

QUARTERLY UPDATE TO GEC BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL (JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022)

Introduction

This report is submitted to the Board of Management and Advisory Council of Global Environment Centre (GEC) to provide updates on the progress of GEC's activities and finances for the third quarter (Q3) of 2022: July to September 2022.

River Care Programme

The following were key projects carried out in this quarter:

- July 23: Training on River Sustainability Management through Green Living Practices Series 2 organised in collaboration with Department of National Unity and Integration (JPNIN) Perak and supported by Yayasan Hasanah. This hybrid programme involves 10 KRT communities around the Kinta River Basin and was officiated by JPNIN Perak Director, Tuan Haji Mansor.
- July 30: The Friends of Sg Kayu Ara (SUKA) formed recently under the auspices of Friends of Klang River Basin, embarked on a series of activities including river education, river clean up, mural painting, tree planting, with participation from about 35 students from SK and SMK Lembah Subang, 16 volunteers from Standard Chartered as well 15 local communities from PPR Lembah Subang, Surau Al Firdaus.

- Aug 3 to 4: **Knowledge Exchange River Conference 2022** was a two-day conference, involving GEC board 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.



- Aug 3 to 27: GEC collaborated with Akademi Sains Malaysia on the National Science Challenge 2022 semi-finals on the category of green innovation prototype.



- Sept 8-9: Workshop on River Health Index, Target and River Health Monitoring Plan, Kinta River Basin in MROOF Hotel Ipoh. The 2-day, one-night workshop under the Hasanah Foundation involved 17 agencies/departments/NGOs and universities.

- Sept 25: GEC supported FoKRB to organise SungaiKu Keluarga event in conjunction of World Rivers Day 2022 at Pusat Informasi Sungai Penchala. The programme, which included river water health monitoring, young river scientist workshop and river quest (challenge), was attended by communities from FoKRB and surrounding areas, as well as LUAS officers.



- Sept 18: Flood Preparedness Training of Trainers (T-O-T) for Taman Sri Muda and Klang communities organised under WATER Project (an initiative by SPARK Foundation and GEC) at De Palma Hotel in Shah Alam. The training was attended by 26 participants, and each received a Grab bag at the end of training.
- Sept 20-21: GEC together with Malaysian Water Partnership (MyWP) and Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) co-organised Training Course on Town Watching: Community-based Flood Hazard Evacuation Planning in Kuala Lumpur. A total of 21 participants from government agencies, private sector, NGOs and communities were involved in the training course.
- Sept 30: Under the Selangor State Environment and Green Technology, GEC conducted a workshop for 40 students from SMK Taman Selayang and SMK Seri Selayang. on Climate Change and its impact to Water Resources in partnership with IIUM Small Grant Programme 2021/2022. GEC conducted the training

Forest and Coastal Programme

Aside from the ongoing forest, peatland and mangrove conservation, protection, restoration, fire prevention and public awareness activities carried out with local community groups and the support of government authorities, the following key activities were carried out in this quarter:

- July 3: Conducted Financial Literacy Training Programme for the Orang Asli Temuan communities in Kampung Orang Asli Pulau Kempas and Bukit Cheeding to educate 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.
- July 18 to 20: The RPHPGNJ workshop was in Muar, Johor saw the participation of 13 key officers from Johor State Forestry Department to obtain the review and comments of the RPHPGNJ that has been prepared for Johor State to ensure feasible and smooth implementation of the RPHPGNJ.

Public forum through symposium, webinars and physically (exhibition, etc):

- July 29: HSBC E- Waste Campaign - GEC delivered a talk on e-waste at HSBC HQ in conjunction with their e- waste campaign to promote a recycling mindset among HSBC staff.
- Sept 24: GEC showcased the success of Selangor Peat Swamp Forest Restoration efforts, particularly with community participation through nature-based solution at the Tree Planting Programme in Selangor state-level World Forest Day 2022 celebrations at Broga Hills Semenyih,



HSBC E- Waste Webinar



The Community-based Wetlands Management Forum and Peer Learning Visit in Johor.

- Aug 2 to 5: The community-based Wetlands Management Forum and Peer Learning Visit was held in Johor with 65 participants (including 58 community members from six communities) The aim was to empower them with skills and knowledge, 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.

- Aug 9 to 10: Participated and presented the findings of RHPNJ 2023-2032 (prepared by GEC and Johor State Forestry Department) to various officials and academicians at a seminar “*Majlis Perasmian Seminar Ekspedisi Saintifik Kepelbagaian Biologi Hutan, Hutan Taman Negeri Ayer Hitam Utara*” in Muar, Johor.



