

NEWSLETTER

SABAH WETLANDS CONSERVATION SOCIETY

**Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year 2018**

**FROM SABAH WETLANDS
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INTERNSHIP AT KOTA KINABALU WETLAND RAMSAR SITE

Every year Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site receives student internships from several High Education Universities and colleges around Malaysia. From January until December 2017, there were 13 students in total doing their practical at Kota Kinabalu Wetlands Ramsar Site. Six students from Universiti Malaysia Sabah, four from Cosmopoint College, two from Politeknik Kota Kinabalu and one from Universiti Malaysia Sarawak.

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.

STUDENTS' CHOICE FOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING

Kota Kinabalu Wetland Ramsar Site receives many internship applications every year from the industrial training programme. This shows that KKW Ramsar Site is one of the students' choice for doing their industrial training. Students from different course background will be exposed to working experiences especially related to environment and education. A lot of activities and tasks provided that can enhance their skills for their future.



Name: From left Faridzulhelmy, Nurmala, Shamimi, Christabel and Nazri.

Institution: Universiti Malaysia Sabah

Course: Degree in International Tropical Forestry, Recreation & Nature Park, and International Marketing

Internship Period: 6 Months & 3 Months



Name: Natasha

Institution: Politeknik Kota Kinabalu

Course: Diploma in Wood Industry
Internship Period: 6 Months



Name: Azizi (left) Fenella (Right)

Institution: Universiti Malaysia Sabah & Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

Course: Degree in Chemical Engineering & Science Marine

Internship Period: 3 Months



Name: 3 from left Shella, Irene, Yusri. 2 from right Nazirah and Amira.

Institution: Cosmopoint College & Politeknik Kota Kinabalu

Course: English For Employment programme & Diploma in Accountancy

Internship Period: 6 Months & 2 Weeks

ACTIVITIES WE OFFERED IN KOTA KINABALU WETLAND RAMSAR SITE



Outreach



Environmental Education Programme



Environmental Voluntary Work



Mangrove Tree Planting



Annual environment Celebration



Others

"Get to know" Ramsar Site Malaysia



Credit: <http://www.nre.gov.my>

Tasik Bera was declared Malaysia's first Ramsar Site in 1994. Tasik Bera freshwater wetland is located in the centre of Peninsular Malaysia in the Southwestern corner of the state of Pahang with the size area 31, 120 hectare.

Tasik Bera is popular with the large diversity of fish species. About 100 species of fish have been identified and the interesting part is most of the fish found are endemic to Peninsular Malaysia. The endangered species of fish found such as Asian Arowana or Golden Dragon Fish *Scleropages formosus*, the Silver Shark *Balantiocheilos melanopterus* and the Harlequin Rasbora *Rasbora heteromorpha*. At Tasik Bera, almost 200 species of birds have been identified in the area.

We can spot Crested Fireback *Lopura ignita*, the rare Malayan Peacock Pheasant *polyplectron malacense*, Headed-fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* and uncommon Wrinkled Hornbill *Rhyticeros corrugatus*.

Since its opening to the public, there are a lot of activities such as river cruise, jungle tracking, fishing, bird watching, visiting herbs garden & visiting Indigenous people of Semelai. In Tasik Bera, accommodations are also provided to visitors and tourists such as chalet, camping site and cafeteria.



Asian Arowana

Credit: www.iucn-redlist.org



Malayan Peacock-Pheasant

Credit: <http://orientalbirdimages.org>



Credit: <http://www.malaysiasite.nl/tasikberaeng.htm>

Article references: <http://www.ecologyasia.com>, <http://www.nre.gov.my>



3rd December 2017. Environmental Voluntary Work with Girl Brigade



15th December 2017. Environmental Education Programme with student from Universiti Malaysia Sabah



20th December 2017. Environmental Education Programme with MRC student



23rd December 2017. 'Sayang Bakau' project by Petronas

Guests' comments



It was a nice walk and very interesting place to visit. Thanks guys and take care.

- Franzi and friends, Germany



Very good for nature. Keep up the good job.

- Leong Yi Ying, Malaysia



Very interesting & unique wetland

- Garry Berri, Australia

Upcoming Events

Environmental Education Programme

- Hokkaido Teachers
- Kessi High School
- Rosaryhill Secondary School

Environmental Voluntary Work

- Horizon Borneo (China Group)

Mangrove Tree Planting

- Kota Kinabalu Districts Rotary Club

Others

- The 1st SWCS Retreat at Kokol Heaven Resort
- Mangrove Awareness Programme with local community from Kg. Darau, Menggatal.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

01 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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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 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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