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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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| Project Title: Enhancing Effectiveness and Financial Sustainability of Protected Areas in Malaysia | |
| Implementing Partner: Department of Wildlife and National Parks | Atlas Project ID: 00082355 |
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| Project Document Start Date: 5 June 2012 Project Document End Date: 4 June 2018 | Project Document Budget: USD 5,600,000 In-Kind Contribution: USD |
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| National Steering Committee Chair: Dato' Sri Dr Azimuddin bin Bahari Designation: Deputy Secretary-General (Environmental Management), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment National Steering Committee Meeting Date(s) in 2017: 1 June 2017 & 28 November 2017 | National Project Director: Mohd Taufik Abd Rahman Designation: Director, Protected Areas Division, Department of Wildlife and National Parks Peninsula Malaysia |
| Evaluation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Year: 2017 Midterm Review Rating/ Results: PIR: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (For GEF-funded projects) Year: 2017 Rating/ Results: Overall DO Rating: Moderately Unsatisfactory Overall IP Rating: Moderately Satisfactory Overall Risk Rating: Moderate | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-going Project <input type="checkbox"/> Project scheduled for Year 1 implementation in 2017 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project scheduled for Year 2 and above implementation in 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> Project scheduled for completion in 2017, but extended to 2018 <input type="checkbox"/> Project completed in 2017 |

Brief Project Description

Malaysia is one of 17 mega-diverse countries in the world, with a wealth of biological diversity in its terrestrial and marine zones. The flora of Malaysia is exceedingly rich and is conservatively estimated to contain about 12,500 species of flowering plants, approximately 306 species of mammals, more than 742 species of birds, and 547 species of reptiles, including a large number of endemics. In order to safeguard the globally significant biodiversity, Malaysia has established networks of protected areas (PAs). In Peninsular Malaysia alone, there are at least four PA networks covering a total area of 2.98 million ha, managed by different agencies including the Federal Department of Wildlife and National Parks, Johor National Parks Corporation, Perak State Parks Corporation and state forestry departments. PAs under different networks are governed by different laws with varying degrees of protection status, and gazetting and de-gazetting procedures. What is common between the different PA networks is that these PAs are largely characterized as sub-optimally managed and severely underfinanced.

There are four main reasons for this: (i) non-existent uniform system of national PAs under a common umbrella for achievement of biodiversity conservation goals; (ii) insufficient understanding of the economic value of the PAs and essential contribution they make to national development; (iii) insufficient incentives on the part of the state government to invest in



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PA management due to the perception that they are foregoing revenue generation opportunities through other forms of land use; and (iv) sub-optimal capacity at the PA management agencies for site management and PA system management.

In order to remove these obstacles for optimal PA system establishment and management, the project aims to establish a uniform national wildlife PA system in Peninsular Malaysia and to establish a performance-based financing structure to support effective PA system management. Through a combination of interventions at Federal, PA network, and site levels, the project will engender the introduction of system-level thinking, planning, and management, supported by innovative, cost-effective, and sustainable financing mechanisms. At the federal level, the project focuses on creation of a uniform wildlife PA system with standard criteria for establishment and effective management, development of the national PA system information and knowledge management system, and establishment of performance-based financing mechanisms. At the sub-PA network level, the project supports to increase management effectiveness of the PA systems and decreasing of financing gaps, ensuring that PA system management and business planning processes are linked to performance based financing. At the site level, the project supports functional, technical, and management capacity development in order for the individual PAs to meet the nationally set standards and access the financial incentive mechanisms. The interventions are expected to translate into improved management effectiveness in addressing growing threats to biodiversity from, inter alia, poaching and land-use change, firstly within 886,000 ha of the terrestrial wildlife PAs. It is in turn expected to have an indirect impact on a larger 2.98 million ha of PA system including the protection forests within the Permanent Reserved Forests (PRFs), as well as the PA networks in the states of Sabah and Sarawak, through future application of the standards and financing mechanisms for those PAs.



