



# COUNTRY PROGRAMME ACTION PLAN 2016-2020



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## MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT 2017

### SECTION 1 TO 5: TO BE COMPLETED BY UNDP MALAYSIA

#### 1. PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title: Improving Connectivity in the Central Forest Spine Landscape (IC-CFS)	Award ID: 00080183 Project ID: 00089953 Project Period (Project Document): 18 Mar 2014 – 17 Mar 2020 Revised Project End Date (If Any):
Implementing Partner: Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia	

#### 2. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

2017 AWP Budget: USD 1,625,000 2017 Expenditure - As of 27 August: USD 597,282.37 2017 Expenditure - As of 27 August: 37%	Total Project Budget: USD 10,860,000.00 Total Cumulative Expenditure as of 27 August: USD 1,606,080.59 (inclusive of commitment) Total Cumulative Expenditure as of 27 August: 15%
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(to be updated by Programme Manager)

#### 3. PROJECT OVERSIGHT

NSC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Minutes (Attached): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NSC Date: 3 April 2017 NSC Chair & Designation: Dato' Sri Azizan bin Ahmad, Secretary General of Natural Resources and Environment
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#### 4. RISK LOG MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

Risk Log Reviewed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Risk Log Amended: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Last Log Update: 1 January 2017 Last Log Amendment: 1 January 2017
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#### 5. AUDIT AND EVALUATION

HACT Audit: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Report (Attached): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Rating:	Project Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Report (Attached): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Rating:
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### SECTION 6 TO 8: TO BE COMPLETED BY IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

6. 2017 OUTPUT TARGETS AND STATUS – AS PER ANNUAL WORK PLAN 2017	
<p><b>Objective: To increase federal and state level capacity to execute the CFSMP through the strengthening of institutional and operational structures and the piloting of sustainable forest landscape management plans in three tiger-priority landscapes, financed sustainably through the diversification of funding sources for conservation.</b></p>	
<p>Target at the end of project (17 March 2020):</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p>
<p>1. No net loss of forested area, with 95% remaining natural forest of 4 forest blocks of Central Forest Spine (Main Range Forest Complex, South-east Pahang Peat Swamp Forest, Greater Taman Negara complex, Endau-Rompin-Sedili complex).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total area of Permanent Reserve Forest (PRF) in Peninsular Malaysia as of 2015 was 4.9 million hectares against baseline level of 4.5 million hectares of PRF and National Parks in CFS complexes in 2012 (refer to Appendix 1 Permanent Reserve Forest in Peninsular Malaysia Year 2015 provided by Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia).</li> </ul>
<p>2. CFS conservation receiving regular funds/income through diverse sources (apart from GEF funds).</p>	<p>3. Total funds received for CFS conservation from 2011 – 2016 are mainly from national and sub-national government totaling at MYR 102,209,000. Sources of funds and breakdown are as follows:</p> <p><b>Federal Government</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan 2011 – 2015 = MYR 49.625 million which were mainly for the construction of viaducts for wildlife crossings, habitat restoration, feasibility studies, wildlife survey, etc.</li> <li>11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan = MYR 50 million</li> </ol> <p><b>State Government</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perak State Government's 5-Year Plan – MYR 2 million</li> <li>Pahang State Government – MYR 35,000 (2016) for CFS2:PL5 in Brincang MYR 40,000 (2017) for CFS in Temerloh and Perintis</li> <li>Johor State Government = MYR 370,000 (2016) and MYR 50,000 (2017)</li> <li>Negeri Sembilan State Government = MYR 89,000 from Town and Country Planning Department</li> </ol>
<p><b>Component 1: Planning, compliance monitoring and enforcement framework for integrated forest landscape management</b></p>	



