

COMMUNITY STREAM INVESTIGATION (CSI)

Implementing Agency: Regional Environment Awareness Cameron Highlands (R.E.A.C.H)

Stakeholders: Regional Environment Awareness Cameron Highlands (R.E.A.C.H), National River Care Fund (NRCF), Global Environment Centre (GEC).

Project Location: Sungai Bertam & Sungai Pauh, Cameron Highlands.

Project Duration: Mar 2017 - Feb 2018

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to increase awareness among local communities about the state of rivers and streams in Cameron Highlands; and identify sources of rivers and streams pollution.

BACKGROUND

Community Stream Investigation (CSI) is initiated in 2005 when Dr Liau Tai Leong and some other REACH members were alarmed by the deteriorating water quality in Cameron Highlands. The project focuses on river monitoring activities including physical assessment of rivers' surrounding, chemical test of rivers' various parameters and finding biological indicators in rivers.

In monitoring the states of the rivers, local communities and schools work together with local government agencies to protect river quality in Cameron Highlands. Students and local communities are able to see the quality of rivers in Cameron Highlands and thus, increase their awareness about the importance of clean river.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Seven schools are involved in the river awareness programme.

SHARING EXPERIENCE



PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The project faces a limitation whereby it takes time to run its course because most schools prefer to conduct extra-curricular activities after major examinations period. Hence, it is important to take note schools' schedules in order to run the project smoothly in accordance to a projected timeline.



SMART PARTNERSHIP

Outreaching to schools in the surrounding area is important to tackle the younger generations. To increase awareness among younger generations, the project is collaborating with schools around Cameron Highlands to have river monitoring activities as part of extra-curricular activities. Through the activities, students are able to hands-on experience and see the quality of rivers in Cameron Highlands.