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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2017

Enhancing Effectiveness and Financial Sustainability of Protected Areas in Malaysia

Section 1: Overall Implementation of Project Outputs as Per Signed Annual Work Plan 2017

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| 2017 AWP Budget: USD 1,263,000 2017 AWP Budget (Revised): N/A 2017 Expenditure: USD 1,238,173.20 2017 Expenditure (%): 98.0% 2017 In-Kind Contribution: To be reported in APR 2019 | Total Project Budget: USD 5,600,000 Total Project Expenditure: USD 3,317,688.17 Total Project Expenditure (%): 59.2% Total In-Kind Contribution: To be reported in APR 2019 Gender Marker Rating (ATLAS): GEN-1 |
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OUTCOME 1: Systemic & Institutional Capacities to manage and financially support a national PA system

Output 1: National framework established in support of developing a national PA system, with uniform criteria for PA establishment and management standards

Target 2017: National framework for PA system with uniform criteria for PA establishment and management standards is established by 30 September 2017.

Achievement and Results 2017:

There were over ten consultation sessions at national and state level during the Jan – June 2017 period. The sessions focused on a number of issues related to the development of the objectives, strategies and detailed actions of the NFPA, including the extent of coverage the states can commit to by 2025. Two consultations were held with Sabah and one was held with Sarawak.

A national-level NFPA Validation Workshop was held on 3-4 May 2017 in Kuala Lumpur where the national standards were further affirmed. To further strengthen and harmonize PA designation and management across diverse PA networks, the following detailed criteria were adopted:

1. Criteria for Classification of Designated PAs under the Malaysian PA Classification
2. Criteria for Consideration as PA for Sites that are Designated by Gazettement Mechanism
3. Criteria for Consideration as PA for Sites that are Designated by Regulatory Mechanism
4. Criteria for Funding Incentives for PAs

The final NFPA national Refinement Workshop was held on 19 June 2017 to further refine the Strategic Action Plan of NFPA based on the feedback from the 4th National NFPA Validation Workshop (3-4 May 2017, Kuala Lumpur). The workshop deliberated in detail on each of 161 actions under 28 strategies of the Strategic Action Plan of the draft NFPA and was subsequently refined to 120 actions under 21 strategies while maintaining the six major objectives:

- Strengthen and Streamline PA Governance (5 Strategies, 36 actions)
- Ensure Ecological Representativeness of the PA Network (2 Strategies, 7 actions)
- Ensure Effective PA Coverage (3 Strategies, 25 actions)
- Enhancing Conservation of Biodiversity Resources & PA Management (6 Strategies, 27 actions)
- Empowering Stakeholders (3 Strategies, 11 actions)
- Diversifying Funding Sources through Sustainable Financing (2 Strategies, 14 actions)

Based on the deliberations and feedbacks from the final workshop, modifications were made to final draft, particularly to address concerns raised by Sabah and Sarawak on the implementation mechanisms of NFPA at the State levels. The final draft was delivered by the consultant in August and the draft was circulated by NRE for final



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comments including Sabah and Sarawak. Meantime, NRE has taken the initiative to form the working groups to coordinate the NFPA, whilst for Sabah and Sarawak it is subject to adoption by both States.

Output 2: PA information and knowledge management system established to support the national PA system management

Target 2017: To produce the updated PA Master List for publication

Achievement and Results 2017:

To date, the PA Master List and PA Database has been completed except for the GIS mapping for Peninsular Malaysia. The consultant has been consulting with Malaysian Centre for Geospatial Data Infrastructure (MACGDI) and other entities for a short-term resource person for about a week to complete the GIS mapping is proposed to fast tract the process. The Project has appointed a resource person from WWF to undertake the GIS mapping task and it is expected to be completed by mid-of December 2017. Upon completion of the PA Master List, it will need to be endorsed by NRE for publication.

In the course of working on the PA Master List, the consultant has also been coordinating closely with the officers of the National Biodiversity Centre (NBC) that are working on the MyBIS (Malaysia Biodiversity Information System). The system already includes a platform to showcase Malaysia's Protected Areas. The information gathered from this consultancy and the eventual finalized listing will be the key to helping NBC to fill in its data gaps and finalize the integrated database for the entire country on MyBIS.

