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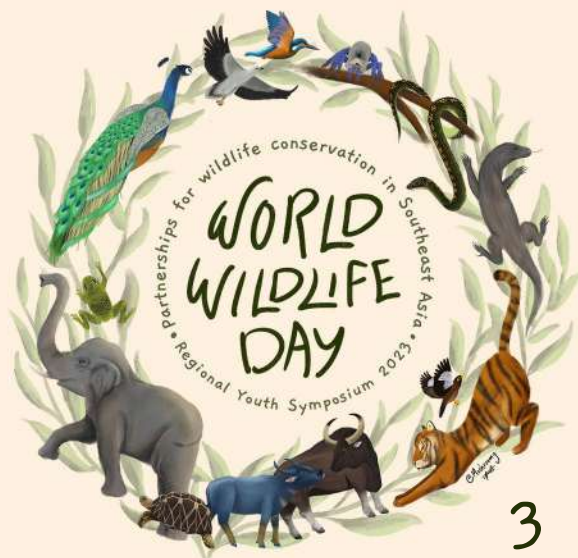
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The second World Wildlife Day Regional Youth Symposium was held physically in Singapore from 3 to 5 March 2023. The event was organised by 16 youth stewards under the Youth Stewards for Nature Programme of Singapore's National Parks Board (NParks), 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 Tinto 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,  
Goral 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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