NGO Roundtable Discussion on CFS
11.45 – 12.00 pm	Presentation: MNS – World Urban Forum 9 (WUF 9) and PAKAS Komuniti
12.00 – 12.15pm	Presentation: MNS – CIDT Forest Governance Training in Malaysia
12.15 – 12.3 pm	Presentation: EcoKnights – KLEFF 2018
12.30 – 1.00pm	Wrap up & Way forward with project activities
1.00 – 2.00pm	Lunch break
2.00 – 4.30pm	NSC Meeting No. 2/2018
4.30 – 5.00pm	Photo session & tea break
5.00pm	Adjournment



# **MINUTES OF NATIONAL STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE (NSC) MEETING NO. 1/2017**



## ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item : Minutes of NSC Meeting No. 1/2017  
Date : 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
Time : 8.00am to 2.00pm  
Venue : Meeting Room 2, Level 3, Vistana Kuala Lumpur Titiwangsa  
Chair : Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor  
Attendance : 50 participants [including Observer and Secretariat  
(See Annex 1)]

- Agenda:
- 1.1 Welcoming remarks by Meeting Chairman and Project Advisor
  - 1.2 Presentation on National Inception Workshop – Malaysia by Dr. Hum Bahadur Gurung, BirdLife International Asia
  - 1.3 Briefing on project by Head of Project, Mr. Balu Perumal, MNS
  - 1.4 MY forest Launch ceremony
  - 1.5 Question and Answer
  - 1.6 Closing Remarks / Way Forward
  - 1.7 Presentation of project materials/certificates to NSC members

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion / Decision</b>
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**1.1 Welcoming remarks by Meeting Chairman and Project Advisor**

**1.1.1 Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor**

Welcoming and thanking everyone for their participation in NSC Meeting No. 1/2017, Tan Sri Salleh said there was still room for other stakeholders or organisations to be invited and join the programme, such as from the timber/forestry industry or NGOs from East Malaysia.

His remarks included the importance of finance management, suggesting a finance committee be set up; equal capacity-building opportunities for all stakeholders; the cultivation of friendship and respect among NGOs/CBOs who contribute towards conservation work; and that while it was important to share a common vision, it was alright to disagree professionally.

Tan Sri Salleh suggested that the outcome of the project should be published in the form of a technical and coffee table book at the end of the five-year period. He also emphasised the importance of supporting postgraduate studies, as well as documenting community involvement in ecotourism and forest use, and capacity-building the Orang Asal.

### **1.1.2 Dato' Dr. Freezailah Che Yeom**

This globally renowned forestry strongman brought to the meeting's attention the FLEGT-VPA initiative, whose process had stalled because of inflexibility. He said legality was a major issue under FLEGT-VPA, with NGOs wanting more stringent measures in place, but facing resistance from industry players.

Dato' Freezailah said at least 13 discussions were held previously, but the response from NGOs was lukewarm, and he professed hope that non-state actors could help move these negotiations forward.

He also suggested inviting the private sector and timber associations to be part of the NSC, and avoid confrontation with the government.

### **1.2 National Inception Workshop – Malaysia by BirdLife International (Asia) Dr. Hum Bahadur Gurung**

Dr. Hum presented BirdLife's coordination role and responsibilities in supporting the project goals, to strengthen non-state actors in forest monitoring, planning and policy processes in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea, and delivery of key outcomes.

The expected outcomes are increased capacity in monitoring forest resource use, forest conditions and forest carbon stocks; increased transparency, accessibility to information and accountability in forest conservation and management, including Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs); an established network among non-state actors; and informed, effective participation in forest policy processes, including FLEGT-VPA and REDD+.

Dr. Hum also shared information on working groups and complementary initiatives (for example, Global Forest Watch, KBA partnership, FLEGT and REDD+).

The full presentation is available on the MY forest website [www.myforestwatch.com.my](http://www.myforestwatch.com.my) under "Events"

### **1.3 Project Implementation Plan Mr. Balu Perumal**

Mr. Balu outlined a number of project outputs, both existing and planned, targeting capacity building, information sharing, networking and forest policy advocacy.

Under capacity building, the first project activity was sponsoring the JOAS seminar in Sabah, in August 2017. He stated that the MNS capacity building began with revising MNS Strategic Plan 2018-2030; followed by the MNS Forest Policy.



In terms of information sharing, the existing actions by MNS include citizen science monitoring and involvement in scientific assessments/expeditions. MNS was also looking at conducting waterbird studies in the IBAs (for example, Bako-Buntal Bay, Sarawak), alongside its hornbill studies in Belum-Temengor Forest Complex (BTFC), Perak.

Additionally, MNS participated in the Belum Rainforest Summit (BRainS) 2016 and would continue to participate in BRainS 2018. Other planned activities included promoting BTFC as a Forest of Hope (FOH) site for Malaysia, developing an online Forest Watch platform for public to report any local issues and concerns regarding forest loss, and conducting training in Global Forest Watch forest monitoring application.

MNS was also associated with other NGOs working on CFS and HoB initiatives. Examples include the East Klang Valley Expressway (EKVE), CFS Master Plan and Protected Areas Financing.

Apart from that, under the forest policy and advocacy, the project's focus was on protection and conservation on biodiversity and habitats. It would also have to address the challenge of Federal-State roles in forest governance. Future activities would include a two-year scientific expedition to Ulu Muda Forest Reserve, Kedah; contribution to the designation of Royal Belum State Park (RBSP) as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, including MY Forest Watch-related activities. Similarly, the project would focus on carbon investment to halt deforestation and illegal logging.

He also shared some project management related issues, such as annual reporting, and yearly planning.

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#### **1.4 Question and Answer**

- 1.4.1 **Q1: Mr. Eric R. Sinnaya** (MNS Vice-President) highlighted the problem of undefined forest reserve boundaries impeding effective forest conservation and protection, and questioned whether such boundaries could be defined.

**A: Mr. Balu** said the project would be reviewing the capacity of Global Forest Watch and MNS, and this would involve mapping via Global Forest Watch.

- 1.4.2 **Q2: Mr. Gurmit Singh** (CETDEM) questioned the creation and process of a "Steering Committee", stating that an "inception" meeting should have convened earlier to discuss issues and proposed activities. He also criticised the role of Tan Sri Salleh, as a project Advisor, in chairing the session.

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** took note of his comments, and cleared up that the non-state actors were coming together as a "Stakeholder Committee" instead of a Steering Committee, and further clarified that the project's issues and TOR

were defined in the funding document (which were made available to all participants).

- 1.4.3 **Q3: Dr. Zorina Khalid** (MNS Negeri Sembilan/Melaka Branch) touched on Malaysia's National Ecotourism Plan, which "heavily utilised" the country's natural resources and environment, and suggested the stakeholder pool be widened to include tourism authorities and/or the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC). She also questioned the exclusion of local universities, and called for the involvement of more "young blood"; and suggested approaching State Rulers to support sustainable conservation.

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** took note of this, and promised that the project management team would look into association with the tourism sector.

- 1.4.4 **Q4: Dato' Dr. Abdul Rashid Ab. Malik** (Pulau Banding Foundation) welcomed the MY forest project, because one of its target areas was the Belum-Temenggor Forest Complex, focal site for the foundation's own conservation work. He also lauded MNS's "stop deforestation" initiative, but wondered if this could be achieved. His other question was on the project's budget allocation, between overheads and on-the-ground activities.

**A: Mr. Balu** explained that under the Malaysian component of the project, 30% of the total funds were allocated for overhead costs and 70% for activities.

