

Consultancy Services for the Biodiversity Component of the Malaysian-Danish Environmental Cooperation Programme

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Background:

Malaysia has a comprehensive framework of plans and policies as well as ambitious targets for sustainable environmental management at all levels (federal, state and local). However, the most important challenge facing the Malaysian authorities within the sphere of sustainable development is and will be for years to come, the operationalisation of policies and strategies enabling the nation to achieve the declared sustainable environmental management.

The Environmental Cooperation Programme will contribute to this process. The process of preparing and following up on the Malaysia Plans provide a unique opportunity in terms of contributing to and secure the incorporation of the environmental dimension in the ongoing and future policy and strategy development. Consequently, the main thrust of the Danish cooperation will be to strengthen a selected number of line ministries and EPU in their capacity to integrate environmental concerns as a cross-cutting theme to be addressed in national and sector development planning.

Project partners:

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Beneficiary:

Economical Planning Unit and
Ministry of Natural Resources and
Environment, Malaysia

Client:

Danida and Government of Malaysia



The Biodiversity Component is part of the overall Malaysian-Danish Environmental Cooperation Programme, and aims to assist the Malaysian Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (MoNRE) and the Federal Economic Planning Unit (EPU) in implementing the country's national policies for biodiversity conservation. The primary focus is on the federal agencies, but with significant emphasis on how to assure implementation across the relatively autonomous States.



The project is essentially a capacity building project applying the 'Results Oriented Approach to Capacity Change' (ROACH). In practice this means that the team of external advisors to the Malaysian Government Agencies are focused on supporting processes towards improved results in terms of organisational outputs.

The organisational outputs to be strengthened include compliance with international conventions, and national policies and strategies.

Concretely, the project works with marine as well as terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity throughout Malaysia. Within these areas the tasks encompass the consolidation of a system for identification, mapping and prioritization of biodiversity as input to national decision-making processes.

The project will also seek to systematize the processes by which MoNRE generates and provides input to EPU on national priorities within marine, freshwater and terrestrial biodiversity, and likewise the procedures by which federal level agencies interact with State level governments and agencies. A second element is the identification and design of policy instruments, including economic instruments, to fund and guide conservation efforts. As a component of protected areas and related to the management of biodiversity, considerations of gender and indigenous peoples have been included and guidelines for incorporating such issues into identification and prioritization of nature conservation activities.

