



**Global Environment
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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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2022**

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ORGANISATION PROFILE

Established in 1998, the Global Environment Centre (199801016929) (Registration no. 473058-T) works to address environmental issue of global importance. Registered as a Malaysian non-profit, tax-exempt organisation, we work regionally and internationally, both directly and through established partnerships.

Our tagline is Building Partnerships for the Environment. We support information exchange and capacity building as well as undertake strategic projects with other like-minded agencies worldwide.



Vision

A world where our environment is safeguarded and natural resources are conserved and used sustainably through equitable stakeholder partnerships for the common good.



Mission

To safeguard the environment and promote sustainable management of resources to meet the local, regional and global needs through smart partnerships with communities and like-minded organisations.

Objectives

- Promote conservation and integrated management of forest, river, peatland and coastal ecosystems through nature-based solutions to reduce vulnerability to climate change and disasters.
- Strengthen stakeholder capacity and mainstream participation in the sustainable management of natural resources for environmental stewardship and community welfare.
- Facilitate environmental protection and sustainable development through smart partnerships between governments, private sector, communities and other stakeholders.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Global Environment Centre (GEC)'s Board of Management, it is my delight to present GEC's Annual Report 2022. As the year unfolded, we progressed towards a steady transition from COVID-19 pandemic into the new normal: a much-needed transition.

We are keenly aware that this was not something we were able to achieve on our own, but only with the formidable support of multi-stakeholders who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with us every step of the way.

The various government departments, agencies and authorities - at federal, state and local levels, who provided support to secure approvals and facilitate our on-the-ground operations.

Our funders – both existing and new, who have been instrumental in providing the necessary resources to drive the projects at a time where both environmental and socio-economic concerns of B40 communities need our utmost and urgent attention.

The communities, the guardians of our ecosystem, whom we are privileged to work alongside with, and from whom we learn valuable lessons from on how to live in harmony with Mother Nature, and who have been a resilient lot, especially in recent years and taught us by example on how to live simply.

And finally, but most importantly, our employees - the backbone and pillars of GEC who work tirelessly day and night to make things happen and have become a force to be reckoned with in the environment circles.

As both we and nature heal, we continue to encourage all our fellow stakeholders to press forward as a united front – knowing that there is much more we can, we must and we will achieve in the years to come.

**ON THAT NOTE,
THANK YOU FOR
THE SUPPORT FOR
A FRUITFUL AND
MEANINGFUL 2022!**



Zainudin Ismail
Chairman
Global Environment Centre



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The year 2022 was an exciting year for us at Global Environment Centre, with a string of achievements and developments as the year unfolded. One of the most notable ones was GEC being among the six awardees, chosen from 300 organisations and individuals, to be a recipient of the Merdeka Award 2022. The award, in the Environment Category, was in recognition of our pioneering works in mangrove, peat swamp forest, river and coastal management and forging community engagement and partnerships to help conserve and protect our environment and natural resources.

After restrictions of many activities during the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns, 2022 signaled the transition from online and hybrid sessions towards more in-person events including on-ground site activities, capacity building programmes, forums and workshops. One such was the Monthly Tree Planting programme, which hosted seven sessions with more than 700 volunteers planting 3,050 trees at the two planting sites in Selangor namely: the Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve and Raja Musa Forest Reserve. Another highlight was the gathering of 80 stakeholders involved in sustainable river basin management for the one-day Symposium on Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into River Management in Malaysia in Putrajaya.

Before the year ended, GEC made its mark at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 27th Conference of Parties (UNFCCC COP27) event held at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt co-hosting two forums with the Malaysia Government within the Malaysian Pavilion, and a side event with Wetlands International and the Global Peatlands Initiative. GEC also displayed our work during two-day exhibition slot given at the official COP27 Exhibition.

As timeless wisdom suggests: the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. But we know it doesn't end with just one step. As we now stand at the cusp of our 25th anniversary with all wealth of experience behind us, we are cognisant there is still so much to be learnt and to be done towards creating a more sustainable Malaysia, ASEAN and the world: and for us this journey continues, one tree at a time and one river at a time.