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** added that trying to stop logging was ambitious, yet possible if forests were valued differently. This would necessitate finding a novel way to revalue forests, and presenting the findings to the respective States. Examples were adding an economic value to water, considering the viability and functionality of a dam such as Temengor, and consideration of what would happen if such a dam were to be damaged. He further posited that the issue could be explored as a key theme in the upcoming Belum Rainforest Summit (BRainS 2018) organised by Pulau Banding Foundation.

**Dato' Abdul Rashid** took the floor again to expound on BRainS 2018, which would continue the discussion on how best to conserve Malaysia's tropical rainforest biodiversity. The themes of BRainS 2018 are biodiversity and ecosystem services; social forestry and community; wildlife conservation; stakeholder participation and governance; and forest, REDD+ and climate change.

- 1.4.5 **Q5: Mr. Oswald Braken Tisen** (Sarawak Forestry Corp) said at a quick glance, MY forest seemed to be committed to too many activities, and it was unclear how it could lead to stopping deforestation or illegal logging. He asked if it was replicating activities already being carried out by other stakeholders, and highlighted corruption as a major issue to be addressed, especially among the young.



**A: Tan Sri Salleh** noted the feedback, but said being ambitious was not “wrong”. He added that the project’s definition of non-state actor did not include schools, and so MY forest was unable to cover school activities.

**A: Mr. Henry Goh** interjected to opine that MNS could utilise its Kelab Pencinta Alam (KPA) platform to promote forest conservation activities and instil good value system in the younger generation. He said KPA reached about 14,000 students in 320 schools, and that MNS was the only environmental organisation permitted by the government to conduct environmental education in schools.

- 1.4.6 **Q6: Dr. Henry Chan Chok Khuang** (WWF-Malaysia) wanted to know how the project was conceived, and the role of the stakeholders. He also noted that this was rightfully a National Stakeholder Committee meeting, and that the stakeholders’ role was to advise the project, not to provide oversight, and advised MNS to be clear about what they wanted to achieve.

**Tan Sri Salleh** noted the feedback and thanked WWF-Malaysia for its support.

- 1.4.7 **Q7: Dr. Ahmad Aldrie Amir** (observer) sought clarity on the project, specifically on coastal/marine habitats, such as mangrove forests and severely threatened seagrass habitat, as “marine” was stated as an EU category in the funding document.

**A: Dr. Hum** said although there were many different categories under EU funding, the MY forest project was placed under the forest category, and thus focused on forest governance. **Mr. Balu** added that the project tender document focused on CFS and HoB.

- 1.4.8 **Q8: Dr. Jenn Chong** (MNS Selangor Branch) questioned whether “zero deforestation” could be achieved with the current logging, mining and monoculture activities in Malaysia, and whether the project could be used as leverage to impose ethical lending and responsible investment on banking institutions to reduce/stop loans for logging, mining, monoculture and development. She also wondered whether there were tech tools that could analyse and filter out institutions that funded destructive activities, while noting that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, the World Bank would no longer give loans for fossil fuel exploration.

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** said ethical lending and environmental/biodiversity safeguards in financing were being practised, though not yet extensively in Malaysia. He suggested inviting the banking sector for discussions, adding that the players needed access to hard facts, for example, the number of banks funding environmentally destructive activities, to engage strongly with financial institutions.

- 1.4.9 **Q9: Dr. Abdulmaula Hamza** (MNS Terengganu Branch) took the floor to recount a recent meeting with the Terengganu Menteri Besar, organised by

RIMBA and supported by the MNS Terengganu Branch and WWF-Malaysia, on the planned degazettement of forest reserves for oil palm cultivation. Alternatives for conversion to farmland were presented and the Menteri Besar was convinced to halt the decision to degazette for two years. He said this was an example of advocacy at the highest level, where everyone acted quickly upon learning of the degazettement news, adding that the group would meet again with other State agencies to continue to highlight options.

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** noted the example, which showed the importance of local NGOs in advocacy, and said there were many missed opportunities at the national level in the past, owing to lack of awareness. Local level information was therefore crucial, and he strongly encouraged working together with other stakeholders for the common good.

- 1.4.10 **Q10: Mr. Yong Teng Koon** (MTCC) posited that everyone had a role to play in protecting the country's resources, and MY forest provided a good platform for interaction where all stakeholders were more or less familiar with each other and had common objectives. However, he raised the point that despite the project operating for almost a year, the stakeholder meeting was only now being held, while stakeholders only had that day itself to view the key documents. He emphasised the need for better planning, in providing key timelines and schedule to stakeholders.

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** thanked Mr. Yong and apologised for late delivery of the meeting. He added that planning for 2018 was under way, and the project would strive to be specific and inform all stakeholders, and to distribute documents early.

- 1.4.11 **Q11: Dr. Ahmad Aldrie** raised the point that forest resources were under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) while ocean resources were under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), and wondered whether it was possible to get these resources transferred to a single ministry (MNRE).

**A: Tan Sri Salleh** noted this as an issue of concern.

## 1.5 Closing Remarks / Way Forward

### 1.5.1 Tan Sri Salleh

On the way forward, the Meeting Chairman said the 2018 MY forest plan should be produced earlier and circulated to stakeholders for consultation, with "low-hanging fruits" to be tackled first. He further said that proposals for 2019 should be sent to all stakeholders before the end of 2018, and suggested linking project activities to help the Malaysian government fulfill the nation's obligations to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Dr. Hum** interjected to say the project document described which SDGs were being met.



### **1.5.2 Dato' Dr. Freezailah Che Yeom**

In his closing remarks, Dato' Freezailah emphasised the need for 2018 plans, but recognised constraints on project management owing to time, money and the project contract document. He also stressed the need to develop plans for 2018 and 2019, to be presented as early as possible in 2018.

He said activities should be pragmatic and doable, and must recognise local realities, but recognised that some items in the project contract document were not relevant to the Malaysian context. The project team should continue to draft the second year's planning, as detailed as possible, he said, and this would ensure stakeholder meetings are most productive.

Dato' Freezailah also asked Dr. Hum for advice on country partners' development, on which the latter shared that each of the partners had an overall 5-year Implementation Plan, on what to deliver and achieve. Each year, plans could be revisited, changed and improved as appropriate to make projects more practical.

### **1.5.3 Mr. Eric R. Sinnaya**

Mr. Eric noted the passion of stakeholders who had attended the meeting, and stressed the need to continue to engage post-meeting, advising all stakeholders to have realistic goals, to focus on delivery and to plan properly, owing to the crucial nature of the project delivery.

***Meeting adjourned for lunch at 1pm***

Reported by:

Balu Perumal  
Head of Project

Checked by:

Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor  
Chairman and Project Advisor

#### **Adoption of meeting minutes:**

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## List of attendance (Annex)

