

# NEWSLETTER

SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

## STAY AT HOME

KEEP YOURSELF AND FAMILY SAFE

## WE CAN DO IT

STOP THE COVID-19 VIRUS

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*What's happening*

### UMW TOYOTA MOTOR DONATES RM158,888 TO BOOST MANGROVE CONSERVATION

UMW Toyota Motor donated RM158,888.00 to Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative through the fund-raising event, 'Toyota Classics Concert'. The fund will be solely used for the Environmental Education Programme and Mangrove Tree Planting. A total of 1,500 youth (secondary to tertiary level) will be participating in this programme for 18 months. The objective of this programme is to create awareness of the importance of respecting and appreciating the environment and enabling the younger generation to be more environmentally conscientious and become stewards of the environment.

Note: To support SWCS's endeavor; Donations can be made to Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society's HSBC account 3920 5077 9101 and tax exempted.

### OBJECTIVES

To promote the conservation of wetlands in Sabah and the variety of plants, birds and other kinds of organisms found in them.

To raise public awareness and appreciation of wetlands and public involvement in protecting wetlands.

To manage Rota Kinabalu Wetland (KKW) as a model wetlands centre for the purpose of conservation, education, recreation, tourism and research.



**Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society**

A Non-Governmental Organization working on Conservation of Wetlands in Sabah

Established on 22 August 2005



# 04TH MARCH 2020: MOCK CHEQUE PRESENTATION AT KOTA KINABALU WETLAND RAMSAR SITE



Welcoming remarks from the President of SWCS, Datuk Haji Zainie Abdul Aucasa



Speech from the Director of Marketing Department, En. Mohd Shamsor Mohd Zain



Mr. Ravindran K., the President of UMW Toyota Motor presenting the mock cheque to the President of SWCS



Symbolic Mangrove Tree Planting





# Compilation of snippets : What Are Environmental News Happened In March 2020

## Study Finds That Sea Turtles Might Eat Plastic Because it Smells Like Food!

Humans dump enormous amounts of plastic debris into the oceans which puts marine wildlife species at risks of ingestion and entanglement. Even though it's unclear to scientists, plastic may look enticing to marine species. For example, a hungry sea turtle may mistaken a plastic bag for a jellyfish!

<https://news.mongabay.com>

## Scientist Identify Microbe that Could Help Degrade Polyurethane-Based Plastics

Polyurethane is a hard-to-recycle material that is used in manufacturing foam insulation panels, seating, and many other high-resilience products. This material also releases harmful chemicals into landfills. Scientists have found a bacterium that can be used to break down polyurethane-based plastics for future bio-recycling.

<https://www.nst.com.my/>

## Animals Keep Viruses in the Sea in Balance

Previously, it was unknown that marine animals can have a significant impact on virus populations. This was until it was found that many marine animals such as the Japanese oyster ingests virus particles as it filters sea water for food and oxygen.

<https://www.sciencedaily.com>

## Most of Earth's Carbon was Hidden in the Core During Its Formative Years

Despite playing a vital role to the Earth's geological processes as well as having impacts on the atmosphere and oceans due to human activities, the amount of carbon on Earth is still a mystery. This is because much of it is hidden in the Earth's depths!

<https://www.sciencedaily.com>

## Extreme El Nino Drought, Fires Contribute to Amazon Insect Collapse

In human-modified tropical Brazil ecosystems, dung beetles were found to experience significant drop in diversity and population due to the 2015-2016 El Nino climate event. In forests that experienced fires, on average, 64% of the dung beetle population was lost. Those in drought-only areas experienced a population drop of 20%. Dung beetles are important in the forest's nutrient recycling services.

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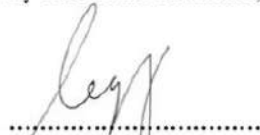
Y.Bhg Datin Seri Panglima / Datuk / Datin / Prof. / Assoc. Prof. / Dr. / Sir / Madam,

**NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the **15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of members of the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society that was scheduled to be held on 04<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Saturday at 10.00 a.m. has been postponed until further notice as instructed by the Registrar of Societies (RoS) due to COVID-19 outbreak.

Any inconvenience caused is sincerely regretted.

By order of the Committee,



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2nd March 2020. Outreach programme (AFI Sdn Bhd) with SMK Telaga Pitas



3rd March 2020. Outreach Programme (AFI Sdn Bhd) with SK Liu Pitas





4th March 2020. Outreach Programme (AFI Sdn Bhd) with SK Bawing Pitas



5th March 2020. Outreach Programme (AFI Sdn Bhd) with SK Malubang Pitas





9th March 2020. Outreach Programme (AFI Sdn Bhd) with SK Telaga Pitas.



10th March 2020. Outreach Programme (AFI Sdn Bhd) with SK Datong Pitas



# Guests' comments

A wonderful facility offering opportunities to view wildlife in its natural environment. Protection of mangroves is very important and its benefits to coastal communities not fully appreciated. keep up the good work and keep educate the younger generation about the environment for better future.  
- Paul Smith UK

Newspaper Clipping



4th March 2020

4th March 2020: The Borneo Post



## VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

### 01 Volunteering is good for your heart

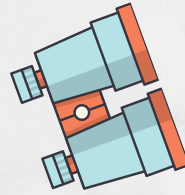
Volunteering for KK Wetland Ramsar Site can be a great fun! If you have passion for the environment or just want to gain more outdoor experiences, this is the appropriate channel. Do not miss the chance! Sign up to be a volunteer now or contact us for more information.

### 03 membership

#### Benefits of being our member

- As a member, you will be able to participate in members' events and enjoy free entry to Kota Kinabalu Wetlands Ramsar Site
- Eligible for 50% discount for binoculars rental\*.
- Most importantly, you know you are helping this ecosystem to survive and provide essential services to it.

### 02



### Monthly Bird Monitoring



Join our monthly birding activity on every 15th-17th day of the month

FOR  
MORE  
INFO

How to  
**REGISTER**

Call us at  
088-246955  
or drop us an email at  
[swcs@sabahwetlands.org](mailto:swcs@sabahwetlands.org)

### 04

## DONATION



Join the forces with us and help save our Wetlands by giving donation to Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society.

Bank Transfer to;  
**SWCS Account No:392050779101**  
(HSBC)

support us by joining our programmes

## 1. Environmental Education Programme

- KK Wetlands Mangrove Experience Programme
- Mangrove Conservation Experience Programme
- Handcrafting from Mangrove

## 2 Environmental Voluntary Work

- Nursery Work
- Mangrove Clean-Up

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