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<b>Outcome 1.1: Strengthened institutional capacity of the Federal Government to oversee implementation of the CFSMP, ensuring compliance by sub-national actors, and monitoring impacts upon biodiversity, ecosystems and carbon stocks.</b>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>1. Data on species richness and abundance at Pahang PL1 Sg. Yu–Tanum and Johor PL3 Ulu Sedili-Panti are collected for preliminary Biodiversity Intactness Index calculation.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25% data on species richness and abundance for Pahang PL1 Sg. Yu–Tanum and Johor PL3 Ulu Sedili-Panti available.</li> <li>• Abundance data for Johor PL3 is being cleaned and analysed.</li> <li>• More in-depth understanding acquired for multi-variate data analyses and approaches to effective scientific writing.</li> </ul> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data collection for Pahang PL1 to continue until end of December 2017.</li> <li>• Data collection for Johor PL3 will be completed by end of December 2017 as planned.</li> </ul>
<p>Target:</p> <p>2. Federal and state agencies trained in the use of InVEST models for water yield, carbon, recreation and habitat quality as sustainable landscape management planning tool.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of InVEST models on water yield and habitat quality, and GIS software (QGIS) has increased amongst FRIM and JPSM staff as a result of the development of 4 InVEST training courses on water yield, carbon, recreation and habitat quality.</p>
<b>Outcome 1.2: Enhanced effort in wildlife and forestry crime law enforcement and wildlife monitoring capacity employed at national and state levels and in target forest landscapes to ensure reduction of wildlife and forestry crime.</b>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>1. Current SOP for investigation and evidence handling reviewed and improved by 31 December 2017.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second draft of SOP for investigation and evidence handling has been finalized. Inputs of this SOP will be brought forward to JKPOH meeting which will be held in September 2017 for review and comments.</li> </ul>
<p>Target:</p> <p>2. Wildlife and forestry intelligence units' staffing, skills and knowledge enhanced through training by 31 December 2017.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisation layout for enforcement, investigation and forensics team created.</li> <li>• The post of forensic officer has been created and filled at every State Forestry Department with job scope finalised.</li> </ul>
<p>Target:</p> <p>3. Honourary ranger (WildFriend) programme developed by 31 December 2017 to build capacity at community level for wildlife and forestry crime monitoring and reporting across</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of reference and templates for offer letter and appointment letter for WildFriend programme has been drafted and reviewed by task force and</li> </ul>



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<p>all priority sites, to increase law-enforcement presence.</p>	<p>cleared by Legal Unit, Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP).</p> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DWNP will issue offer letter to 10 related NGOs and private organisations. This will be followed by selection process to identify suitable individuals as WildFriends.</li> </ul>
<p>Target:</p> <p>4. National Wildlife Policy drafted by 31 December 2017.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A draft National Wildlife Policy has been prepared as a result of 3 workshops conducted from March to June 2017.</li> </ul> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft National Wildlife Policy will be finalised and presented to NRE by end of 2017.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Component 2: Sustainable forest landscape management of three priority forest landscapes within Central Forest Spine (CFS)</b></p>	
<p><b>Outcome 2.1: Biodiversity and ecosystem service provision is mainstreamed in forest landscape management in the three priority landscapes via sustainable forest landscape management plans, resulting in maintained status of biodiversity and ecosystem services.</b></p>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>1. 30% capacity building conducted for State Forestry and Wildlife authorities for biodiversity &amp; habitat data collection and taxa identification.</p>	<p>Status: <input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1% capacity building conducted for State Forestry and Wildlife authorities for biodiversity &amp; habitat data collection and taxa identification.</li> </ul> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To accelerate the participation of State Forestry and Wildlife authorities in the field work.</li> </ul>
<p>Target:</p> <p>2. 20% of forest landscape management plan for Johor PL3, Pahang PL1 and Perak PL2 are available.</p>	<p>Status: <input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% of forest landscape management plan for Johor PL3, Pahang PL1 and Perak PL2 are available.</li> </ul> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review the target and accelerate progress in 2018. More workshop labs will be held in 2018 to accelerate the progress.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outcome 2.2: Corridor establishment increases connectivity of critical ecological linkages identified in the CFSMP and supports carbon emission avoidance and carbon sequestration under SFM practices.</b></p>	
<p>Target:</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p>



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<p>1. At least 100 ha of critical areas identified for gazettement with MMKN proposed.</p>	<p>Perak:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JPNPK has prepared the proposed CFS Mini Plan for the State of Perak following the decision of State TWG Meeting on 23 December 2016. The CFS Mini Plan will be presented at the State TWG meeting pending UPEN's proposed date.</li> </ul> <p>Pahang:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A CFS Action Plan for 9 CFS ecological corridors was drafted. Currently Pahang State is preparing 9 papers on CFS ecological corridors to gazette vacant government land as Permanent Reserve Forest within the corridor area. It will be presented at the Mesyuarat Teknikal Rancangan Struktur Negeri.</li> </ul> <p>Johor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A meeting was held with UPEN Johor on 16 April 2017. As a result of the meeting, Johor State Forestry Department has informed on the process to increase the proposed forestry procurement of 1,901 ha of the CHSK in the CFS corridor area. This paper will be tabled by UPEN Johor for consideration in the Johor State Government Meeting (MMK).</li> </ul>
<p>Target:</p> <p>2. Wildlife survey data analysed for at least one location and reported by 31 December 2017.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29 species of wildlife were recorded using camera traps – 25 species of mammals, 3 species of avian and 1 species of reptile in Sungai Yu corridor.</li> <li>2 tigers were identified at Sg. Yu corridor area on both sides of the road.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Outcome 2.3: The socio-economic status of local communities improved and support for conservation increased through the generation of sustainable livelihoods based on wildlife, and the reduction of human-wildlife conflict.</b></p>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>1. 3 potential sites to establish community-based organization identified.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two sites confirmed – Kampung Peta Orang Asli in Endau-Rompin and Kampung Semelor Orang Asli in Belum-Temenggor.</li> <li>Kampung Peta Orang Asli has successfully registered their cooperative on 3 May 2017 and came up with an action plan.</li> </ul> <p>Next step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IC-CFS project through TWG Wildlife Conservation led by DWNP will provide support in the following areas: nature guide training, handicraft training, indigenous and local community exchange with Bundu Tuhan communities and exposure to Tagal</li> </ul>