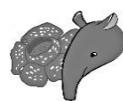
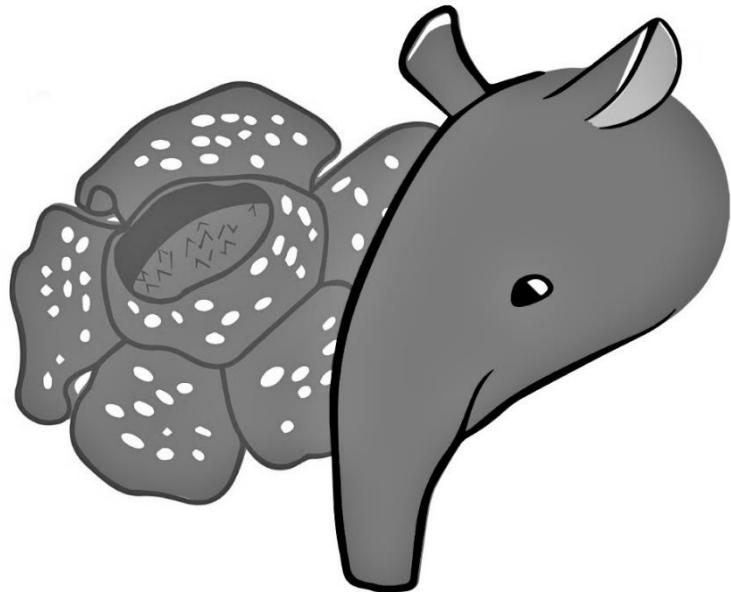
A. NSC Members	
1. Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor	Meeting Chairman
2. Dato' Dr. Freezailah Che Yeom	Project Advisor
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5. Mr. Eric R. Sinnaya	MNS Vice-President
6. Mdm. Stephanie Bacon	MNS Honorary Secretary
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8. Mr. Aldrich Richard	Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia
9. Mr. Engkamat Lading	Forest Department Sarawak
10. Mr. Kaviarasu Munian	Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)
11. Mr. Mohammad Shahfiz Azman	Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM)
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16. Mr. Gurmit Singh	Centre for Environment, Technology & Development, Malaysia (CETDEM)
17. Ms. Firdaus Nisha Muhammad Faizal	Ecocentric Transitions
18. Mr. Randolph Jeremiah	Environmental Protection Society Malaysia (EPSM)
19. Mr. Nagarajan Rengasamy	Global Environment Centre (GEC)
20. Mr. Yusri Ahon	Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS)
21. Ms. Ambika Sangaran	Malaysian Environmental NGOs (MENGO)
22. Dato' Dr. Abdul Rashid Ab. Malik	Pulau Banding Foundation (PBF)
23. Mr. Mohd Nurazmeel Mokhtar	Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS)
24. Mr. Oswald Braken Tisen	Sarawak Forestry Corporation
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29. Dr. Henry Chan Chok Khuang	WWF-Malaysia
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35. Mr. Iqbal Abdollah	MNS Miri Branch
36. Dr. Zorina Khalid	MNS Negeri Sembilan/Melaka Branch
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39. Ms. Pasupathy Jayaraj	MNS Selangor Branch
40. Dr. Jenn Chong	MNS Selangor Branch
41. Dr. Abdulmaula Hamza	MNS Terengganu Branch
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47. Ms. Lee Ee Ling	Policy Officer
48. Ms. Alifah Ilyana Mohd Husni	Community Officer
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3. Ms. Yasmin Rasyid	Pertubuhan Alam Sekitar EcoKnights Kuala Lumpur dan Selangor
4. Ms. Anne Lasimbang	Partners of Community Organisation (PACOS TRUST)
5. Mr. Hatta Yunus @ Sawabi	MNS Sandakan Branch
6. Mr. Tan Choo Eng	MNS Penang Branch
7. Dr. Anna Wong	MNS Sabah Branch
8. Mr. Ooi Beng Yean	MNS Perak Branch

# **PROJECT REPORT 2017**

**(5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 – 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018)**



## REFERENCE: PROJECT REPORT 2017

**Project Report 2017:** Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea

**Reporting Period:** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Organisation Name:** Malaysian Nature Society

Assessment of Implementation of Action and Activities	
A.	Summary of the action
	<p>Key results according to the project outcome/ outputs/ activities as in the log frame:-</p> <p>The official project kick-off was carried out during the Regional Project Inception Meeting held in Manila on 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Subsequently, country-level inception reports were produced and sent to BirdLife Asia. The contract between BL International and MNS was signed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 after which 100% of the funds meant for Year 1 (i.e. Euro 140,000) were delivered to MNS.</p> <p>The National Project Implementation Team (NPIT); at the beginning it was assembled from MNS staff already working on forest projects and later expanded to 12 members; consisting of 5 MNS staff, 2 consultants, 2 research assistants and 3 expert advisors – 33% of the NPIT members are female.</p> <p>The National Stakeholder Committee was formed on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Approximately 60 potential stakeholders were contacted through extensive project consultation and notification period (3 months: September – November 2017), which resulted in 34 of them joining as NSC members.</p> <p>The project supports the on-going hornbill conservation and community work at Belum-Temengor, our focal IBA and Forest of Hope site in Malaysia (ca. 320,000ha). Furthermore, we have started work within the Greater Ulu Muda Forest (160,000ha), in the CFS landscape, and Imbak Canyon Conservation Area (140,000ha), in the HoB landscape, with MNS Kedah and Sabah Branches, respectively. Both areas have been identified as biodiversity hotspots in Malaysia; the former is also an IBA.</p> <p>To facilitate/coordinate on-site forest conservation activities in the northern region of Peninsular Malaysia, two field centres at Gerik, Perak and Gua Musang, Kelantan were set up under the project. These centres will also be used as outreach and training facilities for Local Community Groups (LCGs) and partner CSOs under the MY Forest Watch network.</p>

The revision of the MNS Strategic Plan 2018-2030 is supported by the project as part of the organisation's capacity building. MNS's 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Conference with the key theme, "*Role of MNS as a Non-State Actor in Green Governance*" was subsequently organised on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 in Langkawi, Kedah to facilitate the exercise.

The project also supported another capacity-building exercise organised by Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia (JOAS), i.e. the United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) Seminar themed "2007-2017: A Decade in the Struggle of Indigenous Peoples" on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017, which saw the participation of close to 350 indigenous community members from all over the country.

MNS working in partnership with Treat Every Environment Special (TrEES) initiated a roundtable discussion for NGOs to highlight concerns re. the CFS forested landscape. The output in the form of collective statements will be submitted to National and State governments in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018.

MNS is setting up an in-house spatial database system (for the first time) with the help and guidance of BirdLife International; in that the access to free ArcGis software acquired and installed, and the IBA metadata for the country downloaded. Essential hardware was also purchased and related staff sent for training. The unit is functional and currently managed by 2-man resource persons.

During the reporting period, MNS was engaged in many different discussions/ forums/conferences with the ministry, government agencies and CSOs with regard to CFS, HoB and protected areas (IBA) management issues, including the drafting of the National REDD+ Strategy Plan and the Third National Communication/ Second Biennial Update Report (NC3/BUR2).

## B. CHALLENGES

There was a delay in calling for the national inception meeting and forming of the NSC, which finally took place on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017. The main reason was the extensive process of engagement we had to undertake; in this case for 3 months; September-November 2017, which included the notification and consultation on the project and dealing with a pool of 60 identified potential NSC members under the project. These people represent the various ministries, government departments and/or agencies at both the federal and state levels, private sector and CSOs. In the end, 34 of them attended the inception meeting and partook in the MY forest project launch. However, the National Stakeholder Committee lacks representatives from key ministries – Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and Ministry of Plantation, Industries and Commodity (MPIC).

