



Other areas of interest include the Fraser's Hill-Bukit Kutu region where the slow loris, flying lemur and three species of gibbons can be found. The Hulu Gombak-Batang Kali-Genting Highlands region is comparatively more accessible than the other districts. Recreational activities like trekking, picnicking and dipping in waterfalls and Sungai Tua near Ulu Yam have become a norm amongst urban folks who are looking for a short weekend getaway from the city.

HOW TO GET THERE

To get to the Klang Gates Ridge, get on the Ulu Klang Middle Ring Road, and head for Taman Melawati and take Jln Taman Melawati. At the roundabout go left, then at the next roundabout go straight over. At the T-junction turn right and follow this road, it ends at the Puncak Niaga waterworks. Parking spaces are limited and tend to get quite full at weekends. Look for the narrow trail up the hill before the waterworks gate.

For more information, please contact the Selangor State Forestry Department at (+6) 03-55447507.

NEWS UPDATES

TIOMAN WARISAN KITA

Bersempena dengan Tahun Terumbu Karang Malaysia (*International Year of Reef*, IYOR Malaysia) 2008, Rakan Park Tioman mengambil inisiatif dari platform ini bagi menyokong usaha-usaha pemuliharaan alam sekitar dengan mengadakan Program Tioman, Warisan Kita. Jabatan Taman Laut Malaysia (JTLM), Kementerian Sumber Asli & Alam Sekitar yang merupakan penyelaras bagi sambutan IYOR Malaysia 2008 dan penangung Rakan Park Tioman akan bertindak sebagai penyelaras program ini dengan bantuan oleh agensi-agensi kerajaan dan NGOs.

Program Tioman, Warisan Kita bertujuan untuk memberi kesedaran kepada penduduk Pulau Tioman berkenaan konservasi alam sekitar di samping merapatkan hubungan antara JTLM dan agensi-agensi lain dengan seluruh penduduk Pulau Tioman, pengusaha pelancongan dan pihak berkepentingan yang lain melalui program Hari Bertemu Pelanggan. Adalah diharapkan agar mesej yang dibawa oleh IYOR Malaysia 2008 iaitu 'Terumbu Kita, Warisan Kita dan Tanggungjawab Kita' akan dapat disampaikan dengan jayanya kepada masyarakat Pulau Tioman, Pahang Darul Makmur.

Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila hubungi En. Mohd. Nizam Ismail daripada Jabatan Taman Laut Malaysia (+6)03-8886 1416 atau emel nizamis@nre.gov.my

PRESENTATION OF OFFICIAL VEST AND CAP

SARAWAK FORESTRY Corporation handed over vests and caps to the first batch of accredited park guides at Semenggoh Wildlife Centre on 5 August 2008. The official vest and cap is the standard attire required to be worn by certified park guides under the "Park Guide Code of Ethics", under regulation 8 of the National Parks and Nature Reserves Regulations, 1999.

The vest and cap were handed over by Datu Hj. Len Talif Salleh, Controller of National Parks and Nature reserves who is also the Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Forestry Corporation and the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Resource Management. Apart from differentiating between accredited and non-accredited park guides, the vest and cap carry more meaning than what meet the eyes as they signify accomplishment and an enhancement of professionalism, thus they should be worn with pride.

Also present during the handing over ceremony were representatives from Sarawak Forestry Department, Sarawak Tourist Guide Association, Universiti Teknologi Mara, Sarawak and various travel agencies.

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SPECIES WATCH

CAPRICORNIS SUMATRAENSIS

The serow is an elusive mammal that has made limestone outcrops, quartz ridge forests and ridges along tall mountains its home. Its natural distribution is from the Himalayas and south-west China, south to Peninsular Malaysia and Sumatra. Distinguished by its black coat and short tail, the serow can grow up to 150cm and weigh up to about 140kg. Feeding mainly on leaves, shoots and grass, the serow is most active at dawn and dusk. It is a very good climber and often enters caves. Mating usually occurs between October and November and the mother carries the foal for seven months, giving birth to one or two young at a time. The serow is a totally protected species under the Protection of Wild Life Act 1972.

WWF-Malaysia/Mikaail Kavanagh



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

14-15 March:

The Department Of Marine Park Malaysia (DMPM) and Reef Check Malaysia are organising a clean-up of beaches in Pulau Redang, Pulau Perhentian and Pulau Tioman. This awareness programme will be held in conjunction with the Reef Clean-up 2009. The activities include cleaning up the beach, snorkeling and exhibition.