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- Sept 12: GEC showcased at Yayasan Hasanah Board of Trustees' Retreat in Kampung Orang Asli Pulau Kempas and Bukit Cheeding the progress of Yayasan Hasanah project activities and



Yayasan Hasanah Board of Trustees' Retreat together with OA communities from Kampung Orang Asli Pulau Kempas and Bukit Cheeding

created a platform for the foundation to interact directly with beneficiaries and understand the problems faced on ground during the project implementation.

- Sept 22: Conducted “*Bengkel Libat Urus Pengurusan Tanah Lestari Di Tanah Gambut Bersama Pelbagai Jabatan/Agensi Berkepentingan*” (MA155 project) to gain inputs from various stakeholder agencies to develop guidelines on sustainable management of peatland for agricultural activities.

Peatland Programme



Mushroom training with Kg Meranti villagers

At the local level, Southeast Pahang Peatland Landscape (SEPPL) work progress includes the expansion of fire prevention initiatives to the east side of the Landscape. This includes engaging new patrollers, installation of eight FDRS boards and training 18 Kampung Meranti villagers in the area of mushroom farming: 11 of them went on to jointly establish the three nurseries on home-ground to generate alternative livelihood. The project also saw

the construction of a canal block by local community at the border of YPPH Plantation. Through collaboration with experts, the landscape also underwent black water fish and bird. Additionally, GEC also set up an exhibition booth during *Hari Orang Asli* celebrations at SK Simpai school in Pahang.

July 22 to 25: At Maludam Peninsula Peatland Landscape (MPPL), work progress includes community engagement and assessment to prepare the Community Engagement Strategy (CES). The activity was led by a GEC associate in Sarawak, with support from GEC staff and was joined by State Project Management Office of the national peatland project i.e. GEF6-IFAD funded SMPPEM. The CES is aimed at becoming the reference for future community engagement for the implementation of activities for sustainable peatland management at MPPL.



Maludam stakeholders meeting for CES

At Klias Peninsula Peatland Landscape (KPPL), work progress includes the engagements of 2 new patrollers at Kampung Takuli 1 and 2, including the installation of six water level markers. Forty participants received approval by Department of Agriculture (DOA) to participate in the Malaysian Good Agricultural Practices (MyGAP) programme at the end of August. With two shredder machines, pineapple farmers in both villages are able to carefully manage the pineapple plant residue on-site and to process compost fertiliser.

At national level, GEC supported State and National Project Management Office (SPMO/NPMO) of the SMPPEM at inception workshops in Selangor (July 14), Pahang (July 15) and at national level (July 18 to 21). GEC continued to work with Sabah and Sarawak partners to finalise the Malaysia component of Western Pacific Sustainable Peatland Management (SAGU) Project proposal. GEC also has been working alongside the SAGU Project consortium partners to consolidate inputs and further discuss on preparing the overall proposal for submission in October.

July 25-27: At regional activity, a peer learning study visit to Jambi, Indonesia was co-organised by MAHFSA project and Networked ASEAN Peatland Communities for Transboundary Haze Alert (Net-Peat).

Sept 7 (Singapore) and Sept 22 (Bangkok): Two stakeholder workshops to support the development of Investment Framework for Haze-Free Sustainable Land Management for ASEAN were organised in hybrid mode to secure input from ASEAN Member States.

Meanwhile, in July, GEC's sister organisation in Indonesia, Yayasan Gambut was appointed to be a member of the Regional Mangrove Working Group (KKMD). Yayasan Gambut supports equipment for the preparation of Liberian Coffee nurseries in Penampi Village, as well as Liberika coffee seeds and provides training on coffee nursery development and management. Yayasan Gambut also supported Sekat Mangrove group nursery for mangrove seedlings collection.



Desa penampi village on nursery coffee

Outreach & Partnerships Programme

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



On August 13, GEC together with Yayasan Petronas and with the support of the Selangor State Forestry Department, hosted the Yayasan Petronas Walk4Trees Finale event, together with PETRONAS YP staff, SSFD officials and members of the SHGSU

community at Raja Musa Forest Reserve (RMFR). The PETRONAS and YP staff planted a total of 300 trees together with GEC, SSFD, and members of SHGSU bringing the total number of trees that have been planted so far is 8,300 trees in an area of 14 hectares in the Raja Musa Forest Reserve. The event also included the announcement and awarding of prizes to the winners of PETRONAS Walk4Trees Challenges.



With monetary support of RM20,870 made available through HSBC Incitement programme, two schools in Pekan, Pahang, namely SK Simpai and SK Kota Perdana, received financial aid towards varied forms of enhancement and refurbishment of the school premises, amenities and facilities. This included the repair of fences at the parameter of the school, repair of ceiling, doors and air conditioner system, and the purchase of LCD projector, white screen and SMART television as well as the upgrades of the pre-school playground facilities and installation of grill drain coverings.