The issue with the non-participation from the ministries are twofold:-



	<p>a) The project governance as described in the project document involves the country representative at the global/ regional level. Our meeting with MNRE resulted in the ministry directing us to request the project proponents [i.e. BirdLife International (BL) and the European Union (EU)] to write an official letter to the Prime Minister's Department, and follow it up with high level meeting/discussion on the matter.</p> <p>b) EU's recent ban on Malaysia's palm oil for biofuel – this is a very sensitive issue at the moment and considered as a threat to the Malaysian economy. Thus, any project/ programmes supported by the EU, especially related to deforestation, carbon emission, etc. most likely to affect bilateral trade, will come under close scrutiny and would not have an easy passage to sail.</p>
C.	<p><b>ACTIVITIES</b></p> <p>1. Capacity building:</p> <p><i>Deliver training for non-state actors on national forest policy processes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Lee Ee Ling participated in Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT) course held in the Philippines (25<sup>th</sup> September-6<sup>th</sup> October 2017)</li> <li>- Ms. Lee Ee Ling participated in the BL Asia training workshop, "Strengthening Civil Society Capacity to Advocate for Mainstreaming Biodiversity" project (10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2017).</li> </ul> <p><i>Deliver training for local non-state actors on forest management, conservation planning and land use planning processes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sponsored JOAS's UNDRIP Seminar themed "2007-2017: A Decade in the Struggle of Indigenous Peoples" (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2017);</li> </ul> <p><i>Build the capacity of state and non-state actors to monitor forest resource use, forest condition and forest carbon stocks:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NGO-CFS Roundtable Discussion was co-organised with TrEES, which is also a member of Malaysian Environmental NGOs (MENGO) on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017;</li> </ul> <p><i>Organisational development support for local, provincial and national non-state actors</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established NPIT with existing 5 staff members (recruited internally and reassigned to the project), and took on additional 2 consultants and 2 research assistants during the course of the 1<sup>st</sup> year;</li> <li>- The NPIT was strengthened by addition of 3 expert project advisors, i.e. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail (Capacity building and awareness), Tan Sri Dr. Salleh Md Nor (REDD+) and Dato' Dr. Freezailah Che Yeom (EU FLEGT VPA);</li> <li>- Attended the regional project inception meeting from 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March in Manila, the Philippines;</li> <li>- Country-level inception reports produced and sent to BL Asia. After which the contract between BL International and MNS was signed on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017;</li> </ul>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Skype meeting to formalise the Regional Project Management Team (RPMT), including updating each other on the progress of the project (22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017);
- Skype meeting with BL Asia (regional coordinator) on the preparation of country visibility plans – policy and communications documents (20<sup>th</sup> June 2017); Capacity Building Working Group (20<sup>th</sup> June 2017); and Monitoring and Data Analysis Working Group (3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017). Experience sharing and needs assessment were conducted;
- EU-BL Project presentation to various stakeholders: EU Thailand on the country-level project implementation in Kuala Lumpur (20 July 2017); Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017; MNS Management (7<sup>th</sup> July 2017) and MNS Council (24<sup>th</sup> October 2017); MNGO Committee (28<sup>th</sup> September 2017) and the MNRE (22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017).
- Produced several project-related information materials for public dissemination, including development of the project website ([www.myforestwatch.com.my](http://www.myforestwatch.com.my)), Facebook (MY Forest Watch) and social media platforms related to the MNS Conservation Division (Twitter and Instagram); also produced materials for project branding in the likes of banner, bunting, plaque, corporate shirt/ T-shirt, calendar, file, writing pad, pencil, button badge, stickers, etc.

## 2. Enabling access and transparency to forest information:

*Implement community-based forest monitoring programs at 7 priority sites covering more than 1.5 million hectares*

- The project currently supports the on-going Hornbill Conservation Programme at BTFC (320,000ha). Monitoring of forest land use by indigenous community within the landscape was also initiated.
- Project also recently supported MNS Kedah and Sabah Branches on IBA activities in their respective states, namely Greater Ulu Muda Forest (160,000ha) and Imbak Canyon Conservation Area (140,000ha).

*Use remote sensing data to analyse forest cover change at 350+ Key Biodiversity Areas covering 32 million hectares*

- BirdLife International to provide the remote sensing data on annual basis to the country component.
- MNS is setting up an in-house spatial database system; essential hardware was purchased and related staff sent for training. The unit is functional and currently managed by 2-man resource persons.
- Free ArcGis software was acquired and installed, and the IBA metadata downloaded from BL International.

*Monitor implementation of REDD+ safeguards and safeguard information systems, incl. stakeholder participation*

- MNS has been a member of the National Steering Committee on NC3/BUR2 since 2014. Hence has an upper hand in the monitoring the implementation of REDD+ safeguards and safeguard information systems in the country.



*Use existing reporting tools (including Global Forest Watch) to compile, analyse and disseminate community monitoring data*

- MNS together with Grassroots Consulting developed and submitted a proposal to Global Forest Watch (GFW) Small Grants Fund in April 2017, but was not successful in the application.

*Use community monitoring and remote sensing data to inform advocacy responses to illegal logging and deforestation*

- MNS poses strong objection to 2 government projects which will undermine CFS's integrity; East Coast Railway Line (ECRL) and forest conversion to oil palm plantation in the State of Terengganu.

*Communicate monitoring results and analysis to key stakeholders, policy makers and public*

- Subscribed to Meltwater online news portal and Wildlife Crime Hotline to provide a reliable platform for the public to receive forest-related news and contribute feedback/ input on forest governance issues;
- *Malaysian Naturalist* magazine carried the project announcement in 2 consecutive volumes; MN, Vol. 70-4, June-August 2017 and MN, Vol. 71-1, September-November 2017;
- *Tapir Bulletin* featured on the subject of deforestation in its September 2017 issue.

### 3. Strengthening the network of Non-State Actors:

*Develop national networks of community forest monitors to promote cooperation, information exchange and collective advocacy*

- MNS is currently undertaking a revision of its Strategic Plan for 2018-2030 which is supported by the project. The finalisation of the document will allow for coordinated action/efforts between all its 14 MNS state branches to influence forest governance;
- Recent MNGO AGM (13<sup>th</sup> May 2017) saw MNS elected to lead the network of 30 social and environmental NGOs in Malaysia. This development placed MNS in a very strategic position to influence/bring in non-state actor partners in the implementation of the project;
- The National Stakeholder Committee Inception Meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 resulting in 34 different stakeholders endorsing the project. MY Forest was officially launched on the same day to the public. Its participants also agreed to initiate a Forest Watch Programme under the project.

*Cooperate with government agencies on forest governance, management and conservation issues*

- MNS has been involved in the implementation of the CFS Master Plan since 2012. The organisation usually attends the related meetings and forums to provide input.
- Ms. Lee Ee Ling and Mr. Stephen Page attended the International Conference on the Heart of Borneo in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah (24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October 2017).

4. Forest policy intervention:

*Work with community-based organisations to inform and influence forest land use plans and landscape management plans*

- MNS's on-going work relating to the formation of Local Community Groups (LCGs) to address forest degradation and human-wildlife conflicts nationwide is now consolidated and brought under the purview of this project. These specifically involve the Hornbill, Tiger and Sun Bear Conservation Programmes.
- The LCG initiatives and activities are well developed to complement the CFS efforts in Peninsular Malaysia. Establishment of two (2) field centres in Gerik, Perak and Gua Musang, Kelantan will help with the coordination of forest monitoring activity in the northern forested region of Peninsular Malaysia.

*Engage with national and provincial policy makers to promote and support FLEGT-VPA execution (MY) and implementation*

- Attended exploratory meeting with Malaysian Timber Industry Board (MTIB) on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017;

*Engage with national and provincial policy makers to promote and support implementation of REDD+ commitments*

- MNS is involved in the development of the National REDD+ Strategy Plan and attended 2 planning workshops; in Penang (22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017) and Langkawi (25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May 2017);
- MNS also sits in NSC for NC3/BUR2 at Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE). Attended 2 committee meetings i.e. 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017 and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, and participated in BUR2 Inception workshop (9<sup>th</sup> January 2018).

*Promote legislative and policy measures to conserve and restore forests*

- Attended and supported WWF-Malaysia's initiative re. The Royal Belum State Park.

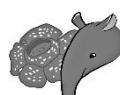
## D. Visibility

*How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?*

The national implementation team is currently working with BL Asia in the preparation of projects' communication and visibility plan which aims to guide and ensure visibility of the EU contribution to the project/ action.

Usage of EU logo within all project activities & materials produced for branding purposes.

Making sure that all grant recipients include acknowledgement of the donor.