To learn more about DMPM's conservation efforts, please contact Mr. Mohd. Nizam Ismail at (+6) 03-8886 1416 or email him at nizamis@nre.gov.my

28 February – 8 July:

The Department of Wildlife and National Parks is organising several biodiversity inventories in the following areas:

28 February – 9 March:

Sungkai Wildlife Reserve, Perak

13 – 23 May:

Ramsar Site Tasek Bera, Pahang

29 June – 8 July:

Krau Wildlife Reserve, Pahang

For more details, please contact Mr. Hasdi Bin Hassan at (+6)03-90752872 or email hasdi@wildlife.gov.my.



Handing over of cap and vest to licensed park guide by Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, SARAWAK FORESTRY.

CORAL REEF MONITORING

When the waters that surround Selingaan, Gulisaan and Bakkungan Kechil islands were gazetted as Turtle Islands Marine Park in 1977, it was done for a reason. It was not only to protect turtles that land on the islands but also to conserve coral reefs that thrive in these waters as a major component of the ecosystem. Apart from being a source of food for turtles, the coral reefs are also a habitat for other marine life.

Aware of this important aspect, Sabah Parks launched an annual programme to monitor coral reefs at the marine park. According to the park manager, Fazrullah Rizally Abdul Razak, the programme's objective was to ensure the continued existence of marine habitats despite the focus being on turtles. To facilitate the monitoring, the 1,740ha park is subdivided into five zones.

Marine Research Unit staff from the Tun Sakaran and Tunku Abdul Rahman marine parks led by research officer Nasrul Hakim Maidin conducted the exercise. The data obtained was useful for long-term research programmes and is also crucial for determining the health of coral reefs.

Marine research staff dived into the sea to collect samples for data compilation while carrying out monitoring work at the park recently. Fazrullah Rizally said "For example, if the marine research unit comes across starfish while inspecting the coral reefs, they will be removed if found in abundance. This is because too many starfish can threaten the corals while too few starfish indicate the corals are not growing well." A water-quality check is also carried out whenever necessary.

Fazrullah Rizally said that three methods were used in the monitoring, which are checking the types of corals, identifying the breeds of fish living among the corals and identifying the invertebrates living on the reefs. Each monitoring activity would take about a week depending on weather conditions. He added that corals in Turtle Islands Marine Park were found to be healthy due to continuous conservation efforts by Sabah Parks via its marine research unit.

Apart from Turtle Islands Marine Park, similar monitoring and research work is done at the Tun Sakaran and Pulau Sipadan marine parks (Semporna), Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park (Kota Kinabalu) and Pulau Tiga Marine Park (Kuala Penyu).

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INSIDE: Special Feature on Selangor State Park and its elusive serow



TRIVIA: In which state is the third largest park in Peninsular Malaysia located in? Find out on page 5!

For more information on how to get to Perlis State Park, please refer to the Malaysian Parks Newsletter issue 02/07 which is available as a free download on www.nre.gov.my and also www.wwf.org.my.

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The View of Nakawan Range from Timah Tasoh Lake

PERLIS STATE PARK GAZETTED

The Perlis State government gazetted the Perlis State Park on 3 July 2008 using the State-adopted National Forestry Act 1984 which was amended to allow for the establishment of State Parks. (see Issue 02/07 which featured Perlis State Park). The park, covering an area of 4,379ha, is located on the northern tip of Peninsular Malaysia and protects a rich biodiversity including several unique ecosystems.

The Perlis State Park area encompasses two forest reserves, namely the Wang Mu Forest Reserve and the Mata Ayer Forest Reserve. One of the unique features of the state park is that it is the only protected area in Malaysia to harbour the rare stump-tailed macaque, which is endemic to Perlis and southern parts of Thailand. The Perlis State Park is situated on the Nakawan Range, which is Malaysia's longest stretch of continuous limestone hills comprising rocks of approximately 450 million years old.



DIDIK TENTANG TERUMBU KARANG

Jabatan Taman Laut Malaysia (JTLM) mengambil pendekatan luhur untuk mendidik kanak-kanak sekolah mengenai pemuliharaan dan kehidupan laut dengan membawa mereka mengikuti program kem terumbu karang.