Visibility

There were 77 media coverages on GEC between July 1 and Sept 30, 2022 (RCP: 20, FCP:8, General: 46). These coverages had a total PR value of RM2,784,984 and cumulative potential reach of more than 14,109,999 people.

Six receive Merdeka Award

Individuals recognised for fostering excellence

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KUALA LUMPUR Recognising their work to foster a culture of excellence and deep commitment, six recipients, comprising both individuals and organisations, have been honoured with the prestigious Merdeka Award.

The winners for 2022 were: Yee Teoh for Malaysia Education Trust (MASET); Goh Kah Kuan for Environmental Care (Envirocare); Kamaranizam Ibrahim, Science and Technology Institute (STI); and

Scholarship Foundation, and Dato' Sri Anandhi for Anandhi Fish Tackle, for outstanding contribution to the people of Malaysia.

This year, there is a new award called the Anugerah Harapan Merdeka, in honour of recipients who have made a significant contribution to the nation's development, especially if the path towards their goals was filled with trials.

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The Star Reporter added that the award honours the spirit of the Merdeka Award, which is to inspire a culture of excellence and innovation through leadership and innovation.

The recipients were presented their awards by Perak Menteri Besar Nazri Nazri and the Merdeka Award Trust (MAT), in a ceremony held at a hotel here yesterday.



Outstanding individuals: Sultan Nazri (left) and Tengku Mahanurz (right) presenting the Merdeka Award winners during the 2022 Merdeka Award presentation ceremony. (Photo: The Star)

In his keynote speech, Sultan Nazri said that he was inspired by all of the award winners in the past and present who kept pushing the boundaries and created a culture of excellence.

Each major achievement, however, generally do not come without some sacrifice and there have been times when our citizens were wounded, especially if the path towards their goals was filled with trials.

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(https://theiskandarian.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/activity_photo_1-scaled.jpg) Getting dirty for a good reason!

Yayasan Sime Darby (YSD) and Global Environment Centre (GEC) hosted a community forum attended by 64 participants from six communities (from Perak, Johor, Kedah, Melaka and Selangor) on 2nd to 5th August 2022 in Johor.

Entitled Community-based Wetland Management Forum and Study Tour to Johor, the 4D/3N programme aimed to establish a network amongst identified communities involved in wetland rehabilitation and conservation initiatives and empower each other on best management practices as a community-based organisation (CBO).



Flood prevention work: A lorry carrying sand to the site at 4th Mile Jalan Kelang Lama. (Photo: The Star)

Driven to tipping point

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Planned events

The following are the planned GEC events and activities from October to December 2022:

Date (TBC)	Venue	Event
OCTOBER		
3 October	Sabah	SAGU stakeholder meeting (online)
5 October	Kota Kinabalu, Sabah	Sabah states SMPPEM inception workshop (physical)
5 October	Sarawak	SAGU stakeholder meeting (online)
6 October	Beaufort, Sabah	Community briefing on compost fertilizer making, Kg Takuli 1
6 October	KM45.9, FT 185, Lebuhraya Simpang Pulai - Cameron Highlands	Majlis Perasmian Hub Pendidikan Alam Sekitar Lembangan Sungai Kinta dan Lawatan Berpandu bersempena Sambutan Hari Sungai Sedunia 2022
10-15 October	RMFR & KLNFR, Putrajaya	Exchange visit and regional workshop for Cambodia and Lao PDR under Mekong Peatland Project, collaborate with IUCN, SUPA and MAHFA
15 October -	Tebuk Mendeleng,	ISF Mangrove Tree Planting Programme

	Sabak Bernam	
16 October	Sg Penchala	Sg Penchala Clean Up with DLMI
19-20 October	Singapore	Present progress and finding of Investment Framework at COM AATHP Meeting
29 October	Tebuk Mendeleng Sabak Bernam	OCBC 90 th Anniversary CSR mangrove tree planting
22 October	FC6, KLNFR	Monthly Tree Planting Programme
30 October	Taman Sri Muda, Shah Alam	Briefing to Zon A community of Taman Sri Muda on Flood Preparedness under WATER project
NOVEMBER		
5 November	PJ Eco Recycling Centre	Pollution control BMP training for Sg Way selected business premises
7-18 November	Egypt	UNFCCC COP27 – Present progress and finding of Investment Framework, a side event with peatland partners; and showcase sustainable peatland management in Southeast Asia through an exhibition booth (14-15 November)
12 November	PJ Eco Recycling Centre	PJ Eco Recycling educational visit with FoKRB members
November	Kg Cenderawasih	Fire Prevention Awareness Talk by BOMBA
TBC	FoKRB community training	Latihan Amalan Pengurusan Terbaik bagi Kumpulan Peniaga Terpilih
TBC	Sg Pinji	Program Penanaman Pokok bersama QUEST University
DECEMBER		
December	Pekan, Pahang	Multi-stakeholder Meeting