Output 3: Budgetary framework created to increase financial support for PAs, allocated on the basis of performance

Target 2017: to establish/create enabling environment for performance based financing

Achievement and Results 2017:

Continued discussions with relevant agencies exploring the options for creating or at least incorporating some elements of performance based into the budgetary framework. The Project is collaborating with BioFin initiative which is targeted to strengthen capacity of central and line agencies for conservation financing. However, more constructive efforts are required in-terms of:

- i) Developing a performance based financing framework that can be adopted and incorporated into the existing budgetary system;
- ii) Elaborate on the indicators and performance measurement tools; and
- iii) Improve and strengthen capacities of implementing agencies.

In relation to this, the Project organized a Regional Forum on **“Innovation, Inclusiveness and Impact: Strengthening and Diversifying Financing for Protected Areas.”**

The Regional Forum was held from 10 – 12 October 2017 in Kuching, Sarawak. The Forum was fully funded by PA Financing Project and was organized with the support of UNDP, Sarawak State Government and DWNP. A total of 150 participants and experts from the South Africa, the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand participated in the forum. The objectives of the forum were to highlight common challenges, constraints and opportunities in developing and scaling-up finance for biodiversity, to facilitate exchange on best practices in financing mechanism and biodiversity management and showcase various tools and methodologies for quantifying the value of biodiversity and protected areas and ensuring that these findings lead to the necessary changes in policy. The forum received very positive feedback from the participants, moderators and speakers that this Forum is one of the best in terms of quality, relevance of content and programme, exchange of best practices & lessons learned, event organization and hospitality. The proceeding of the forum is in preparation and expected to be ready in 2018.



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National Conservation Trust Fund (NCTF): The project team held a meeting with NRE on 7 February 2017 to discuss future support to help establish the NCTF on a firmer footing and assuring its potential for longer term sustainability. Based on this discussion, the NRE accepted the offer from the PA Financing Project to engage a consultancy to help elaborate a Strategic Plan and Resource Mobilization Strategy for the NCTF. The TOR for the study has been finalized and UNDP to put up advertisement for Individual Consultancy. UNDP has advertised for the job in early December 2017; and the study is expected to begin in early 2018.

World Rangers Day 2017, Penang National Park, 28th July – 1st August 2017

For World Rangers Day 2017, DWNP served as the Secretariat to organize the event in Peninsula since the event has already been hosted in Sabah and Sarawak, in previous two years.

The event was held in Penang National Park from 28 July -1 August 2017 with a total of 36 rangers participated. The World Rangers Day with "Unsung Heroes of Malaysia's Forests: learning from experience, inspired by passion" as theme received positives feedback from participants. Rangers (past and present) that have faced, and triumphed over adversity were invited to speak in the gathering. Examples include rangers involved in the rescue of people trapped on Mt Kinabalu during the 2015 earthquake, or those that provide emergency assistance during flood events, rangers that have been injured in the line of duty battling poachers and addressing human-wildlife conflict.

There was some media coverage on Berita Harian and RTM and a feature article on the event was published. It was excellent camaraderie among the rangers from the different agencies, and participants have succeeded in registering the Gabungan Rangers 1Malaysia organization. The Chairman of the organization is from DWNP and the Secretary is from JPSM. The World Rangers' Day event appears to be good initiatives and networking platform for rangers from PAs in Malaysia. It is suggested the event to be taken up by the Ministry as a yearly event.

Status: On Track Off Track Achieved

Remarks if any project outputs, activities and targets were not implemented or amended. Please indicate mitigating/adaptive actions with timeline.

OUTCOME 2: Technical and institutional capacities to manage sub-national PA networks, including capacities for effective financial management

Output 1: PA networks financial plans developed, incorporating strategies for funding sources diversification for PA networks/ Policies and guidelines for PA financing diversification and retention institutionalized in the targeted PA agencies

Target 2017: To develop financial and revenue diversification plans for PA networks

Achievement and Results 2017:

Based on discussions with state PA agencies, the TOR for consultants to strengthen capacity for Sustainable Financing within the agencies is being prepared. The consultant will look at implementing the Business Plans and exploring agency-wide opportunities for revenue generation. The study is expected to begin in 2018.

Output 2: Three target networks have sufficient institutional and technical capacity to support their PAs to meet national management criteria and access performance-based financial support system

Target 2017: To develop and implement capacity development activities for PA networks

Achievement and Results 2017:

This institutional and technical capacity aspects progressed well compared to the performance-based financial support system.



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i. Assistance to PA Networks with Legal Review of Enactments

The need for strengthening PA legislation was determined during the Gap Analysis conducted as part of the Management & Business Plan preparation process by the consultants. A legal expert is now being engaged to assist the PA agencies to address gaps and shortcomings identified during the legislation review. Ms Gan informed that the engagement of the resource person would be finalized by Dec 2017, where a legal expert will be engaged by UNDP on a long-term basis; this will make it easier for the project to utilize his/her expertise. At present, the TOR for legislation review of JNPC and DWNP has been finalized, while PSPC is awaiting approval to commence this work.

ii. Joint training and capacity building activities, Wilderness Advanced First Aid, Endau-Rompin Johor National Park, Selai, 8-11 August 2017.

Wilderness Advanced First Aid was held in ERJNP Selai Entrance from 8th – 11th Aug 2017 to strengthen PA agencies and guides capacity in emergency response and risk management. It was attended by 30 participants (16 JNPC staffs, 7 Taman Negara staffs, 3 PSPC staffs, and 4 representatives of the local community) with the resource person from the Wilderness Medical Association International. It is an international certified course and participants gave very good feedback on the course as it is very useful and helps them to understand the critical factors to save someone's life and enable them to judge and make decision during emergency response. Further training in Wilderness Response Course is recommended.

iii. External Training and Programmes supported by the Project in 2017

Project supported one participant from DWNP to attend Friendship Programme in Korea organized by the Korea National Parks Service in June – July 2017. In addition, 3 participants from DWNP, JNPC, and Sabah Parks have been shortlisted and sent to attend the training in Certificate in Wildlife Management in Wildlife Institute of India from 1 Nov 2017 to 31 Jan 2018

iv. Extended support to Sarawak

In March 2017, Sarawak Forestry Corporation has submitted request for Project's assistance in-terms of providing:

- i) Training and capacity development for SFD and SFC staffs developing management plans for the various Parks under their jurisdiction; and
- ii) Development of Management Plans for Santubong National Park
- iii)

Follow up from the SFC's request, a training session was conducted from 18th -19th Sept 2017 at Kuching on developing Management and business plan training, and it was attended by 23 participants consisting of park wardens and managers. With regard to the request for developing Management Plan for Santubong National Park, the NPD together with the Project Manager had a discussion with SFC officials in late June 2017, exploring the possibility for the Project to extend any assistance. However, during the discussion it was observed that the Park may need help in terms of:

- i) land use planning as the Park is located in the middle of prime real estate area therefore needing a constructive engagement of stakeholders surrounding the Park; and
- ii) though it is a small park and with short trails, Santubong peak is very popular among the visitors due to its almost vertical climb to the top. This leads to frequent incidences of injuries to the visitors; thus the visitor management is a more pertinent and urgent issue to be resolved. The project will explore the possibilities to support the trainings on Wilderness Advanced First Aid/Wilderness Responder to establish a capable and efficient search and rescue team for Santubong NP instead of to develop the management plan.



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Output 3: A Centre of excellence to meet the long-term capacity development needs of PA authorities established

Target 2017: To develop strategic plan for transformation of IBD

Achievement and Results 2017:

i. Transformation of IBD

An internal discussion on the Transformation Plan to institutionalize the Institute of Biodiversity (IBD) was held on 30 March 2017. The focus of the meeting was to discuss enlisting the specialized support needed to move forward on planning for IBD Transformation which was initiated in 2014. The TOR for a consultant/technical assistant is being prepared and will be submitted to UNDP. The study is expected to begin in 2018 and in relation to this, the Project plans to organize a technical mission to Wildlife Institute of India probably in March 2018.

ii. Effective Protected Area and Wildlife Management (EPAM) Course 2017

The third series of the EPAM course was held from 11 Sept-20 Oct 2017 at IBD with a total of 22 participants from various agencies. There were no major changes to the Course from the previous year except for one site visit. The course went well with good and positive feedback from the participants. Overall, it improved as compared to the previous years. The Project has provided full support for consecutive three years while the Department supported it in kinds. The Project will continue supporting EPAM in 2018 but only with partial funding and other sources of funding to enable the course to be held should be secured by PERHILITAN.

Status: On Track Off Track Achieved

Remarks if any project outputs, activities and targets were not implemented or amended. Please indicate mitigating/adaptive actions with timeline.

OUTCOME 3: Effective Site-level PA management

Output 1: Management and Business Plans for the Three the Target Sites

Target 2017: To complete Management and Business Plans for the three target sites: Endau Rompin Johor National Park (ENJNP), Royal Belum State Park (RBSP), and Taman Negara National Park (TNNP);

Achievement and Results 2017:

NEPCon contract ended in October 2017, and within this period the final drafts of the Management and Business Plans for the three sites have been delivered. Though the contract has ended agreement has been achieved for the Consultants to continue to provide necessary support to finalize the Plans for adoption by the respective management authorities. The three remaining deliverables: i) Stakeholders consultation and planning process document; ii) Bahasa Melayu versions of the Plans; and iii) Practical Guide for PA Managers are to be submitted by end of this year.

Endau Rompin Johor National Park (ERJNP)

A discussion among JNPC, NEPCon and PAFP was held on 17th July 2017 to deliberate on the process of preparing the management plan of ERJNP such as whether the right stakeholders were engaged, and the stakeholder comments were addressed in the proper context. Currently, the final version of the Management Plan and Business Plan for ERJNP is pending for endorsement by the Board of Directors of JNPC by 2017.

Royal Belum State Park (RBSP)

The Final draft of the Management Plan and Business Plan for RBSP was reviewed with key stakeholders for an additional round at Ipoh on 13th June 2017 and it was attended by 35 participants with representatives from various state government agencies (UPEN, Office of Legal Advisory, Jabatan Kewangan, Forestry, Perhilitan, MoTAC, and Majlis Daerah Gerik), Perak Academy and NGOs such as MNS and WWF-Malaysia. A discussion among PSPC, NEPCon and PAFP was held immediately on 14th June 2017 to deliberate on the stakeholders' inputs. PSPC



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was firm that the stakeholders' comments will need to be addressed carefully. NEPCon submitted the Final version of the Management Plan incorporating the stakeholders' comments on 30th Oct 2017. Once PSPC has completed reviewing the document, it will be presented to UPEN Perak for endorsement.

Taman Negara National Park

During the reporting DWNP convened two workshops: July in Melaka; and September in Paya Indah to review the final draft of the Plans. The Management Plan has been finalized and DWNP has accepted the final draft. Decision has been made at Department's management level to incorporate the proposed Strategies and Action Plans into its annual work plan for Taman Negara.

Output 2: Functional capacities of the target PAs improved, meeting the minimum performance criteria under the national standards

Target 2017: To conduct agency specific training for enhancement of capacity

Achievement and Results 2017:

SOUTHERN REGION

Capacity Building on Enforcement SOP, 2017

JNPC organized a training session on establishing enforcement SOP at Pulau Besar from 23-26 April 2017 and it was attended by 24 participants with representatives from JNPC, PSPC, DWNP and Marine Park Department. The SOP aims to strengthen enforcement effort of JNPC providing a more smoother enforcement operation so as to enhance effective management of the PAs under JNPC. As a result, of the workshop, JNPC has further strengthened their enforcement coordination and procedures in handling enforcement cases. The SOP has been prepared by JNPC and pending for final input from the Division of Strategy and Enforcement of JNPC.

Capacity Building on "Wilderness Advanced First Aid", Aug 2017

JNPC conducted a capacity building workshop entitled "Wilderness Advanced First Aid" from 7th – 11th Aug 2017 at ERNP, Selai gateway, Johor. The resource person was from Wilderness Medical Association International, and it was attended by 30 participants from several agencies, including PSPC, Perhilitan Johor, and local communities of Gunung Ledang. This workshop provided hands-on training on the immediate treatments needed to deal with emergency situations while waiting for the arrival of medical professions. These life-saving skills included proper bandaging for fractures and snake bites, CPR, the necessary precautions and steps needed to take care of people suffering from strokes, and asthma. Upon satisfactory completion of the entire training course, each participant was awarded an advanced certificate and a badge, which is valid for three years. In general most participants gave very good comments on the training workshop.

NORTHERN REGION

Capacity building workshop on applying Advanced QGIS software in conservation work, July 2017

PSPC conducted a session of capacity building entitled "Advanced QGIS software for conservation planning with hands-on practical" from 11th – 13th July 2017 at Ipoh, and it was attended by 13 participants with representatives from PSPC, JNPC and Perhilitan Perak. In an earlier session of capacity building on GIS in March 2017, participants were experiencing a rather steep learning curve on using QGIS, and this workshop aimed to further familiarize the participants on conceptualizing the application of GIS before moving into providing them training on the advanced and handy ArcGIS. The training on ArcGIS will be held in early 2018, and an assessment on the progress of the participants will be held first prior to the commencement of the training on ArcGIS.



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Support for the engagement of local communities within and adjacent to focal sites

JNPC had successfully carried out several sessions of engagement with local communications around ERNP. These trainings included:

1. Documentary training via Suara Community held from 20 – 25 September 2017. The training aimed to build community capacity in filming their story, culture to develop promotional materials for their village or relevant conservation initiatives.
2. Nature Guide training held from 5 – 22 September 2017. The training aimed to raise the standard of nature guides in ENRP and enabled participants to be licensed under Ministry of Tourism.
3. Technical visit to Bundu Tuhan (Sabah) from 2 – 6 October 2017. The technical visit provides experience sharing and best practices exchange in community-based forest management and system Tagal. It was an eye-opening experience for Orang Asli communities from Johor.

These activities were held in collaboration and coordination with PA Financing Project, IC-CFS and DWNP. Meanwhile, training on English conversation for the nature guides is still ongoing.

Communications support for Taman Negara National Park

To this end, the project has supported the production of several communication products that carry a conservation message to promote awareness and the appreciation of the unique features of the three parks while providing practical information for visitors to these areas.

Taman Negara Visitors' Guide

The Taman Negara Visitors' Guide has now been put on sale; it is priced at RM25 per copy. The feedback from the visitors is positive saying that the price is reasonable and the Visitors' Guide is very informative. The harvested revenue will be channeled back to the Department for cost recovery for the production of the materials.

Kuala Tahan Trail Maps

In the 29th PMU held from 31st Oct to 1st Nov 2017, it was agreed that the Kuala Tahan Trail Maps will be placed on sale effective 16th Nov 2017 after sufficient notification had been given to the public. Despite the stickers are yet to be available, the Trail Maps will be sold via "stamping" with serial number properly documented. The Department is responsible to properly record the stamped serial number and to safe-keep the record for channeling the harvested revenue to Tabung Amanah Biodiversity in DWNP. Prior to 16th Nov 2017, the Trail Maps were given to visitors as complimentary copy.

Proceeding of the 2nd PA Managers' Conference

The revised final version of the Proceeding with layout had been received for printing towards the end of October 2017. However, there are still quite a number of glaring editorial inaccuracies, and hence the printing is momentarily put on hold until the Project team has undergone another round of proof-reading.

Trail maps for Endau Rompin and Royal Belum

The final draft of the trail maps for Endau Rompin would be ready by the end of the year; but there is no BM translation for it yet. The earlier version of the trail map was in black and white for the trails in Selai while much of the information is obsolete without clear marking on the locations of the trails. JNPC suggested a meeting with the layout artist to deliberate on the comments and the amendments needed. As for the trail map for Royal Belum, the second draft of the write-up had been reviewed towards the end of Aug 2017 pending for further improvement but the layout of the trail map is not there yet. To expedite the preparation of the map, the Project Coordinator would help to secure the GPS coordinates of the trails in Royal Belum.



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New communications products for focal sites

PSPC had just submitted the layout design of a communication material known as Fun Map for Royal Belum, requesting support for developing and printing this Fun Map. In principle, the PMU agreed to support it provided the proper documentation for the design and printing job is in place, and the invoice has to be submitted before the finance accounting closes on 8th Dec 2017. PSPC requested support for the production of a short corporate video for RBSP giving coverage to the conservation effort at RBSP; PSPC has already prepared a draft of the video storyline; but it still needs substantial editing and improvement.

Installation of new signage for Taman Negara entrances

The contract for the installation of new signage for Taman Negara entrances was awarded towards the end of Aug 2017. To this end, about 30% the work installation has been completed. The work progresses slightly slower than schedule, which is supposedly to be 50% by now, largely because of the recent bad weather. The installation would be completed by Feb 2018. The Department and the Project team conducted a site inspection on the progress of the installation in early Nov 2017.

Status: On Track Off Track Achieved

Remarks if any project outputs, activities and targets were not implemented or amended. Please indicate mitigating/adaptive actions with timeline.

Section 2: Project Progress/Contribution to National Development Agenda in 2017

2.1 Analysis/Development/Refinement of National or Sectoral Policies, Strategies and Action Plans

(Note: Please indicate and elaborate on how the outputs have been utilized by the Implementing Partner to contribute to analysis/ development/ refinement of National or Sectoral Policies, Strategies and Action Plans. Please also indicate if the outputs have contributed to the implementation of the 11th Malaysia Plan)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| Contribution to 11th Malaysia Plan's Strategic Thrusts: | |
| STRATEGIC THRUSTS (Mandatory) | |
| | Enhancing inclusiveness towards an equitable society |
| x | Improving wellbeing for all |
| | Accelerating human capital development for an advanced nation |
| x | Pursuing green growth for sustainability and resilience |
| | Strengthening infrastructure to support economic expansion |
| | Re-engineering economic growth for greater prosperity |
| GAME CHANGERS (If Applicable) | |
| | Unlocking the potential of productivity |
| | Uplifting B40 households towards a middle-class society |
| | Enabling industry-led Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) |
| x | Embarking on green growth |
| | Translating innovation to wealth |
| | Investing in competitive cities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | |



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2.2 Awareness/Understanding/Convening on Key Thematic Issues

(Note: Please indicate in the narrative the overall awareness and education on the thematic issues)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <p>Throughout 2017, numerous consultations; workshops; seminars; training; capacity building and briefing sessions were involving wide spectrum of stakeholders. Certainly, these sessions have helped to heighten knowledge and awareness among the main implementing partners and other stakeholders on the need to strengthen the conservation efforts of PAs.</p> <p>Complete list of Project related trainings; workshops and seminars conducted in 2017 is attached in Annex 1.</p> <p><i>(Please attach as an annex a full list of consultation/training/workshop events. Please include the following details:</i></p> <p><i>Location & Date:</i></p> <p><i>Topic:</i></p> <p><i>Objective:</i></p> <p><i>No of Participants: (Total and gender breakdown)</i></p> <p><i>Affiliations (Name the Ministries involved and indicate the number of private sector, civil society organizations and academia who participated):</i></p> <p><i>Feedback from participants: (in percentage of the combined overall ratings and relevance; and notable comments)</i></p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

2.3 Capacity Development and Institutional Arrangements (Mandatory response)

(Note: Please indicate if capacities are being built to implement or sustain systemic changes.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <p>A number of capacity development initiatives were undertaken in 2017. These include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective Protected Area Management (EPAM) – six weeks training programme organized by DWNP with the support of Project 11 Sep – 20 October 2017. 2. Wilderness Advanced First Aid training 3. Advanced QGIS software in conservation work 4. External Training – Korea National Park and Wildlife Institute of India 5. Training workshop in developing management and business plans for PAs in Sarawak – participants from Sarawak <p>These activities are regarded pioneer initiatives that PA and conservation related training programmes opened to all PA networks and other related agencies in the country including Sabah and Sarawak.</p> <p>Capacity development activities also been extended to develop capacities of local communities particularly in ERNP, Johor.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | |



