REPORT
Training of Burung Nusantara

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Introduction

The hobby of birdwatching is growing in Indonesia, with new clubs and new members appearing all the time. Many of these birdwatchers are active but few know how to effectively record and share the information they collect. Information on new distributional records, migration, conservation status, etc is simply being lost. Currently the commonest way to share information is through online social media like facebook, but this is often restricted to members of a specific club or group. There is no tradition of publishing data and findings fully and openly; not because people are unwilling, but because they do not know how and where to publish their observations. Because people do not publish data often, they also do not often consider how to record data in the field in the most useful way. We plan to offer a training course in how to record and publish information collected while birdwatching. This will make full use of the online and social media that is currently in use.

Project objectives

1. Increase the capacity building for the birdwatchers in their birding club
2. To promote BurungNusantara as one of the media and communities for birdwatcher, birding club, and NGO.
3. Support the Indonesian government to take action with qualified database from birding club

Activities

Training events had been done at 4 locations: Jakarta, Medan, Lombok and Purwokerto. Themes for those training events are: “Bird Research Methods” in Jakarta; “Training on How to Write News and Articles about Birds” in Medan; “Water Bird Monitoring” in Lombok and “Proposal Writing Technique Training” in Purwokerto.

Each events began with an introduction about Burung Nusantara, then followed by lecturing, training and finally a presentation.
Results

1. Jakarta

The first activity already done in Universitas Negeri Jakarta (UNJ) with theme “Research Methods for Birdwatcher” and as a trainer is Nurul Winarni, PhD on September, 6, 2012.

Followed a presentation by Dwi Adhiasto from Wildlife Crime Unit/WCS-IP about Monitoring Raptor Trade in Indonesia. Presentation by Nurul Winarni about Research Methods for Birdwatcher and open discussion between participants and the trainer. The participants are the student that have been taken research methodology in their campus.

After the break, the participants practice the methods. The participants divided into 4 groups. The trainer gave the case study about the problems of the population and diversity from the species of birds. The participants should be discussed what the problems, the species, hypotheses and what the method should be taken.

After finished, one of the participants from the groups should be presentation and be judged by the trainer from the accuracy of methods, rationale, hypotheses, detail and how to presentation.

49 participants from 7 institutions (birding club and campus) joined the event. Because of the participants already taken the methodology in their campus, they learnt fast. Some questions about how choose the method, mist netting method asked by the participants. One of the comments from students from UNJ named Resti Rahma Dianti said: "Practiced when case studies is very useful. Mrs. Nurul have a good idea about it. Now I understand how to implement the method". There was also a wildlife photographer exhibition in the same time. The pictures of Indonesian Seabird survey also fill out the event by showing the work of the study for 1 year.

Recommendations from the trainer: "It's good trainer, but the other times this training should be combined with an exercise in the field, so the participants understand between theory and practice. Time is also not too short so that the method can be delivered with more depth".

2. Medan

Biopalas, a flora and fauna survey community from North Sumatra University, held a traning on how to write about birds. This event was held from Saturday, 1st of December until Sunday, 2nd December 2012.
Other event was a capacity building for bird watcher clubs in Indonesia, with 41 participants coming from college students and environmental activists. This event divided into two sessions. First session was a seminar about techniques on how to write news and articles. The speakers were coming from Independent Journalist Alliance (AJI-Aliansi Jurnalis Independent) of Medan City, Soetana Monang and Nirwansyah Putra. Second session was held on the last day of event. All participants were asked to observed bird habitat at the beach in Deli Serdang Regency.

According to Soetana, a trainer for this event, participants have the potential to write because they directly observed birds on the field and also scientifically informed about the character and habitat of those birds. The potential is high although they were somewhat confused to write it in a popular sentence because they are used to write in scientific ways. “They just need to have the will to write and keep practicing” said Soetana. These articles then can be published through social network sites such as facebook.