**SO, THANK YOU
FOR BEING WITH
US AND CONTINUE
TO JOIN US ON
THIS JOURNEY!**



Faizal Parish
Director
Global Environment Centre



GOVERNANCE

Advisory Council



Mr Delmar Blasco

Former Secretary General,
Convention on Wetlands
(Ramsar, Iran 1971)

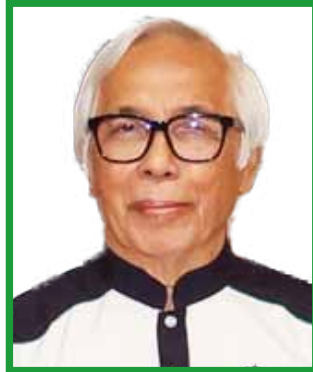


Tan Sri Razali Ismail

Former Special Advisor to the
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Former President of the
United Nations General
Assembly (1996/7)

First Chairman of the
Commission of Sustainable
Development

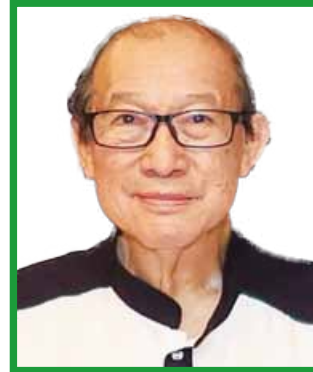


**Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri
Zakri Abdul Hamid**

Former Science Advisor to
Prime Minister of Malaysia

Former Director,
Institute of Advanced Studies,
UN University, Japan

Former Chairman of SBSTTA,
Convention on Biological
Diversity



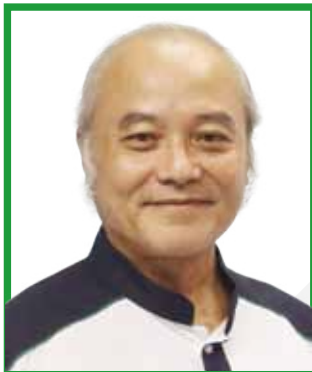
Dato' Dr. Wong Sai Hou

Former State Assemblyman
for Kampung Tunku



**Datuk Zul Mukhshar
bin Md. Shaari**

Former Director General
Forest Department of
Peninsular Malaysia



**Dato' Ir. Lim
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Chairman,
Malaysian Capacity
Development Network
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Management (MyCDNet)

Former Director of
Department of Drainage &
Irrigation (River and Coastal)
of Peninsular Malaysia



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Former Director General of
Department of Environment
Malaysia



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Former Director General of
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Institute of Malaysia (NAHRIM)

Management Board



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Serena Lew Siew Yan
Manager,
Peatland Programme



Adelaine Tan
Manager,
Outreach and Partnerships
Programme

STAFF



OUR VOLUNTEERS

Some snapshots of the many volunteers who came to support GEC's activities in 2022.



GEC SHINES @ MERDEKA AWARDS 2022



**ONE OF THE
KEY HIGHLIGHTS
FOR GEC IN 2022
WAS BEING CONFERRED
THE PRESTIGIOUS
MERDEKA AWARD.**

On 19 Aug 2022, GEC was named the award winner for the Merdeka Award 2022 (Environment category) in recognition of our pioneering works to conserve and rehabilitate Malaysia's mangrove and peat swamp forests as well as for its works in solving environmental issues of global importance for over 20 years.

GEC was selected from amongst 300 high-calibre individuals and organisations who were evaluated based on their distinction and sustainable impact in their body of work.

Presenting the award to GEC, Merdeka Award Trust Royal Patron and Chairman, His Royal Highness, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, the Sultan of Perak Darul Ridzuan said: "The award recognises (GEC's) outstanding contribution in mangrove, peat swamp forest, river and coastal management, climate change programmes, and their promotion of community and forging community engagement and partnerships to help conserve and protect our environment and natural resources".

In 2022, GEC was among just six organisations or individuals to receive the coveted award. GEC was conferred with a Merdeka Award Trophy, Certificate of Recognition and cash reward of RM300,000.

