

Thursday, 23 May 2024, Kuching – Maltimur recently participated in a "Green Infrastructure for Roads & Highways: Protecting Biodiversity" capacity-building workshop organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Malaysia here in Kuching on 20 and 21 May 2024.

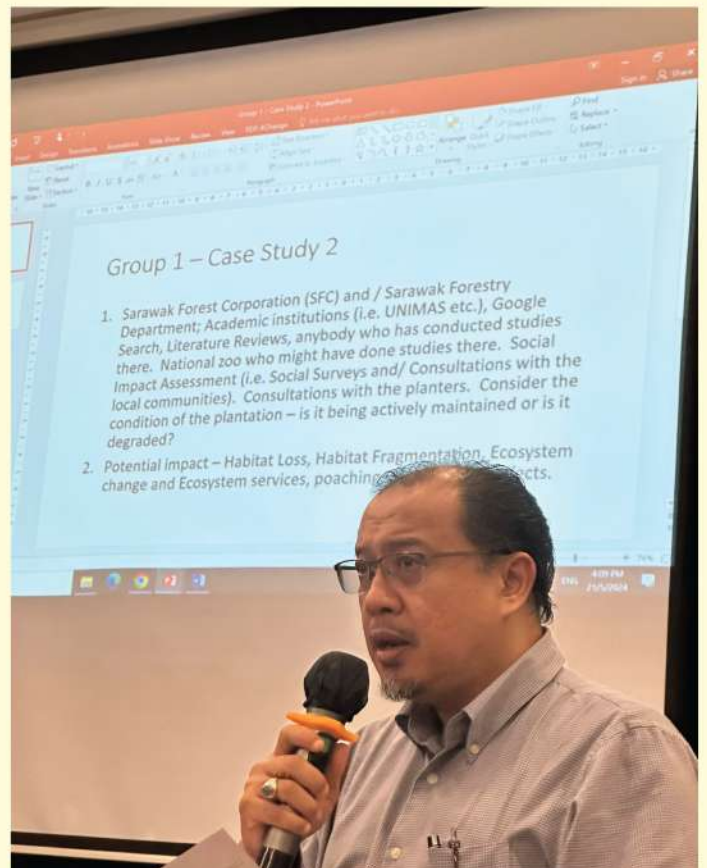
The workshop sought to discuss and develop sustainable infrastructure practices that protect biodiversity. Our Maltimur team of 5 members included colleagues assigned on the NCH and SSLR2 projects.

According to **Dr Abdul Halim Abdul Manaf from Maltimur – Aktif Unggul JV**, "The workshop provided an in-depth look into the integration of green infrastructure in roads and highway projects. It **emphasized the importance of designing and implementing projects that not only meet transportation needs but also preserve and enhance the natural environment.**"

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“ It was interesting that the workshop chose to make the SSLR2 as a case study on how to apply green infrastructure concepts to ensure projects minimise negative impacts to the environment ”

added Dr Abdul Halim.



Dr Abdul Halim presentation for Case Study



Another case study chosen to demonstrate the concept and impact of green infrastructure was the **Pan Borneo Highway Sarawak mega project.**

A quick check on WWF's website highlights the NGO's aim – **"WWF is working to ensure a future in which natural infrastructure—the intact ecosystems we all rely on for important benefits like clean water and air – is conserved, and the infrastructure we build meets societal needs, all while maintaining or restoring biodiversity and ecosystem services and avoiding or minimizing greenhouse gas emissions."**

"As a responsible infrastructure development company, Maltimur seeks to find a balance to promote sustainable development while protecting biodiversity," said Damalya Arisa of Maltimur HQ's Sustainability team. Therefore, our team gained valuable insight on how to include green infrastructure into our projects from the WWF workshop.

Additionally, one of the participants, an EIA consultant from Chemsains who joined the workshop organized by WWF **noted that a positive aspect of the Pan Borneo project was the involvement of the EIA consultants from the start of the project design.**