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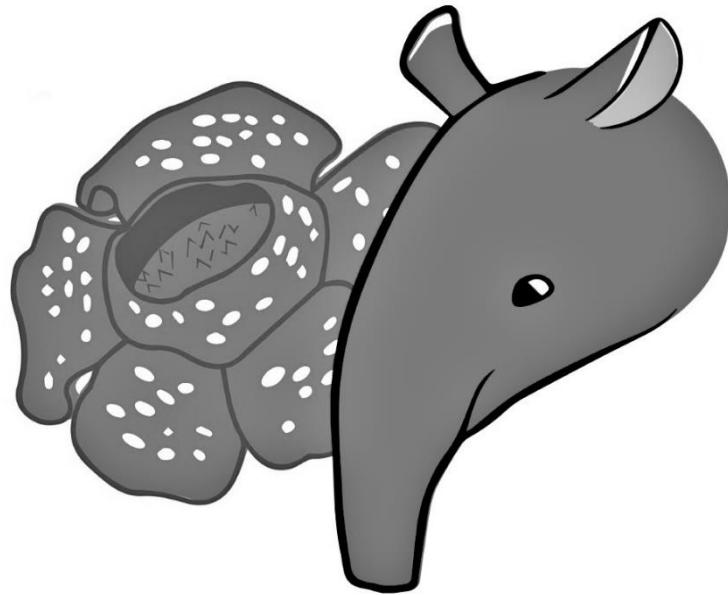
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# **PROJECT REPORT 2018**

**(5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 – 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018)**



## REFERENCE: PROJECT REPORT 2018

**Project Report 2018:** Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Papua New Guinea

**Reporting Period:** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Organisation Name:** Malaysian Nature Society

### Assessment of Implementation of Action and Activities

A.	RESULTS
	<p>Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail was incorporated as one of the Project Advisors in early 2018 – advising on capacity building and awareness.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> February 2018; the project participated in the Ninth World Urban Forum (WUF 9); organised a networking session themed “Role of Non-State actors in the protection of the urban green environment – case study: Malaysia”. The event ended by calling all organisations working on urban forestry to form a global network known as UCF Network.</p> <p>The project continues to support conservation work in Belum-Temengor Forest Complex (320,000ha), which is its focal Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) and Forest of Hope site in Malaysia. On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018, the launch of the book “Forest of Hope Asia” was conducted at Khazanah Ilmu, Taman Tugu, as part of its project visibility exercise. The activity was organised as part of the MNGO – World Earth Day celebration.</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2018; The project team comprising Mr. Balu Perumal, Ms. Intan Zurani Abd Razak, Mr. Yeap Chin Aik and Ms. Lee Ee Ling attended the Annual Project Management Meeting, held in Bogor, Indonesia. Following on, Ms. Intan Zurani Abd Razak attended the project auditing exercise (3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August 2018) by EU-appointed auditors at the BirdLife International office based in Cambridge, UK.</p> <p>Komuniti PAKAS, an umbrella body representing local community environmental groups, was launched during the World Firefly Day celebration (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2018) at Kuala Selangor. The network/group is expected to spearhead grassroots movement to monitor and respond to deforestation issues at the local level.</p> <p>On 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018, a Project Charter meeting-cum-workshop was held with Project Advisors. The outcome of the exercise was twofold – finalising and approving the format for project proposals and contract documents. This will enable National Stakeholder Committee (NSC) members to request assistance from the project to implement forest governance activities.</p> <p>Since its inception, the project has supported 14 individual project activities of MNS branches/ MNGO partners in the Central Forest Spine (CFS) and Heart of Borneo (HoB) landscape, including IBAs.</p>

	<p>8<sup>th</sup> August 2018; The project supported JOAS for the second consecutive year in organising the “Seminar on Strengthening the Indigenous Community Conserved Area”.</p> <p>Centre for International Development and Training (CIDT) together with MNS and Pulau Banding Foundation conducted the “Malaysia National Improving Forest Governance Course”, at Awana Genting Resort and Belum Rainforest Resort. About 60 NSC members participated in the 2-week course (3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2018).</p> <p>The MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme (HVP) 2018 was held from 1<sup>st</sup> August-30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Belum-Temengor landscape. Related activities included the inaugural Hornbill Festival (16<sup>th</sup> September 2018) and the formation of the “Friends of Hornbill” community group. During this period, MNS was also involved in co-organising Belum Rainforest Summit (BRainS) 2018 with Pulau Banding Foundation (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2018).</p> <p>During the reporting period, the team also finalised the project’s “Advocacy Plan” and “Communication and Visibility plan” as required by the project proponent.</p> <p>In terms of visibility, the project has been continuously highlighted via social media as well as in the <i>Malaysian Naturalist</i> (MN) magazine, alongside engagement with local mainstream media.</p> <p>As of October 2018, the NSC had reached 37 members. The annual NSC meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Vistana Kuala Lumpur Titiwangsa.</p>
<b>B.</b>	<b>CHALLENGES</b>
	<p>The first year-end (2017) narrative report was submitted to BirdLife International in January 2018, followed by the second interim six-month narrative report in August 2018. The project was subjected to an audit exercise from 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 by EU-appointed auditors. Despite its best efforts, funds meant for Year 2 (i.e. Euro 129,956) was delayed and have yet to be delivered to MNS as of October 2018. This has caused some concern, but not hampered the progress of the project, which was financed by using MNS funds.</p>
<b>C.</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity building:  <i>Deliver training for non-state actors on national forest policy processes (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Malaysia National Improving Forest Governance Course was successfully conducted by CIDT based at Awana Genting Resort and Belum Rainforest Resort. About 60 NSC members participated in the 2-week course (3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September 2018).</li> </ul>   <i>Deliver training for local non-state actors on forest management, conservation planning and land use planning processes (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG)</i> </li> </ol>



- 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July 2018; A Basic Photography Workshop (II) for MNS Hornbill Guardians was conducted at Kg. Chuweh, Temengor, BTFC.
- 1<sup>st</sup> August-30<sup>th</sup> September 2018; MNS Hornbill Volunteer Programme (HVP) 2018 was organised in the BTFC landscape. It aims to monitor the Plain-pouched Hornbills, contribute to members' involvement in conservation efforts, and foster engagements between members and the Orang Asli communities. About 60 volunteers were involved in this citizen science monitoring exercise.
- 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018; The project continued to support JOAS in its yearly Perayaan Orang Asal SeMalaysia celebration in Bau, Sarawak by funding its capacity building seminar, entitled "*Strengthening the Indigenous Community Conserved Area (ICCA)*". About 200 participants from Indigenous people from all over Malaysia participated in the event.

*Organisational development support for local, provincial and national non-state actors (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- The National Project Implementation Team (NPIT) was strengthened with Prof. Dr. Ahmad Ismail, an expert in capacity building and awareness;
- 30<sup>th</sup> April-12<sup>th</sup> May 2018; Mr. Yeap Chin Aik with 2 indigenous people from BTFC participated in the Hornbill Research Training Program in Thailand.
- 31<sup>st</sup> May-1<sup>st</sup> June 2018; MNS hosted the Regional Helmeted Hornbill Inception Workshop organised by BirdLife Asia. It contributes to the identification of population hotspots, standardising monitoring protocols and developing a road map for the species.
- 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2018; Mr. Balu Perumal, Ms. Intan Zurani Abd Razak, Mr. Yeap Chin Aik and Ms. Lee Ee Ling attended the Annual Project Management Meeting in Bogor, Indonesia.
- 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018; A Project Charter meeting/workshop for capacity building of NPIT was conducted with Project Advisors. The outcome of the exercise is twofold – finalising and approving the format for project proposals and contract documents. This will enable NSC members to request assistance from the project to implement forest governance activities.
- Since the inception of the project, it has supported 14 individual activities of MNS branches/ MNGO partners in the CFS and HoB landscape, including IBAs.