GEC's Director, Faizal Parish said that to address critical environmental challenges, we need to work together through an integrated, multi-stakeholder approach as highlighted by GEC's tagline: Building Partnerships for the Environment.





On the international front, GEC made waves at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 27th Conference of Parties (UNFCCC COP27) event held at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt. This was a timely opportunity for GEC to showcase our initiatives particularly on sustainable peatland management and community engagement in Malaysia and the ASEAN region. GEC's participation and activities at COP27 was made possible through funding support from International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Malaysian government.

At COP27, GEC co-hosted two forums with the Malaysia government within the Malaysian Pavillion:

Financing and Investment for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in ASEAN discussing the strategies to halt massive peatland, forest and land fires in Southeast Asia by securing multi-stakeholder partnerships and US\$1.5 billion to finance sustainable low-emission land management in ASEAN.

Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Sustainable Peatland Management to Address Climate Change in Malaysia featuring the His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Pahang State, local indigenous peoples representative and the private sector sharing what has, can and must be done.

At the Malaysian Pavillion, GEC was also given a space to showcase exhibits of GEC's work and those of the communities we work with.

GEC jointly hosted with Wetlands International and Global Peatlands Initiative an event entitled Enhancing Climate Action through Peatlands, the forum highlights how countries have integrated, enhanced or are implementing climate commitments in peatland landscapes, while featuring case studies.

GEC was also given a two-day exhibition slot at the official COP27 Exhibition, to showcase our success stories and best practices on sustainable peatland management and reforestation efforts together with handicraft items made by OA community members of the *Sahabat Gambut Asli Temuan* (SGAT). GEC also sponsored Temuan Orang Asli artist and activist Mr Shaq Koyok to participate and showcase his work at COP27.

GEC also was a panelist in an event by the Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation for a press conference to share experience and case study on Multi-stakeholder Action for Climate through Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia.

PROGRAMME: RIVER CARE

The Guideline on Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into River Management was launched during the Symposium held in Putrajaya.



One of the key highlights for GEC's River Care initiatives in 2022 was one-day Symposium on Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into River Management in Malaysia, which was successfully organised by DID Malaysia with support of UNDP and held in Putrajaya, Malaysia in March.

The symposium aimed to provide an information-sharing platform on Best Management Practices (BMP) and the output from the Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into River Management project in Malaysia which covers three pioneer landscapes - Klang Basin (Selangor), Kinta Basin (Perak) and Segama Basin (Sabah) – as well as a module to mainstream biodiversity with holistic management of river basins through multi-stakeholder partnerships. The one-day symposium was attended by 80 participants from various stakeholders including government agencies, local communities, private sectors, universities and NGOs.

As a result, GEC produced a 46-pages publication on the proceedings of the Symposium summarising key highlights and takeaways including recommendations on the way forward from the Symposium.

In Selangor/KL, GEC in partnership with SPARK Foundation through W.A.T.E.R. Project sustain the WATER Stewardship programme for past 15 years.

Meanwhile, up north in Perak, GEC also upgraded and enhanced the mountain bike eco-trail at Kampung Tonggang, together with the local *Orang Asli* community under the Yayasan Hasanah Special Grant 2022. This included rainwater harvesting systems for non-potable usage (external washing and cleaning) by OA communities and the public, especially for mountain bikers. GEC and the OA community of Kampung Makmur enhanced the track along Sungai Seno'oi from Kampung Makmur/ Kampung Lalang to the entrance gateway to the trail to Mount Korbu.



Through funding support from Yayasan Hasanah Special Grant 2022, the Kampung Tonggang eco-trail got an uplift.



Dutch Lady Milk Industries Bhd employees were hands-on with collecting, segregating, weighing and transporting out to recycling 150kg of waste in conjunction with their Sustainability Week.

In August, GEC hosted the two-days Knowledge Exchange River Conference 2022, involving GEC council members, alongside delegates from Bangladesh River Foundation and Bangladesh River Travelers Network. This included a site visit to AU2 Community Garden and Kolam Biru to introduce the various initiatives and programmes, followed by a day-long forum.