JTLM



Pegawai Taman Laut menerangkan kepentingan terumbu karang

Pada peringkat awal, program ini meliputi sekolah-sekolah yang terletak di Taman Laut (kawasan perairan laut yang dizonkan sejauh dua batu nautika dari takat air surut terendah), terutamanya di pantai timur Semenanjung Malaysia. Program ini yang dipanggil Pendidikan Alam Sekitar daripada Hutan Hujan hingga Terumbu dianjurkan secara bersama oleh JTLM, Reef Check Malaysia (RCM) dan Program Pembangunan Pertubuhan Bangsa-Bangsa Bersatu (UNDP). Penaja korporat program ini adalah BP Malaysia dan HSBC Malaysia.

Menurut Pegawai Komunikasi Projek Taman Laut JTLM/UNDP, Cik Chua Hooi Dean, matlamat program ini adalah untuk membangunkan satu pendekatan yang menyeluruh dan diselaraskan bagi pendidikan alam sekitar yang menjurus kepada terumbu karang. Program kali ini adalah fasa pertama daripada tiga fasa yang dijadualkan bagi tempoh tiga tahun. Fasa kedua dan ketiga program ini akan dilaksanakan pada

2009 dan 2010 berdasarkan kajian semula hasil program fasa pertama.

Sepanjang tahun 2008, lima buah pulau telah dipilih sebagai lokasi untuk program ini, termasuk Pulau Tioman di Pahang, Pulau Tinggi dan Pulau Sibul di Johor serta Pulau Redang dan Pulau Perhentian di Terengganu. Ketua Bahagian Perancangan Korporat, Jabatan Taman Laut Malaysia, En. Abdul Rahim Gor Yaman berkata program Perkhemahan Terumbu Karang adalah sebahagian daripada inisiatif Kerajaan Malaysia untuk Tahun Terumbu Antarabangsa 2008.

“Pihak kami akan cuba mengembangkan pengetahuan kanak-kanak mengenai sistem ekologi pulau serta kepentingan kepelbagaian biologi laut termasuk pemuliharaan terumbu karang. Langkah ini sudah tentu dapat memperbaiki keadaan warisan khazanah laut kita dalam jangka panjang,” katanya.

Mengulas mengenai program pertama yang diadakan di Pulau Tioman, Ab Rahim berkata, kanak-kanak sekolah yang menyertai program ini diajar mengenai kepentingan terumbu karang serta hidupan laut, di samping fungsi JTLM. Seramai 20 orang murid Tahun 3 hingga Tahun 6 dari Sekolah Kebangsaan Kampung Tekek di Pulau Tioman, Pahang, menjadi perintis kepada Perkhemahan Terumbu Karang pertama yang diadakan dari 10 hingga 11 Mei lalu. Beliau berkata, maklumat berkenaan disebarkan menerusi aktiviti interaktif serta latihan kerja seperti seni dan kraf, tinjauan, permainan watak dan aktiviti menyelam.

Pengerak program dari RCM, Sarah Suresh Kumar berkata, usaha sedang dilakukan bagi memasukkan Program Pendidikan Laut ke dalam kokurikulum sekolah-sekolah awam di seluruh Malaysia. Menurut beliau, penglibatan masyarakat tempatan dari pulau-pulau berkenaan adalah bertujuan memastikan program perkhemahan itu dapat bertahan dalam jangka panjang.

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The Nakawan Range contains Gua Kelam II, a 3.6km cave system, which is the longest in Peninsular Malaysia. There are also many interesting plants growing on the limestone including the cliff-dwelling Perlis cycad (*Cycas clivicola*), the giant balsam (*Impatiens mirabilis*) and the graceful palm, *Maxburretia gracilis*.



Wang Burma Cave

Efforts to establish the Perlis State Park began in the early 1990's, culminating in the "Conservation and Development of Perlis State Park" project, implemented by the Perlis State Forestry Department with funding from the Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA) and technical assistance from WWF-Malaysia. The project which was implemented between 2000 and 2003 lead to the creation of a new legal instrument for establishing

state parks and the production of a management plan for the state park. As part of tourism development at the state park, facilities such as a visitor centre, interpretive nature trails and signage were also set up during the three year project.

SARAWAK FORESTRY LAUNCHES "Adventures with Wildlife"

SARAWAK FORESTRY



Handing over of "Adventures with Wildlife" Manual by Datu Haji Len Talif Salleh, Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, SARAWAK FORESTRY to the State Secretary, Yang Berhormat Datuk Amar Wilson Baya Dandut.

