



## **CYCN JULY REPORT**

Date: August 29, 2021

### **SUMMARY:**

CYCN continues to provide avenues for youth with an interest in climate action to participate in activities and projects and learn new approaches. CYCN Kenya launched its Nature Club and already made an impact on over 100 grassroots youth.

### **MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

#### **CYCN St. Lucia**

- Work on constitution

#### **CYCN Kenya**

- Launched CYCN Nature Club on 28th July 2021
- An increased membership base of over 100 active young people in Kenya
- CYCN Kenya Bi-monthly meetings have been helpful in discussing and sharing opportunities' for CYCN Kenya members

#### **CYCN Belize**

- Successfully established partnership with the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition and the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate change, and disaster risk management and its Department of Environment.
- CYCN Belize established relationship with other environmental youth organizations in southern Belize however we are in the process of improving our social media presence.

### **HIGHLIGHT:**

#### **CYCN St. Lucia**

During this month, we did work on our constitution after creating a committee to work on the constitution from our first membership meeting held last month (June 26th, 2021). Mural painting was postponed.

## **UPCOMING FOR AUGUST**

- Continued work on constitution and organisation structure of CYCN St. Lucia
- Reach out to organisations from list to inform them about CYCN (still pending)
- Membership meeting in August

### **CYCN Kenya**

CYCN Kenya is very committed to engage young people in Kenya. CYCN Kenya developed 3 main projects as part of its strategy to increase the rate of young people engagement in environmental conservation. The projects namely: Nature Clubs, Climate Dialogues and Talent Award Competition. For July 2021, we launched Nature Club which is running for 12 months.

## **UPCOMING FOR AUGUST**

- 7th August, CYCN Kenya will have its bi-monthly meeting
- On 14th August, CYCN is going to attend a tree planting at Konza in Machakos County
- CYCN KENYA will host Kenya Youth Climate Dialogue on 28th August 4pm – 6pm EAT GMT+3 Nairobi time

### **CYCN Belize**

CYCN Belize has been engaged as partners in the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition and its Maya Forest Corridor Initiative. We have been planning collaborative projects on capacity building on carbon research and development with a focus on climate change advocacy. Approximately 30,000-acre property was at most at risk in the corridor and final arrangements for transfer to the Maya Forest Corridor Trust are now underway. CYCN Belize will now be contributing towards the revision of the conservation action plan for the Maya Forest Corridor landscape.

## **UPCOMING FOR AUGUST**

- Build advocacy of climate change projects in Belize through the CYCN organization in Belize and beyond.
- Develop a climate change action and corridor forum with the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition with a focus on carbon pricing research and development.
- Strengthen the CYCN Belize membership participation and project agenda as we prepare for delivering the youth declaration in COP26.

**BREAKDOWN:**

DATE	ACTIVITY/PROJECT	REPRESENTATIVE(S)	DETAILS
July 28, 2021	World Conservation Day Mural Painting	All members (St. Lucia)	<p>Various paint companies across the island were reached out to sponsor or donation of exterior paints for the painting. We were successful with two companies. However, the date of the mural painting which was scheduled for the weekend of the 24th of July was postponed due to the proximity to Saint Lucia's General Election held on 26th July, 2021.</p> <p>The activity has been postponed for a later date to commemorate a different environmental awareness day which will be decided by the members.</p>
July 3, 2021	Bi-Monthly meeting	All CYCN Kenya Members (CYCN Kenya)	We discussed about the upcoming events.
July 28, 2021	CYCN Nature Club Launch	All CYCN Kenya members, youth climate leaders in Kenya and interested citizens of Kenya (CYCN Kenya)	<p>We had a launch of nature club in Kenya We had over 30 participants during the launch</p> <p>A lot of young people had an amazing questions and were well responded by the speakers.</p>

July 31, 2021	Bi-Monthly meeting	All CYCN Kenya members (CYCN Kenya)	We discussed about the upcoming events
July 10, 2021	Engagement in dialogues with Maya Forest Corridor Coalition.	Ruth Gutierrez-Corley and Kelvin Tillet (CYCN Belize)	CYCN Belize has shown full support of the initiative.
May 22, 2021	Clean-up campaign on Dangriga beach	Russel Murray and Monique Vernon (CYCN Belize)	Clean-up campaigns arranged with youth organizations and OCEANA.
May 22, 2021	Monitoring of seaweed farms in southern Belize and advocacy by Goal: Green	Monique Vernon and Monique Moguel (CYCN Belize)	Supporting monitoring and evaluation initiatives on the sustainability of seaweed farms in southern Belize.
May 25, 2021	Building awareness of mangrove restoration initiatives in degraded habitat.	Krisjan Young and Kevin Sam (CYCN Belize)	Mangrove restoration initiatives continues in degraded sites in Placencia Lagoon

### SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRESS REPORT

Facebook	3,955 Followers, 3,817 Likes
Instagram	560 Followers
Twitter	265 Followers

## APPENDIX

(CYCN Kenya)

CYCN Kenya launched its Nature Club on 28th July 2021, over 30 participants attended the event. The event has some graphics for promotional purposes and some merchandise for sale to raise funds for the network projects. Please find the attachments below:





**tycn** commonwealth youth climate change network

Theme: **Stewards of Environment**

Time: 9 am - 11 am EAT/GMT +3

Wednesday 25th July 2021

Topic: **CYCN Kenya, Nature Club Launch**

Google meet

**M O D E R A T O R S**

**S P E A K E R S**

**Fiona Mugure**  
Topic: CYCN activities

**Lenora Rhoden**  
CYCN Pan-Commonwealth Coordinator  
Topic: CYCN activities

**Maurice Munga**  
National Coordinator  
CYCN Kenya  
Topic: CYCN Kenya Clubs in Kenya

**Margaret Wambui**  
CYCN Kenya Member  
Topic: CYCN Kenya activities

**John Othman**

**Kefau Paul Mutuku**  
Youth climate leader  
Topic: Youth leadership in Climate Action

**Madina A. Hussein**  
Founder, Global Green Communities  
Topic: Addressing youth unemployment through tree growing


**Kevin Luridaki**  
Ecologist, researcher and nature conservationist  
Topic: National youth engagement in Climate Action

(CYCN Belize)

DATE	ACTIVITY	PICTURES
10 <sup>th</sup> July, 2021	Engagement in dialogues with Maya Forest Corridor Coalition.	<p>Dear Maya Forest Corridor Partners,</p> <p>On behalf of the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition, I just wanted to update you on the latest development with the Maya Forest Corridor initiative. First of all, the purchase of the 30,000 acre property most at risk in the corridor is almost finalized. Final arrangements for transfer to the Maya Forest Corridor Trust are now underway. Thank you for helping us with your support!</p> <p>With respect to the agreement with the Government of Belize, the current administration has insisted that some land taxes will have to be paid on the property but this will be with a discount. The Government has however agreed to an exemption on the stamp duties. There are also some adjustments on the issue of rights to carbon credits. No final agreement has been signed yet with the Government but will keep you updated when that is done.</p> <p>In the meantime, thank you for your continued support and we hope to next work on the revision of the conservation action plan for the Maya Forest Corridor landscape. The COVID situation will require that we seek alternative ways to meet with our community stakeholders especially.</p> <p>Finally, most of you will know that I have just transitioned from the University of Belize ERI to a new position as the Managing Director of the Belize Maya Forest Trust. This Trust is responsible for the management of the 236,000 acres also recently bought for conservation in northwestern Belize, adjacent and south of the Rio Bravo and a sister landscape to the Maya Forest Corridor. In this new capacity, I will continue with my work with the Maya Forest Corridor Coalition of partners. Feel free to reach me at my new address: <a href="mailto:ekay@bmf.org">ekay@bmf.org</a> as my University of Belize address will no longer be active after today.</p> <p>Thank you again for all your support and interest.</p> <p>In conservation, Elma</p>
22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2021	Clean-up campaign on Dangriga and Placencia beach	

		<p>Today's crew. Thank you all for being true eco-warriors.</p>  <p><b>Monique Vernon</b> July 17 at 11:47 AM · 🌐</p> <p>It really doesn't take much to help keep our beaches clean. Not enough regular trash bins on the beach? BAM! Here ya go.</p> <p>Please #PickUpThePlastic when you see them laying on the ground and put them in their rightful places.</p> <p>Signed a concerned village gal.</p> <p>Ps: Thanks #TimBrown for donating the bin for the public to use!!</p> 	
<p>22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021</p>	<p>Monitorin g of seaweed farms in southern Belize</p>		



		
<p>25<sup>th</sup> May, 2021</p>	<p>Building awareness of mangrove restoration initiatives in degraded habitat.</p>	