In October, an awareness programme was conducted in conjunction with Dutch Lady Milk Industries Bhd (DLMI) Sustainability Week. One key activity was the riverbank clean-up along Sg Penchala near Millennium Square, Petaling Jaya in which more than 150kg of waste was collected, segregated, weighed and transported out to recycling and the landfill with the support of the KDEB Waste Management Sdn Bhd.



GEC's National River Care Fund (NRCF) secretariat paid a visit to NRCF Cycle 7 grantee, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Buntong in Ipoh, Perak.



PROGRAMME: FOREST AND COASTAL



A 200m tidal channel was constructed manually by the Sungai Limau Community in Lekir, Perak to ensure sea water flow reaches the mangrove planting site for a successful restoration outcome.

GEC's work with state forestry departments in Johor, Perak and Selangor continued in the area of forest, peatland and mangrove conservation, protection, restoration, fire prevention, public awareness activities, as well as the development of research, policy and guidelines in collaboration with local communities and like-minded organisations.

The year also marked the recommencement of the Monthly Tree Planting Programme with more than 700 volunteers planting 3,050 trees in seven sessions at two planting sites: the Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve and Raja Musa Forest Reserve. This activity, initiated in 2008 by GEC and the Selangor State Forestry Department (SSFD) promotes the importance of forest conservation to the public. It was carried out in partnership with, and funded by, various companies including HSBC Bank Malaysia, Yayasan Sime Darby, Prosper Capital Holdings Sdn Bhd and in collaboration with other NGOs, and with the support of local community groups namely, Friends of North Selangor Peat Swamp Forest (SHGSU) and *Sahabat Gambut Asli Temuan* (SGAT).

Additionally, ten community-based nurseries nationwide planted more than 60,000 mangrove, 25,000 peatland and 5,000 forest trees for different conservation and rehabilitation projects as well as blocked drainage canals to rewet peatlands to encourage forest regeneration. All these planting activities are in support of and contribute towards the government's target to plant 100 million trees under its Greening Malaysia campaign.

GEC also undertook a number of capacity development initiatives for indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs) to enhance their skills, knowledge and resources of individuals, groups and organisations, including a series of sessions on management and sustainable governance of CBOs, financial literacy and awareness conducted in collaboration with various agencies. Peer learning visits were also carried out to Johor's *Orang Seletar* Culture and Arts Centre at *Kampung Orang Asli Sungai Temon*, *Sungai Danga* and the exemplary community site at *Pulau Tanjung Surat*, as well as to SGAT's cultural centre and community-based conservation projects by *Komuniti Kampung Ayer Pasir*. A series of four training sessions were organised for *Orang Asli* young adults from *Kampung OA Pulau Kempas* and *Bukit Cheeding*, Kuala Langat, Selangor to equip them with village mapping skills.





GEC also organised a Community-based Wetlands Management Forum and Study Tour to Johor Bahru to empower 65 community members from six communities, while building an active network of wetland community groups to manage the conservation and restoration of mangrove forests, peat swamp forests and water catchment ecosystems.

GEC's work in forest and coastal areas has also piqued the interest of the international community, resulting in three visits from foreign delegations namely: the governments of Cambodia and Lao PDR; the UK Government's International Trade Select Committee (Members of Parliament from the United Kingdom) and delegates from the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil.

They visited the GEC-Community Sustainable Peatland Centre (CoSPeC) – the one-stop learning hub on peatland conservation and RMFR as part of a sharing and training session to understand the result-driven, Nature-based Solutions (NbS) best practices adopted for sustainable peatland management in the North Selangor Peat Swamp Forest. CoSPeC also hosted study visits for state forestry departments of Selangor, Johor and Sarawak, Department of Agriculture, Malaysia, IFAD Implementation Support Mission (ISM) for SMPeM-GEF 6, HSBC Bank Malaysia, Earthworm Foundation and Universiti Putra Malaysia.