## 2. Enabling access and transparency to forest information:

*Implement community-based forest monitoring programmes at 7 priority sites covering more than 1.5 million hectares (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- The project currently supports the on-going Hornbill Conservation Programme at BTFC (320,000ha), including the monitoring of forest land use by indigenous communities within the landscape. Mr. Kamal Solhaimi of Universiti Malaya is conducting a study, "Mapping Customary Boundaries and Resource Utilisation among the Orang Asli of the Belum Temengor Forest";

- 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018; MNS Kedah Branch organised a public forum on the conservation of Ulu Muda Forest Reserve (IBA site: 160,000ha) with local stakeholders. About 50 participants participated in the forum which kick-starts the Ulu Muda Scientific Expedition.
- 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018; MNS Sabah Branch conducted a workshop on strengthening its members' participation and contribution in conserving Pulau Ular, Labuan (potential IBA).
- MNS Kuching Branch supported to conduct bird biodiversity surveys at 2 IBA sites in Sarawak, i.e. Mount Dulit and Samunsam Wildlife Sanctuary.

*Use community monitoring and remote sensing data to assess forest condition, carbon stocks at 7 priority sites (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- Continued to subscribe to Meltwater, an online news portal and Wildlife Crime Hotline managed by MYCAT for the second year. Daily news on conservation and environment, including that of forest conditions and governance issues uploaded to MY forest Facebook page and website ([www.myforestwatch.com.my](http://www.myforestwatch.com.my)) and updated periodically,
- A working relationship with all NGOs working on CFS was formally established through the formation of MyCFS. The effort is spearheaded by MEME and Wild Asia under Yayasan Hasanah.

*Use remote sensing data to analyse forest cover change at 350+ Key Biodiversity Areas covering 3.2 million ha (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- BL to provide the remote sensing data on the 55 Malaysian IBAs on an annual basis. An in-house spatial database system has been set up for this purpose. IBA metadata has been downloaded from BL.
- In house, a land use monitoring unit was established and equipped with drone surveillance capability.

*Monitor implementation of REDD+ safeguards and safeguard information systems, incl. stakeholder participation (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- The country's National REDD+ Strategy (efforts started in 2011) has been finalised and uploaded on the UNREDD website. It provides the framework to conserve our forest sinks and biodiversity, and allow us to access results-based payment.

*Use existing reporting tools (including Global Forest Watch) to compile, analyse and disseminate community monitoring data (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- Current MY forest Watch activities are focused on extraction of land use data by overlaying the GFW information on Google Map, plus determining the changes in forest cover (vs. forest boundary) in time bound series.
- MY Forest Watch is also about mobilising local stakeholders, i.e. MNS State branches, NGO/CBO partners and local community groups to monitor and report on deforestation activities on the ground. Mr. Nik Mohd Maseri Nik Mohamad has been appointed as MY Forest Watch coordinator for the project.



- BTFC and Ulu Muda Forest Reserve (or northern forested landscape) continue to be the main focus areas for the project.

*Use community monitoring and remote sensing data to inform advocacy responses to illegal logging and deforestation (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- MNS strongly opposed two (2) government projects that will pose threats to CFS's integrity: East Coast Railway Line (ECRL) and TNB Transmission Line cutting through CFS;
- The "Friends of Ulu Muda", a coalition of 19 NGOs/CBOs, including MNS, acted as a voice to address logging issues in Ulu Muda.
- MNS Terengganu Branch and NGO partners, WWFM and RIMBA followed on the issue of forest reserve conversion into oil palm plantations by a state-owned company, and managed to put a stop to it after intense lobbying and advocacy work.
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*Communicate monitoring results and analysis to key stakeholders, policy makers and the broader public via high-quality publications, web content, media and public events (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- MNS continued to publish various activities undertaken within the project in *Malaysian Naturalist* and on its MYforest website and Facebook.

### 3. Strengthening the network of Non-State Actors:

*Develop national networks of community forest monitors to promote cooperation, information exchange and collective advocacy (Malaysia, the Philippines)*

- MNS finalised the project's National Advocacy Plan and Communication and Visibility Plan, and submitted to BirdLife International;
- MNS Strategic Plan 2018-2030 is currently being finalised;
- With three (3) new additional members, i.e. The Penang Habitat, The Forest Trust (TFT) and Institut Rimbawan Malaysia (IRIM), the National Stakeholder Committee stands at 37 members;
- The Urban Community Forest (UCF) Network was initiated on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018. It aims to provide a platform to share information and knowledge on the protection of natural areas in urban landscapes. The initiative is important, taking into account that 75% of Malaysia's population now live within the urban environment;
- Komuniti PAKAS, the sister initiative to UCF Network but focusing on rural areas, was launched during the celebration of World Firefly Day on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July 2018. About 15 Local Communities Groups (LCGs) are currently supported under this initiative;
- "Friends of Hornbill" was formed during the Hornbill Festival (16<sup>th</sup> September 2018) at Belum-Temengor.

*Cooperate with government agencies on forest governance, management and conservation issues (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- MNS has been involved in the implementation of the CFS Master Plan since 2012. Our input is provided through participation in governmental meetings/consultative workshops relating to CFS.

- MNS is also involved in the consultation for the nomination of Royal Belum State Park (RBSP) as a UNESCO World Heritage Site;
- MNS participated in the consultative workshop on IUCN Green List of Protected and Conserved Areas Programme organised by WWF-Malaysia.

*Promote cooperation and information sharing through exchange visits between countries (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2018; The NPIT: Mr. Balu Perumal, Ms. Intan Zurani Abd Razak, Mr. Yeap Chin Aik and Ms. Lee Ee Ling, attended the Annual Project Management Meeting in Bogor, Indonesia.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> August 2018; Ms. Intan Zurani Abd Razak visited BirdLife International office (in Cambridge, UK) to facilitate and assist with the EU audit exercise on the regional project.

#### 4. Forest policy intervention:

*Work with community-based organisations to inform and influence forest land use plans and landscape management plans (Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia)*

- The project provides continual support to MNS's on-going works relating to LCGs to address forest degradation and human-wildlife conflicts nationwide. These specifically involve the Firefly, Shorebirds, Hornbill, Tiger, Tapir and Sun Bear Conservation Programmes;
- The establishment of Komuniti PAKAS targets LCGs living within and near environmentally sensitive areas in rural and urban areas.

*Engage with national and provincial policy makers to promote and support FLEGT-VPA execution (MY) and implementation (Malaysia, Indonesia)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018; NGO meeting with Ms. Astrid Schomaker (European Commission's Director of Global Sustainable Development) on forest and biodiversity conservation issues in Malaysia.
- 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018; Meeting with Dr. Agus Setyarso (EU Consultant on FLEGT) on possible continuation of EU support to continue FLEGT VPA initiatives in Malaysia.

*Engage with national and provincial policy makers to promote and support implementation of REDD+ commitments (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- MNS has been engaged in the preparation of National REDD+ Strategy document since 2011. The document is now published on the UNFCCC website.
- MNS participated in the preparation of Malaysia's Sixth National Report (6NR) to Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Third Communication and Second Biennial Update Report (NC3/ BUR) to UNFCCC;
- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018; MNS was involved in the scoping study workshop on drafting Malaysia's National Mitigation and Adaptation Action Plan.

*Promote legislative and policy measures to conserve and restore forests (Malaysia, the Philippines, PNG, Indonesia)*

- MNS was involved in and supported WWF-Malaysia's CATS initiatives in Royal Belum State Park;



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2018; MNS supported and co-organised Belum Rainforest Summit (BRainS) 2018 with Pulau Banding Foundation.</li></ul> |
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#### **D. Upcoming activity schedule**

20<sup>th</sup> October; MNS will be celebrating its annual public event i.e. Festival of Wings. The theme for this year is “Welcoming the birds” – Unifying our voices for bird conservation. On the day, MNS is planning to launch Komuniti PAKAS who champion environmental protection in their respective areas.

