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Report from Malaysia as affected country Party



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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

41

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

42

Year

2018

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	1	12046838
2013	1	12046838
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Awareness via learning of Geography (compulsory subject for Form 1-3 students, Form 3 = Age 15)
 Assumption: Such awareness remains long among Internet users who are often more informative.
 $\% \text{ Population} = (\text{Adult Literacy Rate, aged } \geq 15) \times (\% \text{Population in Age Group 15-64}) \times (\% \text{ Internet Users})$
 $= 93.1\% \times 67.3\% \times 65.8\% = 41.2\%$
 Population = 29,239,900 people (2012). $41.2\% \times 29,239,900 = 12,046,838$.
 Adult Literacy Rate & Internet Users & Population:
http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/malaysia_statistics.html

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Qualitative
assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operation Action Plan for Drought; Drought Information Website known as Info Kemarau at <http://www.water.gov.my> by Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID).

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education



Qualitative
assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

The Government welcomes CSOs and STIs to attend UNCCD meetings/ events, including the UNCCD Scientific Conferences, provided that all expenses are on their own.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	1	1
2013	1	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

- MNS Environmental Education Centres (EECs) which act as focal areas for educational program.
- www.mns.my
- Academy of Sciences Malaysia Publication as an educational DLDD-related initiative.
- www.akademisains.gov.my

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium %

50

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

The Government encourages Tree Planting Programme among school children, civil servants, bankers and public implemented by CSOs and STIs.

CONS-0-5 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015
2016-2017
2018-2019
No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

A special national programme to combat land degradation is not drawn up in Malaysia because land degradation is addressed sectorally. Activities related to mitigating land degradation have been carried out even before Malaysia joined the convention, especially in the forestry and agriculture sectors. Respective agencies in related sectors which are involved in land development have jointly implemented stringent mitigation measures to minimize land degradation.

In 2012, approximately 21.01 million hectares or 63% of Malaysia remains forested. Of this area, approximately 14.5 million hectares have been designated as Permanent Reserved Forest / Permanent Forest Estate.

Sources of information

- Stocktaking Report: for the Implementation of UNCCD in Malaysia, 2008
- http://www.undp.org.my/uploads/nca_ccd_stocktaking_report%20_final.pdf
- Malaysia's 5th National Report to Convention on Biological Diversity, NRE, 2014
- <http://www.cbd.int/doc/world/my/my-nr-05-en.pdf>
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CONS-0-7 Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

Global target	Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions	2014
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National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Qualitative assessment

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

Qualitative assessment

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

Provide any complementary information as needed:

The above initiatives/ mechanism are available only for climate change issues under UNFCCC and biodiversity issues under CBD under the purview of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE). It is hoped that the initiatives and mechanisms for synergistic planning and programming will be expanded to include the UNCCD in the future.

Sources of information

www.nre.gov.my

CONS-0-8 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

Global target	Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD	≥ 60 %	2018
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National contribution to the global target Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

Voluntary national target When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD?

2014-2015	<input type="checkbox"/>
2016-2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
2018-2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
No Plan Yet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information

Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

There is no specific system that covers DLDD in the country, but there are systems developed in relation to monitor environment, forestry and biodiversity by different public agencies that may be integrated or linked within one central repository in establishing a DLDD system.

a) Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) responsible for water resources management, disseminates drought information to various water related agencies and department for drought early warning system and preparedness through the website of Info Kemarau.

b) Besides this, Malaysian Meteorological Department (MetMalaysia) continuously posts updated info on El-Nino via its website.

c) The Forestry Department Peninsular Malaysia (FDPM) has developed a Forest Monitoring System Using Remote Sensing (FMRS) to monitor changes in forest resources in Peninsular Malaysia.

Knowledge-sharing systems

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:	Drought Information Website (Info Kemarau) by DID
Internet link:	http://infokemarau.water.gov.my/
Estimated number of users per year:	13000

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Name of the system:	El-Nino Info by MetMalaysia
Internet link:	http://www.met.gov.my
Estimated number of users per year:	25000

Name of the system:	Forest Monitoring System Using Remote Sensing by FDP
Internet link:	http://www.forestry.gov.my/index.php?option=com_content
Estimated number of users per year:	250

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

CONS-0-10

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

Global target

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

CONS-O-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

No noticeable externally funded capacities building projects, specifically on land degradation, are recorded. One of the reasons could be that land degradation is not considered as threat and therefore it is given low priority. Adequate funding and trained personnel are not available for the implementation.

Sources of information

Stocktaking Report: for the Implementation of UNCCD in Malaysia, 2008

http://www.undp.org.my/uploads/ncsa_ccd_stocktaking_report%20_final.pdf

Voluntary national target

If at the time of reporting there are no DLDD-specific capacity-building plans, programmes or projects implemented in your country, when does your country plan to have them in place?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did you country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

CONS-O-14

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Malaysia hopes to request the assistance of the GM Secretariat to develop the IIF in the near future.

Sources of information

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

CONS-O-16

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly adequate <input type="checkbox"/> Not adequate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly timely <input type="checkbox"/> Not timely <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly predictable <input type="checkbox"/> Not predictable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

For GEF 5 Cycle (1 July 2010 - 30 June 2014), there is no project in Malaysia with single focal area specifically on land degradation. Nevertheless, there is 1 “Improving Connectivity in the Central Forest Spine (CFS) Landscape” Multi-Focal Area Project, 2012-2018 implemented by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) with a focal area of Land Degradation (USD 1,145,000 for focal area of Land Degradation) funded by Global Environment Facility (GEF).

[http://www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/gef_prj_docs/GEFProjectDocuments/Multi%20Focal%20Area/Malaysia%20-%20\(4732\)%20-%20Improving%20Connectivity%20in%20the%20Central%20Forest%20Spine/4-6-12%20-%20Rev%20PIF.pdf](http://www.thegef.org/gef/sites/thegef.org/files/gef_prj_docs/GEFProjectDocuments/Multi%20Focal%20Area/Malaysia%20-%20(4732)%20-%20Improving%20Connectivity%20in%20the%20Central%20Forest%20Spine/4-6-12%20-%20Rev%20PIF.pdf)

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes No

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	MYR - Malaysian Ringgit	0
2013	MYR - Malaysian Ringgit	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes No

Sources of information

10th Malaysia Plan (2011-2015): <http://www.epu.gov.my/epu-theme/RMKE10/img/pdf/en/chapt6.pdf>

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year % Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Under 10th Malaysia Plan (2011-2015), the Government will review tax incentives, such as tax breaks for buildings and designs that are environmentally friendly, incorporating green design elements like solar panels for heating, rain water harvesting facilities and water conservation features.

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	MYR - Malaysian Ringgit	75000
2013	MYR - Malaysian Ringgit	75000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	15	1
2013	15	1
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

If no, describe the main reasons and the difficulties encountered

Lack of technology, financial and human resources. Consultative approach is applied to involve only main stakeholders of Federal Government Agencies and not State Government Agencies due to financial, technical, time and human resource constraints.

2014 Country Reporting involved: 30 people x 8 hours x 1 month = 30 man-month.
Estimated expenses: 30 man-month x RM5,000/man-month = RM150,000.

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes

No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties?

Yes No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Malaysia would like to request UNCCD to provide adequate and continuous fully funded assistance for Malaysia's capacity-building, DLDD and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research, participation in UNCCD activities and reporting.

Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Lee Chee Peng
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Date of authorization	31/07/2014
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