SARAWAK FORESTRY launched the "ADVENTURES WITH WILDLIFE" book on 1 August 2008. The book was launched by Sarawak State Secretary, Datuk Amar Wilson Baya Dandot. Also present to witness the ceremony was Datu Haji Len Talif, who is also the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Resource Management and Director of Forests and representatives from Education Department, Wildlife Conservation Society and school students from Kuching area.

"Adventures with Wildlife" aims to introduce wildlife conservation education activities using local wildlife examples. It is divided into parts which delved into specific subjects such as Importance of Wildlife to Sarawak, Sarawak's Wildlife Laws - What it means to you, Some Dos and Don'ts, Activities for Primary Schools and Conservation Education Principles. It also represents a mixture of activities which incite the senses and interests that conservation education is a worthwhile learning and fun experience. The book can be of use not only by primary and secondary students but also tertiary students or individuals.

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Launch of Lanjak-Entimau Scientific Expedition

The Lanjak-Entimau Scientific Expedition held from 17 to 28 June was officially launched by the Assistant Minister of Water Supply, YB Sylvester Entri anak Muran on behalf of the Second Minister of Resource Management & Planning, YB Dato Sri Awang Tengah Ali Hassan. Jointly organised by the Academy of Sciences, UNIMAS and Sarawak Forestry Department (SFD), the expedition was attended by 150 people from various organisations including SFD, related government agencies, research institutions and WWF-Malaysia. The expedition was led by Professor Dr. Mohamed Abdul Majid and supported by the Chairman of WWF-Malaysia, Professor Dato' Dr. Abdul Latiff.

Bukit Putih Closed

The Selangor State Forestry Department has closed the Bukit Putih Forest Reserve to the public. Signs have been put up prohibiting joggers, trekkers and anglers to enter the forest reserve as the area is a closed forest reserve. The environmental damage, including littering and pollution, caused by an average of 2,000 visitors a month has raised concerns amongst neighbouring residents. Those who enter the forest reserve without a permit from the Forestry Department will be fined RM10,000 or sentenced to three years in jail under Section 47 (1) of the National Forestry Act 1984 (Amendment 1993).

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FEATURED PARK

SELANGOR STATE PARK

The Selangor State Park ranks as the third largest park in Peninsular Malaysia after Taman Negara National Park and the Royal Belum State Park in Perak. The state park is intended to cover an area totalling 107,000ha, which is bigger than the State of Perlis. In January 2008, the Selangor State Government gazetted the first portion of the park totalling 91,441ha under the State-adopted National Forestry Act 1984 which was amended to allow for the establishment of state parks. The other portions of the state park will be gazetted in stages.

Straddling three districts in the eastern part of Selangor, the state park stretches from the northern tip of Selangor at Hulu Selangor and extends to Gombak and down to Hulu Langat in the south. The gazettal of the state park demonstrates the State's commitment to safeguard the critical water catchment forests within the state park that supply 98% of the water to Selangor and Kuala Lumpur, as well conserving the rich biodiversity of the area.

FLORA AND FAUNA

The Selangor State Park is home to an impressively long list of flora and fauna, including 93 species of mammals, 249 species of birds, 63 species of reptiles, 20 species of amphibians and 363 species of butterflies. One of the most unique features to be included in the Selangor State Park is the Klang Gates Quartz Ridge, believed to be the world's longest pure quartz ridge spanning 14km.

The ridge has been recognised as a priority area for biodiversity conservation as it harbours at least five endemic plant species (i.e. found only on the ridge and nowhere else in the world). The Selangor State Park is home to the elusive serow (*Capricornis sumatraensis*). The Selangor State Park is also a heaven for birdwatchers as a myriad of bird species can be found, from the Black-browed Barbet, Silver-breasted Broadbill, White-crowned Hornbill to the Long-tailed Parakeet.

ATTRACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Once included in the Selangor State Park, the Klang Gates Quartz Ridge would likely to be one of its biggest attractions as it is an easy 45 minutes drive from the city of Kuala Lumpur. After a hike up to the quartz ridge, one can marvel at the immenseness of the state of Selangor, of Klang Gates reservoir and the dam and a blanket of dipterocarp trees which forms the Ulu Gombak forest reserve.

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Klang Gates Quartz Ridge presents a unique landscape feature in Selangor State Park.

FACTS & FIGURES

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