21<sup>st</sup> October; MNS will be organising KSNP for Ramsar BioBlitz Seminar 2018. The seminar intends to document site-based date for Ramsar nomination.

22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October; MNS will be participating in the Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival (KLEFF) 2018 to enhance visibility of the project to the public.

13<sup>th</sup> December 2018; MNS will be organising NSC Meeting No. 2/2018 at Vistana Kuala Lumpur Titiwangsa. About 50 participants are expected to attend this meeting.

Early 2019: MY forest project road shows will be carried out with NSC members.

#### **E. Visibility**

##### *How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured in the Action?*

The EU logo is prominently featured in the project website ([myforestwatch.com.my](http://myforestwatch.com.my)), as well as in all peripherals of the project documents and materials (i.e. corporate uniform, name card, brochure, info sheet, folder etc.).

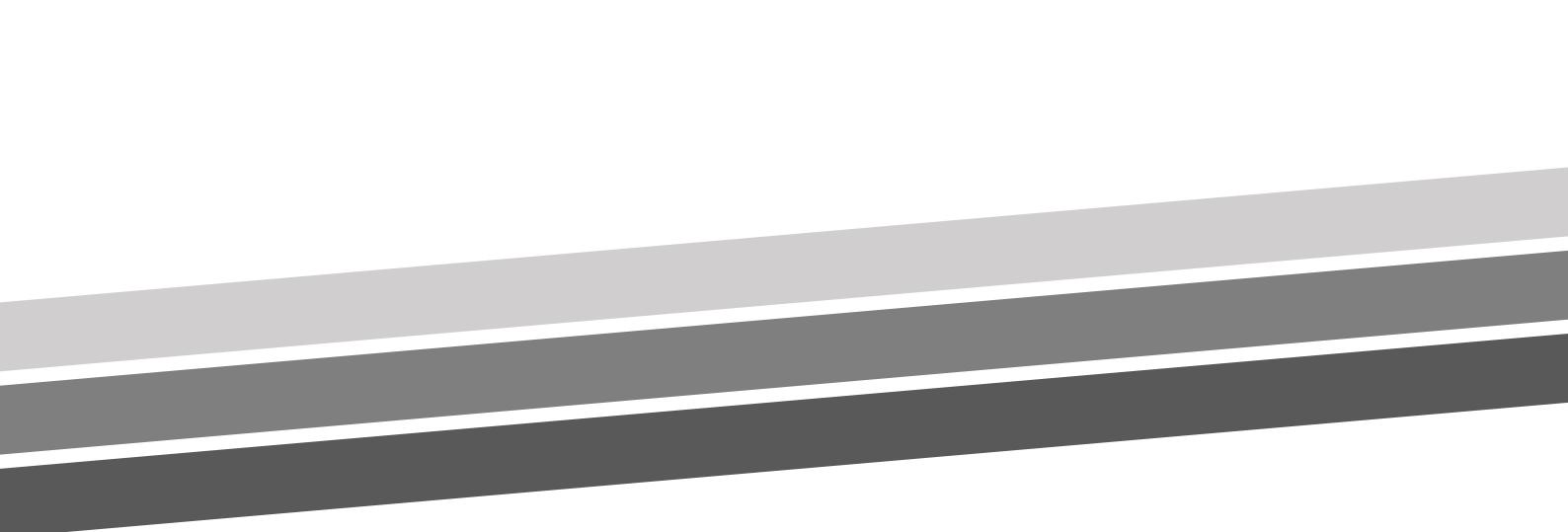
This includes standardising the usage of EU logo within all project activities & materials, and making sure that all grant recipients acknowledge the donor contribution.

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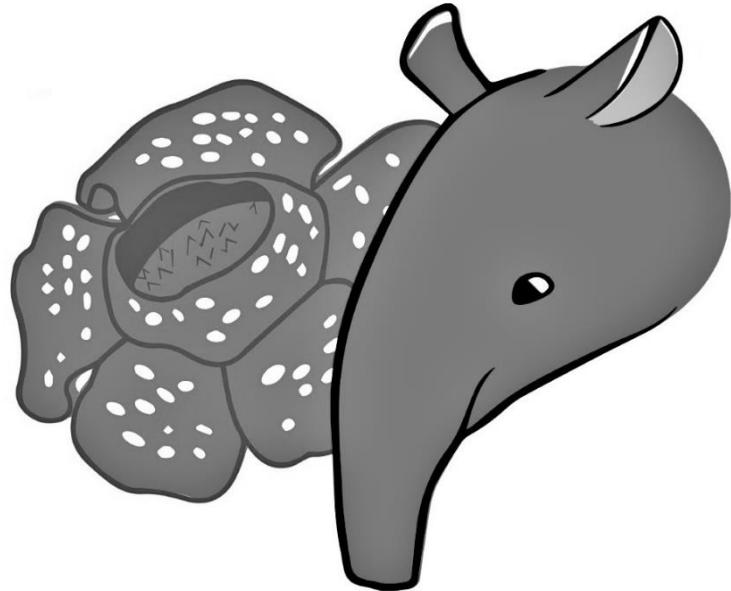
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# **PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT 2017**

**(5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 – 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018)**



REFERENCE: PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

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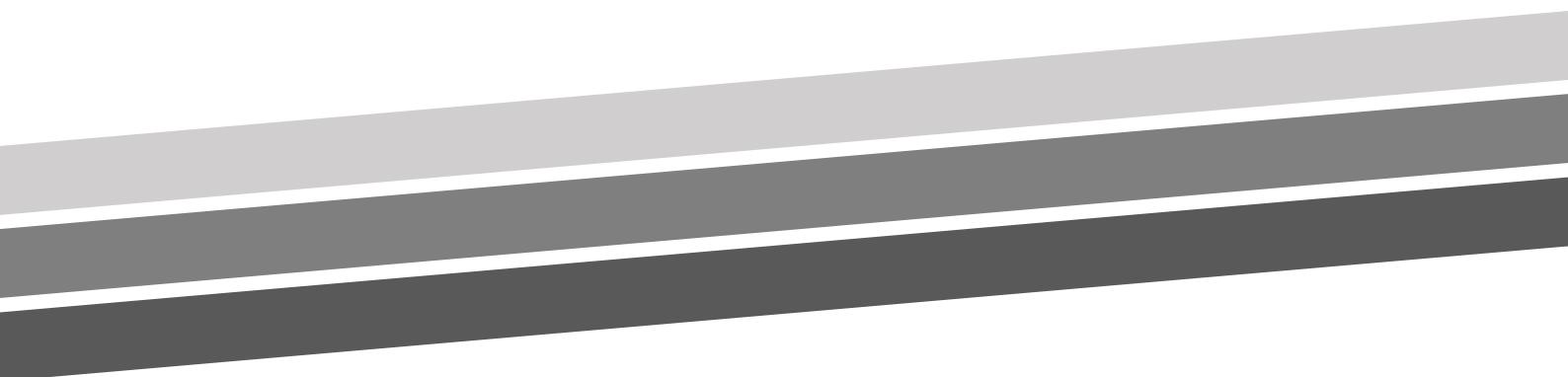
**Reporting Period:** 5th January 2017 to 4th January 2018

