

NEWSLETTER

SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY



Planting of 50 man
Jainab, Rotarians

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#FLASHBACK SWCS MoU

Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (SWCS) inked several Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other agencies since 2010. There were four MoU was sealed by SWCS;

- i) Sabah Forestry Department in 2010
- ii) Department of Environment, Sabah in 2013
- iii) Sabah Housing and Real Estate Developer Association in 2015
- iv) Acacia Forest Industries Sdn Bhd in 2017

The purpose of these MoUs is to formalize a mutual collaboration between the signed parties, particularly in wetlands conservation.

SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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

Established on 22 August 2005

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 Kota Kinabalu Wetlands (KKW) as a model wetlands centre for the purpose of conservation, education, recreation, tourism and research.

MoU with Sabah Forestry Department



Year: 2010

Duration: 4 years 6 month (2010 - 2015)

Objective: To replant mangrove trees at Sulaman Lake Forest Reserve, Tuaran, an effort to restore and rehabilitate degraded mangrove areas via community outreach programmes.

MoU with Department of Environment

Year: 2013

Duration: 5 years (2013 - 2018)

Objective: To encourage the implementation of environmental awareness programmes and was signed by 27 other organisations with the Department of Environment.



MoU with SHARED A



Year: 2015

Duration: 3 years (2015 - 2018)

Objective: To promote the study, appreciation, conservation, and protection of Sabah's wetlands heritage. Brings together developers who have enlisted as members to pool their expertise and resources to ensure that the industry plays its role as the prime mover of the economy.

MoU with Acacia Forest Industries Sdn Bhd

Year: 2017

Duration: 1 year

Objective: The Parties, subjected to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and in recognition of related academic, research, and national interests will endeavor to strengthen, promote, and develop cooperation amongst each other on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.



"Get to know" Ramsar Site Malaysia

Ramsar Sites in Johor

Tanjung Piai is the third Ramsar site area in Johor. The size of this wetland area is 526 ha that supports many threatened and vulnerable wetland-dependent species. Animals found in this area are categorised as threatened and vulnerable under IUCN Red-list which includes animals like the Scaly Anteater, Smooth Otter, Lesser Adjutant and Mangrove Pitta. This area also supports many commercial and valuable marine species of fish such as the Sea Bass (Siapakap), Snappers (Jenahak), and Threadfins (Senangin). There are 20 species of true mangroves including the endangered mangrove species *Bruguiera hainesii* (Berus Mata Buaya) and five associated species. Tanjung Piai also important to migratory birds such as the Spoon Billed Sandpiper, and Chinese Crested Tern



Credit: <http://www.johorparks.gov>

Tanjung Piai is an attractive place that becomes an eco-tourism destination, which has a boardwalk that provides interpretative materials, guided walks and overnight facilities for visitors. There are few threats that affect the mangrove area, for example, the eastern side of Tanjung Piai has been affected by oil spills which caused natural erosion. Besides that, the new port having been established at the estuary of Sungai Pulai had led to strong waves, reaching the east shore of Tanjung Piai that caused coastal erosion.

Article references: <http://www.johorparks.gov.my>



Scaly Anteater

Credit:<http://www.johorparks.gov>



Mangrove Blue Flycatcher

Credit:<http://www.johorparks.gov>



Mangrove tree (Lumnitzera littorea)

Credit:<http://www.johorparks.gov>

KOTA KINABALU ROTARY CLUBS TREE PLANTING PROJECT CLOSING CEREMONY

Sabah's first created wetlands

Mary Chin

MENGGAIAT: The planting of 4,000 mangrove saplings along the Darau River (flowing through Kg Darau Laut) has created a new area of wetlands known as the Sungai Darau Wetlands.

The endeavour was an integral part of Rotary District 3310 Tree Planting Project (2017-2018) with the slogan "Plant For The Future".

Spearheaded by the nine Rotary Clubs in Kota Kinabalu (Kota Kinabalu, Likas Bay, Luyang, Penampang, Tanjung Aru, Kinabalu Sutera, KK South, KK Pearl and KK Mandarin) with the Rotary Club of KK Pearl as the host club, the planting exercise along the river was funded by the State Tourism, Culture and Environment Ministry at a cost of RM20,000.