One of GEC's key community partners - *Sahabat Hutan Bakau Kampung Dato Hormat* (SHBKDH) - earned third spot in the Water Resources Award (Special Mention) from the Department of Irrigation and Drainage for their work with GEC on mangrove planting and restoration of the Sg Bernam River bank. The award was in conjunction with the department's 90th Anniversary and the World Rivers Day 2022 celebration.



Participants of the community-based Wetland Management Forum and Study Tour to Johor successfully exchange experience amongst themselves to empower each other on best management practices in wetland rehabilitation and conservation.

PROGRAMME: PEATLAND

To kick off the year, GEC conducted an Initial Workshop on Investment Framework for Haze-Free, Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia as part of the Measurable Action for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management in Southeast Asia (MAHFSA) programme. The workshop brought together 180 participants to initiate discussion among ASEAN Member States and relevant stakeholders in developing investment framework for haze-free land management at national and regional levels in ASEAN for the period 2023-2030.

In Malaysia, the Peatland Programme undertook a large-scale assessment of the South East Pahang peat swamp forest to assess the potential for conservation and restoration using climate related financing. This included identification of globally significant biodiversity including the Hairy-nosed Otter (*Lutra sumatrana*), Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), Flat-headed Cat (*Prionailurus planiceps*), Wrinkled Hornbill (*Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus*), Lesser Adjutant (*Leptoptilos javanicus*) and Gray-headed Fish-eagle (*Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*), as well as root causes and solutions to degradation and fires in the landscape.



Hairy-nosed Otter (*Lutra sumatrana*)



Leopard (*Panthera pardus*)



Flat-headed Cat (*Prionailurus planiceps*)



Wrinkled Hornbill (*Rhabdotorrhinus corrugatus*)



Lesser Adjutant (*Leptoptilos javanicus*)



Gray-headed Fish-eagle (*Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*)



Government officials from Cambodia and Lao PDR were in Malaysia for the Mekong Study Visit to immerse in the Malaysian experience of sustainable peatland management, peatland governance and stakeholder engagement.

GEC also worked with the state government, plantation companies and local communities to regularly patrol fire-prone areas and undertake fire prevention measures in Pahang.

On the regional front, GEC worked with the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the Indonesian government to design a USD 5.33 million (RM25.23 million) project for protection and rehabilitation of peatlands in West Kalimantan Province that was subsequently approved for funding by the Global Environment Facility.

GEC, in partnership with CIFOR, also designed a project for peatland protection and management in Sabah and Sarawak States as part of a regional Programme for Malaysia Indonesia and Papua New Guinea with the support of the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Government.

Later in the year, GEC organised a virtual regional workshop on enhancement of data management related to fires and transboundary haze in ASEAN under MAHFSA project, with 96 participants from various agencies in ASEAN. The outputs from the workshop served to support better understanding of challenges in data management within ASEAN countries to achieve haze-free region.

GEC actively supported action in the Mekong Region including identification of more than 10,000 hectares of peatlands along the coastline of Cambodia, training in peatland assessment and fire prevention in Myanmar and developing a guideline for integration of peatlands into national policies and plans for the Mekong countries.

At the regional level, GEC and MAHFSA Programme co-organised a Mekong Study Visit for 24 people to Malaysia with International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) under the Mekong Peatlands Project. The visit by government officials from Cambodia and Lao PDR enabled sharing of Malaysian experience in sustainable peatland management, peatland governance and stakeholder engagement.



GEC team on a field visit in Sarawak during the Western Pacific Sustainable Peatland Management (SAGU) design mission.

PROGRAMME: OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIPS

GEC's nationwide tree planting activity under Yayasan PETRONAS (YP) Tree Planting programme in conjunction with PETRONAS Walk4Trees Challenge entered into full gear in 2022 at the 14 sites across 11 states as Malaysia eased its COVID-19 restrictions and gradually entered into a post-pandemic era.

