

ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011

The Committee 2010/2011

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Committee Meetings

During the year, several committee meetings were held to deliberate on branch activities as well as promotional events. Thanks to Ang for allowing us to use his office premise for our meetings as well as a store for some of our branch materials. Thanks to Ms Stephanie Bacon for having arranged the Tiara Clubhouse Conference room, free of charge, for our AGM.

Membership

As of June 2011 the branch membership stands at 129, an increase of about 14% as compared to June last year. 28 new members signed up for our branch since June 2010.

The membership strength of the branch is as tabulated below:

Membership Type	Number of Members					
	N.Sembilan		Melaka		Total	
Ordinary	39	(31)	37	(35)	76	(66)
Family	12	(11)	19	(18)	31	(29)
Student	1	(1)	6	(3)	7	(4)
Life	10	(9)	5	(5)	15	(14)
Total	62	(52)	67	(61)	129	(113)

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Branch web page

In order to provide a platform for all the good work done by our members, our branch secretary, Ms Stephanie has set up an MNS Negeri Sembilan/Melaka webpage at

<http://mns-n9melaka.yolasite.com/>

Furthermore, to keep abreast with the ICT progress nowadays, our committee member, Mr Azri, has set up a facebook account for our branch at

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/133490850021714>

Both our webpage and facebook page are frequently updated with pictures, latest news and reports provided by our members.

Projects

A strategic plan has been drawn up by the branch committee on January 2011. Work on our strategic plan is on-going.

Initial work has begun on collecting and collating a digitally based DATABASE OF SPECIES OF FAUNA AND FLORA, primarily in the two states of Negeri Sembilan and Melaka. For this purpose, two one terabyte hard disc drives were purchased by the branch.

The cataloguing of our existing pictures of birds and dragonflies has started.

We would greatly appreciate if anyone could contribute your pictures or expertise in the collection of this database on our fauna and flora.

We hope this database, once completed, will encourage and inspire future generations of MNS members to care for the rich nature heritage of Malaysia.

An LCD projector has been acquired by the branch for the purpose of displaying the photos and video clips taken by our members on our nature trips as well as for talks and presentations.

Branch Activities

2010-2011 has been a relatively active year for our branch. Most of our activities were well received with participation from the other branches as well. Though at times, due to constraint of the weather and some reason of another, certain activities had to be postponed. The branch activities for the last 12 months are listed as below.

On 24 – 25 July 2010, seven of our members volunteered to help in the Save Our Seafood campaign at Dataran Pahlawan.

In February and early March this year, we held the Raptor Watch promotion at Seremban as well as Melaka. At the Raptor Watch held at Tanjung Tuan in March 2011, our branch put up pictures on birds of Malaysia, some small creatures and the activities we had.

This year, we managed to get good news coverage on the pre and post RW for the southern region and nationally, after our effort of making personal visits to the various press offices in Melaka.

4 June this year, KPA students from two schools in Melaka took part in the CCI (Clean Coast Index) Project organized by the MIMA (Maritime Institute Malaysia).

Finances

The branch incurred higher expenditure this financial year due to the purchases of the multimedia equipments, ie. two hard disc drives and an LCD projector. Nevertheless, the financial situation of the branch remains healthy.

Others

Our branch library books are kept by Min Min at the moment. Members interested may contact Min Min.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the 2010/2011 committee for their continuous support and dedication.

We are most grateful to Stephanie who has set up and is continuously updating our branch webpage, who planned and initiated the cataloguing of our database of fauna and flora.

Thanks to Ang for instilling the love for bird conservation and cataloguing of the database on birds.

Thanks to Min Min for her assistance in drafting the branch strategic plan and her effort in turtle conservation.

To Azri, Maboro and SP Ong, we truly appreciate your photographs and videos.

Thanks also to Chow Hioong for coordinating the Negeri Sembilan activities.

Of course, not to forget those who have helped in the awareness and promotion campaigns. It is all your selfless contributions that can keep the conservation effort of our country going.

Thank you.

Lim Ming Hui

Chairman

MNS N.S./Melaka Branch

10 July 2011

List of activities for the year 2010/2011

3 October 2010	Trip to Ulu Bendul Forest Reserve and Gunung Angsi
5 – 7 November 2010	Nature trip to Fraser's Hill
12 December 2010	Birding trip to Sungai Rambai, Parit Jawa and Sungai Balang
9 January 2011	Botanical Gardens Ayer Keroh
27 February 2011	Raptor Watch promotion Seremban
6 March 2011	Raptor Watch promotion Melaka
12 – 13 March 2011	Raptor Watch Week, Tanjung Tuan
15 – 17 April 2011	Trip to Tioman Island
4 June 2011	Clean Coast Index Project, Pantai Puteri