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	System in Sabah, Suara Community Film-making training and basic English course.
<b>Component 3: Diversification of financing resources for conservation</b>	
<b>Outcome 3.1: The long term biodiversity and ecosystem conservation of the CFS is enhanced through the diversification of funding sources for conservation.</b>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>Two (2) Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) mechanisms drafted for water resources and carbon.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final draft of PES for water resources drafted.</li> <li>• A draft document of PES for carbon was prepared.</li> <li>• The National Forestry Act was reviewed to incorporate PES element.</li> </ul>
<b>Outcome 3.3: Strategic planning processes in place and being used to link financing to conservation management needs.</b>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>Terms of reference for the preparation of sustainable finance plan for National CFS Master Plan prepared.</p>	<p>Status: <input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of reference for the preparation of sustainable finance plans for National CFS Master Plan and the three landscape management plans prepared. Experts will be recruited by UNDP to conduct the assignment starting January 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Management:</b>	
<p>Target:</p> <p>Annual project budget is delivered at least 95% by 31 December 2017.</p>	<p>Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> Off Track</p> <p>Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of 27 August 2017, the project has recorded an expenditure of USD 597,282.37, which is 37% of 2017 annual budget at USD 1,625,000. This is a significant improvement compared to 2016 project delivery despite of the absence of the Project Manager.</li> <li>• The improvement can be attributed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ stronger ownership of the project by Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia as the implementing agency and, FRIM and DWNP as the project partner;</li> <li>✓ revised project strategic result framework;</li> <li>✓ simplified process for review and approval of project activity proposal by PMU; and</li> <li>✓ expedited procurement process through UNDP support services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### 7. ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

#### Description:

1. The Central Forest Spine (CFS) Unit, Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia is under-staff and pre-occupied with the 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan's National CFS project implementation.
2. Procurement of high value goods and services through government procedures normally requires more preparation and time, which may affect the project implementation.



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### Action Taken by Implementing Partner:

1. A desk officer has been assigned to the IC-CFS project. Head of CFS Unit will also be invited to participate in all the IC-CFS project activities to ensure full alignment with the National CFS Master Plan implementation.
2. The Project Management Unit (PMU) decided to enlist UNDP support services to procure high value goods and services particularly purchase of high value ICT equipment and engagement of international and local experts.

### Additional Support Requested from UNDP/EPU:

- UNDP to strengthen the project team support to the IC-CFS project implementation by reviewing and revising terms of reference for existing UNDP project team members namely Project Assistant and Communications Associate;
- UNDP to expedite the recruitment of project staff namely, one (1) Project Technical Coordinator, three (3) Project State Coordinators (Perak, Pahang and Johor) and one (1) Administrative & Finance Assistant. Recruitment is currently underway;
- UNDP to procure high value goods and services as part of UNDP support services based on approved terms of reference and technical specification.

### 8. LINKAGE TO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MALAYSIA PLAN: 2016

- a. The project outputs will contribute to the following 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan Strategic Thrusts.

STRATEGIC THRUSTS (Mandatory)	
	Enhancing inclusiveness towards an equitable society
	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

- b. The project outputs will contribute to the following 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan Key Focus Area (Bidang Fokus Utama)? (please state the specific focus area)

Focus Area A: Strengthening the enabling environment for green growth  
 Strategy A 3: Establishing sustainable financing mechanisms through PES, REDD+ etc.

Focus Area C: Conserving natural resources for present and future generations  
 Strategy C1: Ensuring natural resources security by conserving terrestrial and marine areas as well as endangered plant and wildlife species, managing natural resources and strengthening biosafety.



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