This included hosting two events: The first was a state-level event held in the Q1 2022 with the Malacca State Water Resources Agency (BKSA) at the newly-established planting and nursery sites in Durian Tunggal Water Catchment, Malacca that was launched by (then) Malacca Chief Minister, Datuk Seri Sulaiman Md Ali. This planting site has gone on to become one of the greatest success stories of the project with the planted trees having achieved a survival rate 98% by year end. This achievement won the admiration of the Malacca State government, who wish to expand the collaboration in future.



Yayasan PETRONAS' Tree Planting Programme in conjunction with PETRONAS Walk4Trees saw two events: one in Malacca in February 2022 (pic below) and the finale event in August 2022 in Selangor (pic, left)

In Q3 2022, a second event was hosted with the support from the Selangor State Forestry Department (SSFD): the YP Tree Planting Programme in conjunction with PETRONAS Walk4Trees Challenge Finale event. The event was to celebrate the campaign's two-fold success: PETRONAS' 20,000 employees collectively achieving 24 billion steps in PETRONAS Walk4Trees challenge and in tandem their pledge to plant 50,000 trees across 11 states across the country with GEC as its implementation partner and the help of 25 community groups.



In conjunction with International Tea Day (May 21) and World Environment Day (June 5), GEC was named the beneficiary of a month-long social media campaign launched by BOH Malaysia to support community forest management initiatives in Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve.

GEC hosted an official visit in December by United Nations (UN) delegation headed by its Under-Secretary General and UN Development Programme (UNDP) Associate Administrator, Usha Rao-Monari from the HQ in New York, to Bukit Cheeding and Pulau Kempas OA villages in Kuala Langat, Selangor. The visit gave the UN representative an opportunity to witness first-hand the impact of GEC's recently concluded UNDP-funded project on Empowering Targeted OA communities in Natural Resource Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods.



UN's Under-Secretary General and UNDP Associate Administrator, Usha Rao-Monari from the UN's HQ in New York during a half-day visit to Bukit Cheeding and Pulau Kempas OA village in Kuala Langat Selangor.



ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS



The OA Temuan community in Selangor benefitting from a financial literacy training programme to equip the necessary skills for effective management of monetary resources.



In 2022, GEC continued ongoing efforts to extend financial and welfare aid to IPLCs in need of help. This is aimed to complement and boost existing efforts to enhance resilience amongst these communities to be self-sustaining in the long-run. Aid valued at more than RM1.2 million was distributed to communities nationwide through grants, equipment and other support.

A sizable portion of these contributions were under the Yayasan PETRONAS Tree Planting programme to support B40 communities to enhance their livelihood through ongoing engagement to establish and operate community nurseries, undertake planting and maintenance, and fire prevention and monitoring activities in 14 forest landscapes in 11 states.

Other initiatives include the distribution of 24 sets of solar lights to 24 *Orang Asli* families in Pahang who have been long living without electricity supply as part of an initiative under HSBC Charity Programme. This initiative has improved welfare of the community and minimised their dependency on traditional firewood. Two *Orang Asli* schools also had their school premises, amenities and facilities enhanced and refurbished.

To enhance financial literacy amongst the indigenous Temuan community in *Kampung Orang Asli* Pulau Kempas and Bukit Cheeding in Selangor, GEC organised a training programme to equip them with the necessary knowledge and skills required for effective management of monetary resources, funds and debts at the individual, family, social organisation and community levels.

Ahead of the year-end monsoon, food baskets were distributed to 58 households in five *Orang Asli* communities in Southeast Pahang (i.e. Kg Meranti, Kg Tanjung Kelapa cluster, RPS Runchang, Kg Simpai and Kg Wah Wah).

Besides providing additional livelihood opportunities to the rural and marginalised communities, the participatory conservation schemes remain GEC's core strategy in ensuring a successful ecosystem restoration and materialisation of SDG 1, 8, 13, 14 and 15.



YAYASAN GAMBUT



Together with partner NGOs - SANDI (Riau) and Ulayat (Bengkulu), YG organised the planting of 800 trees supported by Benihbaik.com in Riau and Bengkulu Provinces.

