



NEWSLETTER

SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY



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THE LAUNCHING OF KOTA KINABALU WETLAND RAMSAR SITE

THE LONG AWAITED Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site has been officially launched on the 21st September 2017. The Honorable Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Haji Manjun, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment of Sabah representing The Right Honorable Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman to officiate the memorable event.

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



Presentation of Ramsar certificate, Putrajaya.

7th Ramsar Site in Malaysia

Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site (Site no. 2290) is now officially declared as the 7th Ramsar Site in Malaysia, and the 2nd in Sabah. Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site is also the 2nd Ramsar Site urban in the world where the wetland is located within the boundaries of a city or town, Yatsu Higata Ramsar Site in Tokyo being the first. Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site has been officially designated as a wetland of international importance on the 22nd December 2016. It was then formally endorsed by the Federal Cabinet & a public announcement was made by the Minister of Natural Resource and Environment, YB Dato Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi bin Tuanku Jaafar on 17th July 2017 at Dewan Baiduri Wisma Sumber Asli Putrajaya, Malaysia.

“The management and restoration of mangroves are given priority as Sabah has about 338,000 hectares of mangrove vegetation within its forest reserves. Sabah is a home to some 60% of Malaysia, total mangroves – this is significant and we have a responsibility in ensuring that these areas are protected. Our commitment is clear as Sabah has even protected Kota Kinabalu Wetlands Despite it being within the city centre.” - speech by The Right Honourable Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Musa Haji Aman, The Chief Minister of Sabah during the launching ceremony of Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site.



Highlights of the event



Registration of participants



Our helpful volunteer



Invited guests



The unveiling of the Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site plaque



Ramsar certificate presentation



Coffee table book launching, Oasis in the City : Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site



Memento presentation



A walk through the mangroves



Press conference



CONVENTION ON WETLANDS
CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS HUMEDALES
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(Ramsar, 1971)

This is to certify that

Kota Kinabalu Wetland

has been designated as a

Wetland of International Importance

and has been included in the
List of Wetlands of International Importance
established by Article 2.1 of the Convention.
This is site No: 2290

Date of designation: 22 December 2016

Martha Rojas-Urrego
Secretary General
Convention on Wetlands

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CSR - CIMB Foundation Mangrove Tree Planting Project

A Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) by CIMB Foundation main objective is to replant a total of 1,500 mangrove trees within one (1) year, in order to restore back the degraded mangrove area. On the 15 July, 2017 a launching ceremony of the project was held in KK Wetland. The project was already started earlier this year March 2017 and up until August 2017 there are 1,420 trees successfully planted at Sulaman Lake Forest Reserve, Tuaran. The event was participated by the representatives from CIMB Foundation also students from SMK Datuk Peter Mojuntin.



A group photo of SWCS with the CIMB Bank staffs and students

A day well spent



5 July, CIMB Mangrove Tree Planting with SK Pekan Kota Belud II



8 July, Environment Education Programme with UK Camp



11 July, Environment Education Programme with Borneo Eco Warrior



23 July, Environment Education Programme with Rotary Club Taiwan



25 July, Environment Education Programme with SM All Saints & Bisan Middle School, Korea



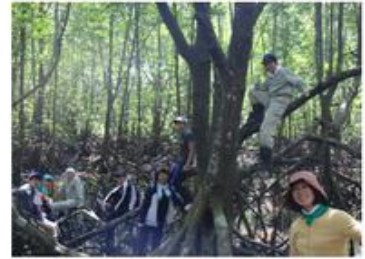
2 August, Environment Education Programme with Taska & Tadika Datuk Simon Fung



3 August, Environment Education Programme with SM All Saints & Japanese Student



4 August, CIMB Mangrove Tree Planting with SM St. Michael Penampang



5 August, Environment Voluntary Work with Tokyo University of Marine Science & Technology, Japan



18 August, Environment Education Programme with SMK Desa Kencana, Lahad Datu



5 September, EEP and Mangrove Tree Planting with Pejabat Belia & Sukan Daerah Tongod



7 September, Environment Education Programme with SMK Bandau, Kota Marudu

Thank you!

Guest comments

Thank you Davis for our guided tour & all the information. I will have to come back to see the Horseshoe Crab! Hope to book more Camps Borneo groups through here soon!

- **Rebecca Dowers, UK**

Great! Saw Monitor Lizard, Skink, Egrets, Heron & all crabs. Lovely & quiet.

- **Becki & Ben, UK**

Very special place, we haven't seen this kind of wetland before! Amazing, Thanks!

- **Simones, Amy & Sylvia, Italy, England & Poland**

Walking in the water at high tide is really fun & exciting. I recommend wearing some boots & lifting your pants & just go!

- **Sandy Belle, USA**

It was such a beautiful place, still don't know how the shrimps make pop sound

- **Hyerim Lee, Korea**

Awesome tour & tourguide. We gained a lot. Keep it up guys!

- **Siti Norfauziana Mohd Sah, Malaysia**

Lovely to see. I visited in 2009 & I am amazed to see how much it has grown.

- **Lee & Ellen Torvi, Canada**

Torrential downpour! Meant that we had the place to ourselves! Quite eerie in the dark/wet atmosphere.

- **Tatiana Chepelina & Conor Hunter, Scotland**

Upcoming Events

Environment Education Programme

- Tshung Tsin Secondary School
- JICA Training
- Hard Rock Cafe, Kota Kinabalu
- Fukui Prefectural Koshi High School, Japan
- Sekolah Sukan Malaysia, Sabah

Environment Voluntary Work

- Kolej Komuniti Tambunan
- SMK St. Paul Beaufort

Outreach

- Community School Engagement, Pitas

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.

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Monthly Bird Monitoring



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



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How to
REGISTER

Call us at
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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 Wetland 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. Environment Education Programme

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

2 Environment Voluntary Work

- Nursery Work
- Mangrove Clean-Up

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