Officiating at the launch of the Sungai Darau Wetlands at the Community Hall, Sunday, Permanent Secretary to the Ministry, Datu Rosmadi Datu Sulai, who repre-

sented the Minister, Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun, urged the media to highlight the fact that this newly-created wetlands is a first in Sabah as a community-based effort and should be exemplary to other villages.

"Kg Darau Laut is the first village in Sabah to be adopted by the Ministry for starting a nursery at the site. As you know, the mangrove saplings were planted by the people themselves on a gotong-royong basis. They are also monitoring the growth of the saplings into mangrove trees," he said.

On Kg Darau Laut Village Chief Jati Ejan's aspiration for the Sungai Darau Wetlands to be a tourist destination as the people's income-earner, Rosmadi said his Ministry was positive about developing the Wetlands as a new nature tourism product. He, however, insisted that the proposed ecotourism venture must be based on the traditions of the Bajau Sama community.



At the same time, he proposed that the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society (headed by Datuk Zainie Abdul Aucasa as President) apply for the Sungai Darau Wetlands to be placed in the Ramsar List as the first community-based wetlands in the world. KK Wetlands was recognised as a Ramsar site last year. "That is a challenge," he said. Rosmadi, who also officially closed the Rotary District Tree Planting Project 2017-2018, led the Rotarians in planting 50 mangrove saplings at the Sungai Darau Wetlands. See Page 2, Col. 2



Planting of 50 mangrove saplings by Jainab, Rotarians and others at the Sungai Darau Wetlands to add to 3,950 (planted earlier), making a total of 4,000 saplings. (Inset): Rosmadi (second right), Suzannah (second left) and others handling mangrove saplings.

Kg Darau Laut can be new tourism product: Rotary

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In response, Zainie said it will take at least five years or more, given that it took eight years for the KK Wetlands (managed by the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society) to be made a Ramsar site.

Earlier, President of the Rotary Club of KK Pearl, Datuk Suzannah Liaw, also called for tourism infrastructure so that Kg Darau Laut will be a new tourist product or attraction in the near future.

She said the nine Rotary Clubs have exceeded their initial target to plant 10,000 trees (including the 4,000 at Kg Darau Laut) through smart partnership involving the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, City Hall (DBKK), Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), Penampang District Council, Tuaran District Office, Putatan District Office, Kg Darau Laut Village Security and Development Committee (JKKK), State Education Department and schools in Kota Kinabalu.

"We launched the Rotary District 3310 Tree Planting Project as a joint club project on Nov 26, 2017 with a target of planting 10,000 trees to green the environment. As of today, we have planted 13,000 trees. These include 4,000 mangrove saplings at the Forest Reserve in Sulaman (completed on Saturday), 4,000 along Sungai Darau and more than 3,000 trees that were planted by 40 schools in Kota Kinabalu and the surrounding districts (in collaboration with the State Education Department).

"The 3,000 trees include fruit trees which we hope will bring income to the schools during the fruiting season," said Liaw.

She made a special vote of thanks to all the nine Rotary Clubs for their support and contributions to

Conservation Society.

Village chief Jati Ejan thanked the Ministry for having selected Kg Darau Laut as the beneficiary of the mangrove tree planting project. "And thank you to Rotary International District 3310 and the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society for opening the doors of opportunity to the people of Kg Darau Laut."

He said Sungai Darau that was grown with mangrove trees on both sides of the river has existed since 200 years ago, adding this is what makes Kg Darau Laut a most suitable site for mangrove tree replanting.

According to him, nine species of mangrove are found on the coastal areas of Kg Darau, namely Bakau kurap, Bakau minyak, Berembang, Nipah, Nyireh batu, Perepat, Tengar, Tumu merah and Api-Api.

Incumbent Karambanai Assemblywoman cum Caretaker Minister of Community Development and Consumer Affairs, Datuk Jainab Ahmad Ayid said if she was re-elected and became Minister again, she would look into seeking the necessary funds for the proposed Sungai Darau Wetlands Information Centre. She was briefed on the infrastructure plans for the new wetlands by the Sabah Wetlands Conservation Society's Infrastructure Committee Head, Rizal Ahmad Banjar, who said the information centre is necessary for proper management and to cater to the needs of tourists and visitors.