In 2022, our sister organisation in Indonesia, Yayasan Gambut (YG) supported the canal blocking and peatland restoration in Sepahat Village, the planting of 1,000 *Rhizophora apiculata* mangrove seedlings for the rehabilitation activity in Buruk Bakul Village in Riau Province.

Together with Makmur Jaya Women's Farmers Group, YG developed a demonstration plot of agroforestry for coffee in rubber plantations in Temiang Village, and planted 400 Liberica coffee seedlings.

YG also provided equipment and support for the establishment of Liberica Coffee nurseries in Penampi Village, and training on coffee nursery development and management, and the mangrove seedling collection for Sekat Mangrove Group nursery.

There were two key appointments for YG in 2022: firstly, as a provincial coordinator to implement investigation activity to monitor PT. Ekawana Lestari Dharma and PT. Arara Abadi (Timber Plantation) in Siak District.

This investigation assessed the company's compliance with the timber legality verification system. YG was also appointed by the Riau Government to be a member of the Regional Mangrove Working Group (KKMD).

They took an active role in a design mission to West Kalimantan to identify potential peatland and collect site-based information to support development of a proposal for international funding.

The mission found peat in uplands and peat outside of mapped Peatland Hydrological Unit (PHUs) and also identified potential sustainable livelihoods for communities.

They also organised planting of 800 trees supported by Benihbaik.com in Riau and Bengkulu Provinces, with partner NGOs - SANDI in Riau and Ulayat in Bengkulu.



YG also provided equipment and support for the establishment of Liberica Coffee nurseries in Penampi Village, as well as training on coffee nursery development and management.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

Throughout the year, GEC maintained active media engagement with a host of media organisations, resulting in 183 media reports on GEC activities and outreach initiatives, and commentaries on hot button topics of environmental concern, locally, nationwide, regionally and at the global arena. On average that would mean three to four media coverages weekly throughout the year. These coverages had a total PR value of RM6.69 million and cumulative potential reach of 28.1 million people.

GEC has also made waves on social media with increasing following among the netizens. By the end of 2022, GEC recorded an increase of followers on social media, garnering 6,263 followers on Facebook, 2,084 on Instagram and 926 followers on Twitter. GEC had a total page reach of 24,592 and 4,541 on Facebook and Instagram respectively, with 65,787 total impressions on Twitter. In 2022, GEC also increased its presence on LinkedIn.

Some of media highlights on GEC include soundbites and commentaries from GEC's leaders on critical environmental issues in the country including climate change and climate action, particularly in relation to flood prevention, adaptation and mitigation following the devastating and lingering effects of the December 2021 floods.

The spotlight was also on GEC when we clinched the coveted Merdeka Award with a series of media interviews and coverage.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Income

FYR 2021

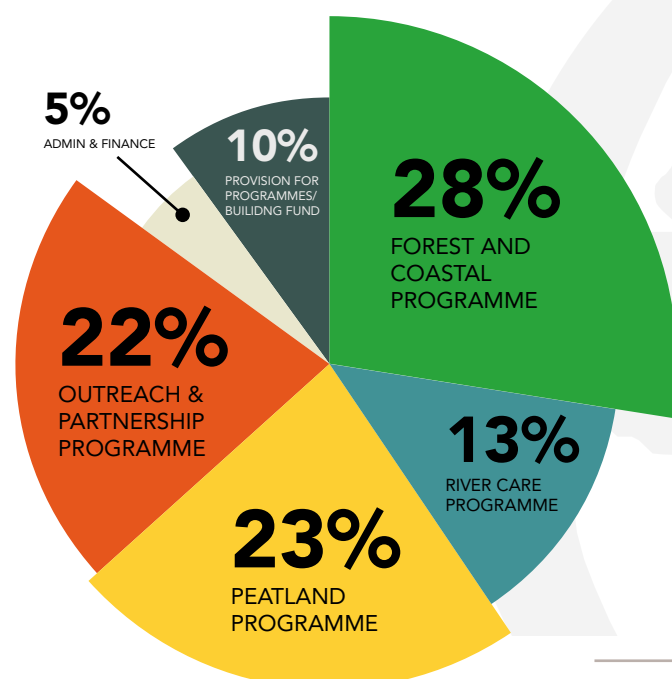
FYR 2022

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	1,395,347.16	665,620.41
ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS & INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS & NGOS	4,299,196.78	5,502,137.51
CORPORATE SECTOR	6,850,795.87	12,181,889.09
OTHER INCOME	662,743.31	314,192.13
TOTAL INCOME	13,208,083.12	18,663,839.14

