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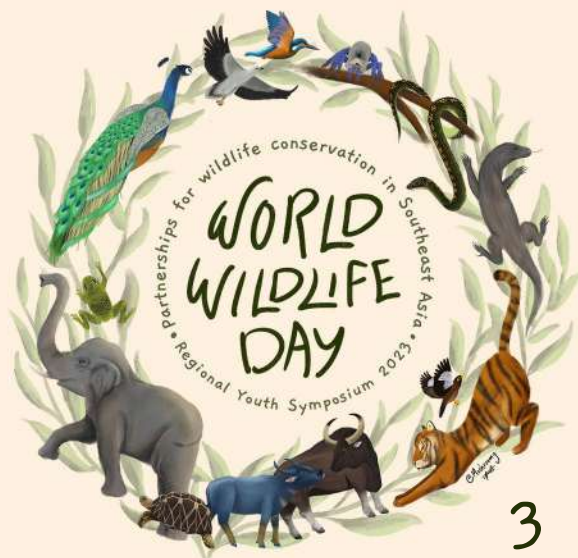
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The second World Wildlife Day Regional Youth Symposium was held physically in Singapore from 3 to 5 March 2023. The event was organised by 16 youth stewards under the Youth Stewards for Nature Programme of Singapore's National Parks Board (NParks), with support from NParks, Mandai Nature (main event sponsor), and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity. The symposium physically brought together youth attendees to share their aspirations and discuss how youths could play a part in nature and biodiversity conservation.

Goals of the Symposium:

- anchor and grow the youth network in Southeast Asia
- to connect youths to Southeast Asian role models, and
- to raise international awareness on nature conservation in Southeast Asia.

3 Days, 3 Thematic Tracks



Day 0

On Day 0, youth facilitators and event partners from around the region had the chance to interact with each other through a series of activities including dinner, a fireside chat and trivia games. The youth facilitators consisted of youth champions who were active in Singapore's nature scene and Youth Biodiversity Leaders from the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity's ASEAN Youth Biodiversity Programme. Following the networking and dinner, all guests attended a fireside chat. The panelists included Dr Melvin Gumal, Dr Jessica Lee and Dr Anna Wong, who shared their reflections on CITES CoP19.



First in-person Regional Youth Symposium, with 175 Youth Attendees hailing from 15 Countries

96 Local Participants

79 Regional Participants



85% of Participants wanting to join again

Average Rating of 4.5/5 across 3 days



Day 1

Opening & Closing Speakers



Mr Desmond Lee
Minister for National Development, Singapore



Tengku Hassanal
His Royal Highness
The Regent of Pahang



Ms Ivonne Higuero
Secretary General,
CITES



Dr Theresa Lim
Executive Director,
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity



Dr Melvin Gumal
Deputy CEO II (Acting),
Sarawak Forestry Corporation



Dr Shawn Lum
Senior Lecturer,
NTU Asian School of
the Environment

Track 1: Living with Nature

The Living with Nature track was curated to highlight regional efforts that advocate for nature stewardship and promote human-wildlife coexistence



Ms Jannifer Tauli Corpuz
Managing Director for Policy,
Rio Tero and
Policy Advisor, Tebteba



Mr Saravathana Tuy
Program Director,
Wild Earth Allies



Dr Anthony Medrano
Presidential Young Professor of
Environmental Studies,
Yale-NUS College



Mr Haw Cheon Bang
Director of the Wildlife
Management & Outreach
Branch, NParks

Track 2: Learning for Nature

The Learning for Nature track put a spotlight on regional efforts that transform scientific data into actionable, community-involved, conservation management tools.



Dr Anuwat Wiratsudakul
Associate Professor,
Mahidol University



Dr Reuben Clements
Professor, Chief Scientist,
Sunway University



Ms Nguyen Nga
Wildlife Health Specialist cum
Policy Influencing Team Leader,
Wildlife Conservation Society



Mr Ryan Lee
Group Director of
National Biodiversity Centre,
and of Fort Canning & Istana,
NParks



Ms Rili Djohani
Executive Director,
Oral Triangle Center

Track 3: Saving Nature

The Saving Nature track gave participants a chance for hands-on activities to effect change for the environment.

From tree planting, to wildlife forensics, to nature photography and more, these workshops showcased that truly successful conservation requires work across many different sectors!

Workshop 1: Tree Planting

Partners:



Workshop 3: Conserving Southeast Asia's Most Threatened

Partners:



Workshop 5: Nature Walk - Storytelling Through an Artistic Lens

Partners:



Additional Partners:



Workshop 2: NParks x WWF Cyber Spotter Programme 2.0 Crash Course

Partners:



Workshop 4: R.E.C.L.A.S.S. The way you influence

pro-environmental behaviour

Partners: Professor Reuben Clements

Workshop 6: Tackling Illegal Wildlife Trade through Wildlife Forensics

Partners: Centre for Animal Rehabilitation,



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