Meanwhile, Rotary International District 3310 Governor, Datuk Lee Chuen Wan expressed optimism that the proposed ecotourism project at Kg Darau Laut would be successful because of easy ac-

cess to the international Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, last year, Rotary International President Ian Riseley (2017-2018) challenged all Rotarians in the world to plant one tree each. "Given the number of Rotarians throughout the world, this means there will be 1.2 million new trees by the end of June this year," he said, adding that the nine Rotary Clubs in KK have broken the record by having planted 13,000 trees.

Lee attributed the success to all parties concerned, acknowledging the leadership role played by past District 3310 Governor Datuk Zainie Hj Aucasa as Adviser to the Rotary District 3310 Tree Planting Committee, Assistant Governor Francis Chan who co-ordinated the project together with Project Organising Chairperson Tulip Noorazyze. "You have done a wonderful job together with (Datuk) Suzannah who took up the challenge, and all the nine Rotary Clubs in KK in bringing the project to fruition."

According to Tulip, over 319 volunteers from the Rotary Clubs in Kota Kinabalu, schools and a college in Kota Kinabalu and Singapore participated in the planting programme at the Sulaman Wetlands from January to April this year. Planting at Sungai Darau was started and completed this month.

Also present were the Assistant Director of Education (Co-Curriculum Unit), Jenry Saiparudin, Deputy Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Mariam Omar Matusin, Kg Darau Laut JKKK Chairman Jamran Hj Abdul Majit, Rotary Club Presidents, Dr Ravi Mandalam (RC Kota Kinabalu), Datin Betty Hiew (RC Kinabalu Sutera), Vincent Chua (RC Likas Bay),



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庇珍珠扶輪社種植計劃 1萬棵樹目標達成

亞庇22日訊 | 亞庇珍珠扶輪社 (RCKK Pearl) 社長拿督廖秀月指出，扶輪社在2016年所發起的在斗亞蘭達勞河及蘇拉曼沼澤地，分別種植四千及三千棵紅樹林已經達標。同時，在沙巴大學及由亞庇市政廳鉴定的學校，種植另三千棵果樹及美化樹的目標也陸續完成。

她指出，這項「為未來的種植計劃」是3310區扶輪社聯合





7th April 2018. Environmental Education Programme with SM St John Beaufort



14 April 2018. Mangrove Tree Planting with SM St John Tuaran



19th April 2018. Environmental Education Programme with SMK Taun Gusi Dua.



21st April 2018. Outreach to SMK Tenom.



25th April 2018. Environmental Education Programme with Nakajima Junior Highschool Japan



28th & 29th April 2018. Environmental Education Programme & Environmental Voluntary Work with UMS (Conservation Biology)

Guests' comments



Really informative and educational. Great set up and very peaceful.
- Zach Mueller, USA



It was really cool and nice environment.
- Juan & Son, Singapore



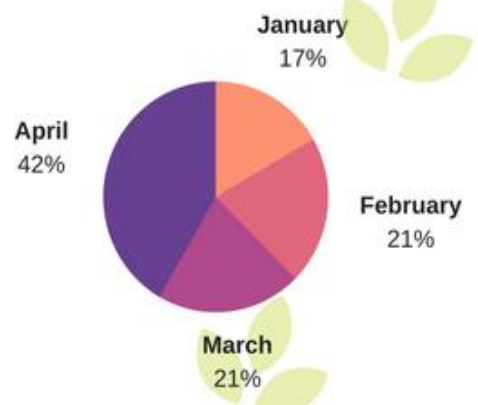
It is fun to walk around in here. Looking forward to the second trip.
- Agnes & friend, Malaysia

Upcoming Events

Environmental Voluntary Work

- SM All Saints
- Inti Collage

Percentage of EEP Conducted on January - April 2018



VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

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Volunteering is good for your heart

Volunteering for KK Wetlands Ramsar Site can be 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.

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Monthly Bird Monitoring



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



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membership

Benefits of being our member

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- 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.

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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