3. Lombok

Water Birds Observation Training was held on March 2nd-3rd 2013. This activity was organized by bird watcher group called BSC Kecial and Mataram University. Training activity was located at Mataram University while for field activity located at Sekotong, Kelapa Village, Labuan Region Village, Lembar district, Lombok Barat Regency-Nusa Tenggara Barat.

It was two days activity. The first day was a lecture which talked about water and beach birds with speakers Ferry Hasudungan and Iwan Londo. On second day, participants was brought to a mangrove location and divided into 3 groups, each groups had one companion, they are: Noni, Ferry and Londo. About 30 people joined this event, most of them (22 people) were students from Mataram University while the others, 7 came from Udayana University (Veterinarian Faculty) and one person from MTs.

Focus of this training are observing and identifying birds also collecting birds data which were obtained from 23 bird watchers coming from Bali and Mataram. In this event, participants were persuaded to be sensitive with environment by recording any treath, for example: existence of hunters.

Trainers to accompanied, Ferry Hasudungan and Iwan Febrianto reminded on how important it is to be honest in identifying birds so that the result of observation is accurate. Beside that, participant also need to know what are the protection status of the birds they were observed. With that information, bird watchers can ask local
government to defend the protection of Sekotong area which at this moment owned by government but manage by private institution.

During training, participants had identified 22 species of birds, 7 among them are protected by Laws No. 7 year 1999 and 3 species of birds included in appendix II CITES. Those protected species are Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), Oriental Honey-buzzard (*Pernis ptilorhynchus*), Black Eagle (*Ictinaetus malayensis*), Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*), Small Blue Kingfisher (*Alcedo coerulescens*), and Australian Honeyeater (*Lichmera indistinct*). One of them is an endemic species of Sulawesi, Sula, Mollucas, Sumbawa and Flores Islands White-shouldered Triller (*Lalage sueurii*).

I Wayan Suana, an Animal Ecology Lecturer from University Mataram gave his appreciation that Kecial Observation group could have the advantage to be realated with people outside of University Mataram. “This location is one of many location used for bird watching, lecture laboratory and research location for departments of Math and Natural Science of University Mataram. We will keep promoting bird watching and help government in managing this location.” He adds.

News:
http://www.tribunnews.com/2013/03/07/lindungi-lingkungan-lewat-pengamatan-burung

4. **Purwokerto**

“Writing proposal training” was held on 23rd June 2013 at STIMIK MIKOM PURWOKERTO together with Biodiversity Society and MIPL. This one day event consisted of lecture and proposal making training. There were 25 participants of bird waathers groups which came from Purwokerto such as Melung villagers, Biodiversity Society and MIPL; from Yogyakarta was PPBJ and from Surabaya was Anak Burung. While the trainer coming from Bogor, Mr. Agustinus Wijayanto.

The materials of lecture were about the meaning of proposal and explanation on how to make logical framework. Participants then divided into a group of 3 people to practice making logical framework and then at the end, making proposal. These groups were assigned to make logical framework about birds species in each locations of the group. Those logical framework then had to be made as a proposal. According to Agustinus Wijayanto, “In writing proposal is to never give up. If it failed, then we just have to make a new one by learning from past mistakes.”
1. Jakarta

Dwi Adhiasto from Wildlife Crime Unit gave the presentation about the bird trade in Jakarta.

Nurul Winarni, the trainer, gave the research method to the participants.
The participants practiced the researched method in the group.

Every group presentation about their result in the group.
2. Medan

Noni explained about Burung Nusantara activities in Indonesia

Soetana Monang, the trainer, gave the presentation how to write the news and the article
Briefing with the participants before they written the article in the field

The participants written the article after birding in Deli Serdang
3. Lombok

The participant in “shorebirds training” in Lombok

The participants learnt to see, sketched, and identified the shorebirds
Ferry Hasudungan one of the trainer gave the “trick” how to identified the shorebirds in the field

4. Purwokerto

Iwan Londo shared the information about Burung Nusantara
Agustinus Wijayanto gave the information how to write the proposal

The participants made the log frameworks and shared to the others participants