

BACKGROUND

MALIAU BASIN: Sabah's Lost World

MBCA is located in south central Sabah is also known as Sabah's Lost World and is one of Sabah's greatest natural treasures. It is a Class I (Protection) Forest Reserve and as a Cultural Heritage Site under the Sabah Cultural Heritage (Conservation) Enactment.

Maliau Basin contains an unusual assemblage of forest types, comprising mainly of lower montane forest dominated by majestic Agathis trees, rare montane heath forest and lowland and hill dipterocarp forest. Numerous waterfalls have been discovered throughout the Basin, one of which is the magnificent 7-tier Maliau Falls and located in the northern part of MBCA is Lake Linumunsut, thought to be Sabah's only non ox-bow freshwater lake. Here, one can find fossilized marine gastropods from 16-17 million years ago when the lake area was a coastal zone.

The flora of Maliau is distinct and diverse, including at least 6 species of pitcher plant and 80 species of orchid, several of which are new records for Sabah. Maliau may be one of only two remaining sites of the rare Rafflesia tengku-adlinii, first discovered here in 1988. With over 290 species such as the Bornean Bristlehead, White-fronted Falconet and Bulwer's Pheasant recorded in the Conservation Area and the surrounding buffer zones, of which an astonishing 26% are listed as threatened or near-threatened by the World Conservation Union (IUCN), MBCA has become a global hot spot for the conservation of bird biodiversity. Over 70 mammal species have so far been recorded in Maliau, including some of Sabah's rarest mammals such as the Proboscis monkey and Bay cat. The surrounding forest is also refuge to the endangered Banteng and Borneo Pygmy Elephant.

COLLABORATION WITH NEPCON

Yayasan Sabah's collaboration with NEPCON started back in 1999 when NEPCON was appointed as one of the consulting firms to provide technical advice under the DANCED/DANIDA project. The YS-DANCED/DANIDA Project was a 4-year collaborative project that resulted in the formulation of the first Strategic Management Plan for Maliau Basin Conservation Area with the objective of securing the conservation of Maliau Basin for the benefit of Sabah, Malaysia and the international community. Also established through the YS-DANCED/DANIDA Project was the Maliau Basin Studies Centre at the southeast edge of the Basin, for research, conservation, education and eco-tourism purposes. Now NEPCON is assisting Yayasan Sabah in reviewing the MBCA Strategic Management Plan 2003-2012 which expired in 2012.

REGISTRATION FEES

Participants	Registration Fee for Participant		
	Regular	Student	Early Bird Rate (until 30th April 2014)
Malaysian	RM150.00	RM50.00	RM100.00
Non-Malaysian	USD100.00	RM50.00	USD75.00

The registration fee is inclusive of symposium bag and materials (working papers/ souvenir programme)

CANCELLATION

Registered participant who is unable to attend may send a substitute provided prior notice is given. Refund, less 25% for administration fees, will be made for cancellation received in writing on or before 30th APRIL 2014. No refund will be made after this date.

MODE OF PAYMENT

i. Bank Draft/ Money Order/ Postal Order payable to:
RAKYAT BERJAYA SDN. BHD.

ii. Bank Transfer to

Name of Bank Address : ALLIANCE BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD
Address : Lot 4, 5 & 6, Block K Sinsuran Complex 88000
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
Account Name : RAKYAT BERJAYA SDN. BHD.
Account Number : 101960010051874

* Participants making payments via bank transfer are requested to fax a copy of the bank transfer slip to +6088 326315/6 to facilitate registration process

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission of abstracts - 30 January, 2014
Notification of accepted papers - 20 February, 2014
Submission of full papers - 20 May, 2014
Closing date for submission of registration form - 02 June, 2014

ENTRY REQUIREMENT/ VISA

A valid passport (and visa if applicable) is required for all persons entering Malaysia. No visa is required for nationals of Commonwealth countries except for Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nigeria for stays of not more than a week. (Regulations are subject to change, therefore we advise you to check with the nearest Malaysian High Commissioner or Malaysian Embassy in your country prior to your visit)

HEALTH REGULATIONS

Cholera vaccination is NOT required for travelers entering Malaysia. Visitors arriving from Yellow Fever Endemic Zones and other affected areas are required to present International Health Certificate showing Yellow Fever vaccination. This regulation does not apply to children below the age of one.

POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

The registration fees displayed here DOES NOT include the charges for Post-Conference tours. The tours will be charged separately.

REGISTRATION FORM

Kindly complete the following details:

Name:

Title: Gender: M / F

Position:

Organization/Institution:

Mailing Address:

State: Country:

Tel: Fax:

Email:

Special Diet/ Allergy:

Bank Draft/Money Order/Postal Order No:

Amount RM/USD is enclosed.

Post-Conference Tours:

I would like to participate in the Post-Conference Tour to:

- Danum Valley Conservation Area
 Maliau Basin Conservation Area
 Imbak Canyon Conservation Area

Please send complete registration form along with registration fee and email to us at:

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Or fax to us at:
SECRETARIAT,

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Management in South East Asia - The Way Forward
C/O Conservation & Environmental Management Division
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CALL FOR PAPERS

Those interested in presenting oral papers or posters at the Conference are required to send their papers (MS Word) and presentation to:

Dr. Yap Sau Wai (yapsauwai@gmail.com)

Before 30 January, 2014

OBJECTIVES

The conference will promote sharing experiences in the management of protected areas in the tropics and discuss the new challenges and possible solutions to biodiversity conservation in Southeast Asia in the era of the fastest landscape changes recorded by man. How do we cope with the challenge of landscape fragmentation? How do we manage meta-populations? How can we change the biodiversity conservation from being a "crisis discipline" to pro-active conservation management?

The conference could also be used for networking as well as a venue to gather people who manage protected areas.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Policy makers, protected areas managers, researchers, forest concession holders, government departments/agencies, NGOs, funding agencies, private sectors, local communities and academicians.

POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

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- Option 1: Danum Valley Conservation Area
- Option 2: Maliau Basin Conservation Area
- Option 3: Imbak Canyon Conservation Area

For inquiry please contact:

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The steep northern cliffs of Maliau Basin
Photo by S. Yorath.

ORGANISERS

Yayasan Sabah is a statutory body established through Enactment No. 8 in the Sabah State Legislative Assembly in 1966 to complement & supplement the Sabah State Government's efforts to uplift the standard of living of Malaysians in Sabah. To facilitate implementation of relevant programmes, the Sabah State Government provided Yayasan Sabah with forest land rich in timber which Yayasan Sabah manages in an integrated & sustainable manner, incorporating sound forest management practices & setting aside pristine areas for conservation, research, training, education & nature recreation, namely Danum Valley, Maliau Basin, Imbak Canyon & Silam Coast Conservation Areas.

NEPCon is a non-profit organisation established in 1994 in Denmark. NEPCon works to ensure responsible use of natural resources and secure sustainable livelihoods by transforming land-use, business practises and consumer behaviour.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON

**PROTECTED AREA AND
BIODIVERSITY
MANAGEMENT
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

***The Way Forward: How to
Cope with the Challenges of
Rapid Landscape
Fragmentation***

AND

**THE LAUNCHING OF
MALIAU BASIN
MANAGEMENT PLAN
2014-2023**

24-25 JUNE, 2014

**Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
Malaysia**

Jointly Organised by:

