



27th May 2020

Dear Sir/ Madam,

# MNS'S INITIATIVE TO FORM THE MALAYSIA OTTER NETWORK (MON)

Greetings from the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS).

With regards to the above mentioned, it is my pleasure to inform you that MNS will be taking the initiative to form the "Malaysia Otter Network (MON)" to strengthen the protection and conservation of the four species of otters in Malaysia.

MON will act as a volunteer-based expert group represented by professionals and researchers who are working on otters. They will assist in the determining the national status of the otters through science-policy research work and advocate for the protection of the species, including advising on appropriate public awareness programmes.

We are suggesting that a virtual meeting for the formation of MON be conducted as per the details below:

Date

: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Monday)

Time Agenda

: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm : Attached as Appendix 1

Media platform: Will be informed through email

The draft version of the MON-TOR for discussion is attached in Appendix 2 (factsheet).

Please confirm your interest and availability in joining the network and meeting by filling up the Google form attached as https://forms.gle/oNSwmP7m18hBHRSY6 before or on the 12th June If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Woo woocheeyoong@gmail.com or his handphone: +60142287977.

We thank you in advance for joining our national efforts into conserving and protecting the otters in Malaysia and their wetland habitats.

Sincerely yours,

Prof Dr. Ahmad Ismail **President of MNS** 

C.C.

1. I.S. Shanmugaraj, Executive Director **Attachments** 

1. Appendix 1: Virtual meeting agenda 2. Appendix 2: TOR for MON (draft)

JKR 641 Jalan Kelantan, Bukit Persekutuan 50480, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. T: 603 22879422 F: 603 22878773 E: mns@mns.org.my W: www.mns.my BRANCHES AT

Johor • Kedah & Perlis • Kelantan • Kuching • Langkawi • Miri • Negeri Sembilan & Melaka • Pahang • Penang • Perak • Sabah • Sandakan • Selangor • Terengganu ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRES Dark Cave, Batu Caves DeoCare, Kertih, Terengganu Durban Community Forest (UCF) Kuala Lumpur MNS/BOH Field Centre (Cameron Highlands) Nature Education Centré (NEC), FRIM, Kepong Kuala Selangor Nature Park (KSNP) Urban Environmental Education Hub (UEEH), Mid Valley Rimba Ilmu Botanical Garden (UM)

Awards received:



3G GLOBAL GOOD **GOVERNANCE 2019** 



CSR BRAND LEADERSHIPS **AWARD 2018** 



MERDEKA



Global 500 Award



Members:









#### LIST OF INVITEES

#### Mr. Affendi bin Yang Amri

Institute of Ocean and Earth Sciences

Canseleri Universiti Malaya, IGS Building, No. C308, Wilayah Persekutuan, 50603 Kuala Lumpur,

#### Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur

Email: affendi@um.edu.my

## Madam Anna Wong @ Wong Yun Moi

Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation (UMS)

Biology Tropical and Conservation Institute, Universiti Malaysia UMS, 88400, Jalan Maktab Sabah, 88100 Kota Kinabalu,

#### Sabah

Email:anna888@ums.edu.my

## Prof. Dr. Henry Bernard

Institute of Tropical Biology and Conservation (UMS)

Biology Tropical and Conservation Institute, Universiti Malaysia UMS, 88400,, Jalan Maktab Sabah, 88100 Kota Kinabalu,

#### Sabah

Email: hbtiandun@gmail.com

### Assoc. Prof Dr. Mohd Azlan Jayasilan bin Abdul Gulam Azad

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Jalan Datuk Mohammad Musa, 94300 Kota

Samarahan,

Sarawak

Email: azlan@unimas.my

#### Symphorosa Sipangkui

Sabah Wildlife Department,

Ibu Pejabat Tingkat 5, Blok B Wisma MUIS, 88100, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, 88100

# Sabah

Email: danguard78@yahoo.com

#### Dr. Pazil Abdul Patah

Jabatan Perlindungan Hidupan Liar dan Taman Negara (PERHILITAN)

Semenanjung Malaysia

KM.10 Jalan Cheras,

56100,

# Kuala Lumpur

Email: pazil@wildlife.gov.my

# **Lalita Gomez**

Monitor Conservation Research Society

Petaling Jaya,

Selangor

Email: lalita.gomez@mcrsociety.org

#### **Annabel Timothy Pianzin**

Malaysian Nature Society Sabah Branch

Sabah

Email: criikey.mate@yahoo.com

# Leona Wai

Penyelidik PhD

Sabah

Email: leonawai22@gmail.com

# Appendix 1:

# MON 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING AGENDA ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020

- 1) Welcome by Prof Dr. Ahmad Ismail, President of MNS
- 2) Introduction session from all the members of MON
- 3) Background of MON
- 4) Election of secretariat members
- 5) Discussion on ToR
- 6) The way forward
  - How many or frequent of the meetings will be held every years?
  - Communication: Setting up of media platform such as website, Facebook and others;
  - Public awareness: World Otter Day celebration annually;
  - National Get Together and other meetings;
  - Representation: in national, regional and international conference related to otter, such as the International Otter Congress;
  - Other matters arising.
- 7) Closing ceremony and virtual group photo