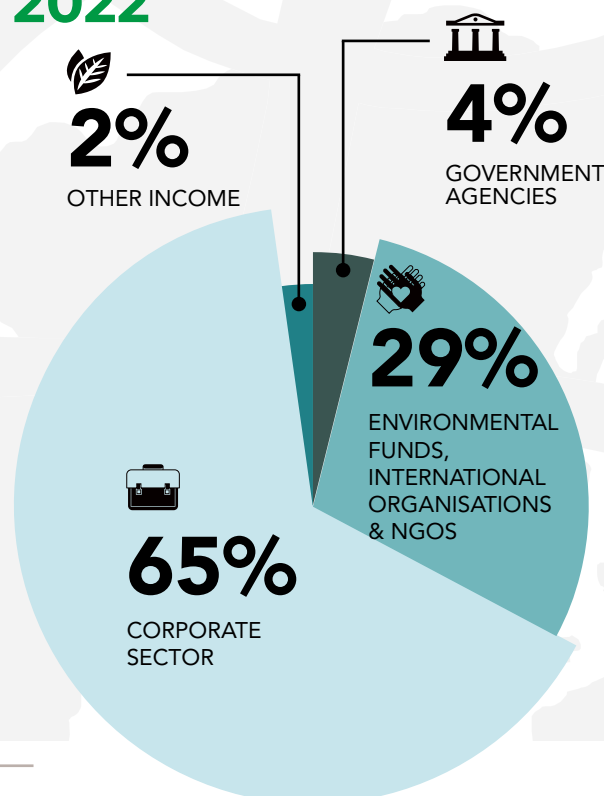
Expenditure

FOREST AND COASTAL PROGRAMME	2,653,996.76	4,507,287.00
RIVER CARE PROGRAMME	2,321,556.12	2,178,599.62
PEATLAND PROGRAMME	2,500,504.33	3,693,964.89
OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME	2,187,817.83	3,536,709.11
ADMIN & FINANCE	848,567.45	791,334.24
PROVISION FOR PROGRAMMES/BUILDING FUND	720,000.00	1,610,000.00
TOTAL	11,232,442.49	16,317,894.86
NET SUPRLUS	1,975,640.63	2,345,944.28

GEC Expenditure 2022



GEC Income 2022



SPONSORSHIPS

More than RM200,000

- Airbnb Community Fund
- Aramco Overseas Malaysia Sdn Bhd
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)/International Climate Initiative (IKI)
- Department of Agriculture, Malaysia
- Dutch Lady Milk Industries Berhad
- HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad
- International Fund for Agricultural Development
- Merdeka Award Trust
- OCBC Bank Malaysia Berhad
- Prosper Capital Holdings Sdn Bhd
- SPARK Foundation
- Tabung Haji Plantations
- United Nations Development Programme — Global Environment Facility
- Yayasan Hasanah
- Yayasan Pahang Plantation Holdings
- Yayasan PETRONAS
- Yayasan Sime Darby
- Zero Frontier Sdn Bhd/HIS Holdings

RM100,000-RM199,000

- Amorepacific Malaysia Sdn Bhd
- CIMB Islamic Berhad
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- Intercontinental Specialty Fats Sdn Bhd
- International Union for Conservation of Nature — Global Environment Facility
- MISC Berhad
- Tenaga Nasional Berhad

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- Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia
- Johor State Forestry Department
- Synchronicity Earth

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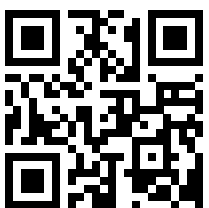
- Charity Aid Foundation (on behalf of F5 Malaysia)
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