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2.4 Development and/or Application of New Datasets, Statistics or Models

(Note: Please indicate if datasets, statistics or models have been generated or improved/ updated. Please also indicate on how these have been utilized by the Implementing Partner to strengthen national evidence based policy making.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | The PA Master List is being updated. Once completed (expected by end of December 2017) it will be used as the official reference for PAs system in Malaysia and it will be deposited with the National Biodiversity Centre in Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

2.5 Mainstreaming of Gender Equality

(Note: Please specify aspects of project activities and outputs that have contributed to gender equality. E.g: gender disaggregated data have been produced; activities was gender inclusive; gender analysis of outputs have been generated; outputs have been utilized in state/national/agency policies in gender sensitive ways; and/or stakeholder capacity in collecting, retrieving, and analyzing data with a gender perspective have been supported.)

(New in 2017: please specify project team's reflections in their contribution to gender equality especially if it's unchanged from last reporting period)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | The midterm review highlighted that an important element of strengthening community involvement relates to gender. Gender is not highlighted in the project design, and as a result, gender awareness as demonstrated by the project has been weak. Therefore, greater gender sensitivity is needed, but this should be promoted in a culturally sensitive manner, and methods for introducing it need to be developed on a case-by-case basis. Sex disaggregated data need to be gathered to factor in gender intervention that is cognizant of the local culture |

2.6 Pilot Initiative/Demonstration of New/Innovative/Other Approaches or Solutions

(Note: Please indicate if pilot initiative or demonstration of new/innovative/other approaches or solutions were undertaken and how outputs have contributed to inform decision-making and/or national policy and also if it has led to actual/ planned upscaling or replication.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |



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2.7 Review of Risk Analysis and Action

(Note: Upon reviewing the Risk Analysis stated in the Project Document, please indicate if the risks status were monitored and updated regularly. Please also highlight mitigation steps undertaken, if applicable.)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <p>The Project was subjected to Midterm Review (MTR) in May 2017, the observations made by the Team was deliberated in the final stakeholders' workshop held in 9th November 2017; and also tabled at the National Steering Committee meeting held on the 28th November 2017.</p> <p>The MTR team has made 13 recommendations for the Project's consideration and the NSC Chair proposed to form a technical committee to look into the adoption and implementation of the recommendations.</p> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

2.8 Areas of Improvement for Project Management and Implementation

(Note: Please indicate any additional comments on areas of improvement that should be taken into consideration by EPU and UNDP Malaysia in the implementation of future projects.)

The Project Management, thus far has been functioning smoothly with strong working relationship established with the main implementing partners and stakeholders.

Section 3: Project Extension into 2017

(NOTE: APPLICABLE ONLY TO PROJECTS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 2017)

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| Please indicate reasons for the project extension |
| Proposed duration of project extensions XX Months |
| Agreement by National Steering Committee: Date of Meeting: Minutes Attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

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Section 1: Overall Implementation of Project Outputs as per Signed Annual Work Plan 2017

The progress towards objective and outcome 1 is off track. The project will need to accelerate adaptive measures by incorporating the comments and recommendations from the midterm review, which was completed in October 2017, particularly for its outputs and activities relevant to the progress and achievement of project objective to establish a performance based financing structure and outcome 1 systemic and institutional capacities to manage and financially support a national protected area system.

Section 2: Project Progress/Contribution towards National Development Agenda in 2017

The project demonstrated its relevance towards 11th Malaysia Plan Thrust 4 through improved management practices for protected areas. Notably, capacity development involved in the development of Taman Negara, Endau-Rompin and Royal Belum State Park management and business plans; and training of protected area personnel of the Department of Wildlife and National Parks, Johor Parks and Perak State Parks.

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