**Funding Received:** RM664,544.20

Costs	Budget Allocation for Year 1	Expenditure for Year 1	Balance of Allocation from Year 1	Percentage of Expenditure
	RM	RM	RM	%
<b>1. Human Resources</b>				
1.1 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, local staff)	233,011.20	236,619.57	(3,608.37)	102%
1.2 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, expat/int. staff)	0	0	0	0%
1.3 Per diems for missions/travel	13,734.40	20,397.73	(6,663.33)	149%
<b>Subtotal Human Resources</b>	<b>246,745.60</b>	<b>257,017.30</b>	<b>(10,271.70)</b>	<b>104%</b>
<b>2. Travel</b>				
2.1 International travel	11,366.40	17,212.37	(5,845.97)	151%
2.2 Local transportation	14,208.00	15,380.33	(1,172.33)	108%
<b>Subtotal Travel</b>	<b>25,574.40</b>	<b>32,592.70</b>	<b>(7,018.30)</b>	<b>127%</b>
<b>3. Equipment and supplies</b>				
3.1 Purchase or rent of vehicles				

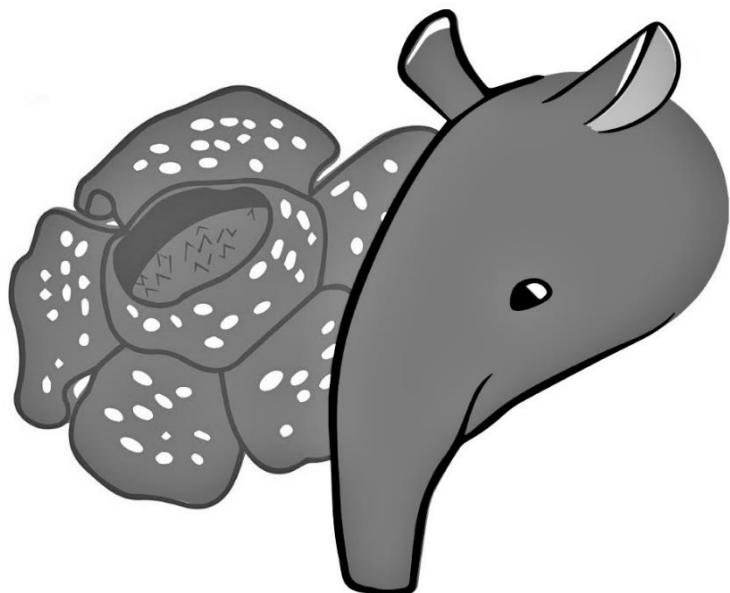
3.2 Furniture, computer equipment	50,320.00	57,035.82	(6,715.82)	113%
3.3 Machines, tools	28,416.00	898.99	27,517.01	3%
3.4 Spare parts/equipment for machines, tools	4,736.00	0	4,736.00	0%
3.5 Other (please specify) - website design & management	9,472.00	0	9,472.00	0%
<b>Subtotal Equipment and supplies</b>	<b>92,944.00</b>	<b>57,934.81</b>	<b>35,009.19</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>4. Local office</b>				
4.1 Vehicle costs	2,159.61	503.19	1,656.42	23%
4.2 Office rent	0	0	0	0%
4.3 Consumables - office supplies	0	0	0	0%
4.4 Other services (tel/fax, electricity/heating, maintenance)	0	0	0	0%
<b>Subtotal Local office</b>	<b>2,159.61</b>	<b>503.19</b>	<b>1,656.42</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>5. Other costs, services</b>				
5.1 Publications	47,360.00	25,931.80	21,428.20	55%
5.2 Studies, research	118,400.00	88,742.67	29,657.33	75%
5.3 Expenditure verification/Audit	0	0	0	0%
5.4 Evaluation costs	7,104.00	0	7,104.00	0%
5.5 Translation, interpreters	7,104.00	0	7,104.00	0%
5.6 Financial services (bank guarantee costs etc.)	9,472.00	0	9,472.00	0%
5.7 Costs of conferences/seminars	68,672.00	0	68,672.00	0%
5.8. Visibility actions	37,888.00	37,560.55	327.45	99%
<b>Subtotal Other costs, services</b>	<b>296,000.00</b>	<b>152,235.02</b>	<b>143,764.98</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>6. GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>663,423.62</b>	<b>500,283.02</b>	<b>163,140.59</b>	<b>75%</b>





# **PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT 2018**

**(5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 – 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018)**



REFERENCE: PROJECT FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

**Financial Report: Year 2**

**Reporting Period:** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

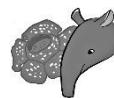
**Funding Received:**

Carry Forward from Year 1 – RM163,140.59

Pre-Finance Received on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – RM161,017.50

Total Cash Available – RM324,158.09

Costs	Budget Allocation for Year 2	Expenditure for Year 2	Balance of Allocation from Year 2	Percentage of Expenditure
				RM %
<b>1. Human Resources</b>				
1.1 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, local staff)	233,011.20	122,219.55	110,791.65	52%
1.2 Salaries (gross salaries including social security charges and other related costs, expat/int. staff)	0	0	0	0%
1.3 Per diems for missions/travel	13,734.40	0	13,734.40	0%
<b><i>Subtotal Human Resources</i></b>	<b><i>246,745.60</i></b>	<b><i>122,219.55</i></b>	<b><i>124,526.05</i></b>	<b><i>50%</i></b>
<b>2. Travel</b>				
2.1. International travel	11,366.40	11,978.00	(611.60)	105%
2.2 Local transportation	14,208.00	4,750.00	9,458.00	33%
<b><i>Subtotal Travel</i></b>	<b><i>25,574.40</i></b>	<b><i>16,728.00</i></b>	<b><i>8,846.40</i></b>	<b><i>65%</i></b>



<b>3. Equipment and supplies</b>				
3.1 Purchase or rent of vehicles	0	0	0	0%
3.2 Furniture, computer equipment	14,208.00	5,830.24	8,377.76	41%
3.3 Machines, tools	28,416.00	0	28,416.00	0%
3.4 Spare parts/equipment for machines, tools	4,736.00	0	4,736.00	0%
3.5 Other (please specify) - website design & management	9,472.00	0	9,472.00	0%
<b>Subtotal Equipment and supplies</b>	<b>56,832.00</b>	<b>5,830.24</b>	<b>51,001.76</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>4. Local office</b>				
4.1 Vehicle costs	2,159.61	0	2,159.61	0%
4.2 Office rent	0	0	0	0%
4.3 Consumables - office supplies	0	0	0	0%
4.4 Other services (tel/fax, electricity/heating, maintenance)	0	0	0	0%
<b>Subtotal Local office</b>	<b>2,159.61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,159.61</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>5. Other costs, services</b>				
5.1 Publications	47,360.00	24,336.58	23,023.42	51%
5.2 Studies, research	94,720.00	150,167.95	(55,447.95)	159%
5.3 Expenditure verification/Audit	23,680.00	4,056.00	19,624.00	17%
5.4 Evaluation costs	14,208.00	31,592.50	(17,384.50)	222%
5.5 Translation, interpreters	0	0	0	0%
5.6 Financial services (bank guaranteee costs etc.)	0	0	0	0%
5.7 Costs of conferences/seminars	56,832.00	87,803.18	(30,971.18)	154%
5.8. Visibility actions	37,888.00	57,735.15	(19,847.15)	152%
<b>Subtotal Other costs, services</b>	<b>284,160.00</b>	<b>355,691.36</b>	<b>(71,531.36)</b>	<b>125%</b>
<b>6. GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>615,471.61</b>	<b>500,469.15</b>	<b>115,002.46</b>	<b>81%</b>

**Financial Report: Year 2**

**Reporting Period:** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Funding Available:**

Balance of Allocation – (RM176,311.06)

Funding for Year 2 received on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2018 – RM444,517.52

Balance Still Available from Year 2 – RM268,206.46





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