

Wetlands International Malaysia Newsletter

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Third Quarterly Wetlands International Newsletter

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Second AWC National Coordinator meeting

Wetlands International works with governments, NGOs and local Wetlands International, with funding support from Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF), is currently organising the 2nd AWC National Coordinators Meeting. This meeting will be held in Manila on 8-10 October 2006. The first AWC National Coordinators Meeting was held in October 2003 in Kuala Lumpur.

Click [here](#) for more information about this upcoming event.

"Coastal protection in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami: what role for forests and trees?"; workshop organised by FAO

On 28 – 31 August 2006 a workshop, organised by FAO, with the above title was held in Khao Lak, Thailand. The objective of the workshop was to improve understanding of the role of coastal trees and forests in protecting populations and assets from natural hazards, including not only tsunamis but also cyclones, erosion, wind and salt spray.

Much information on the role of coastal forest was provided by researchers, administrators and coastal engineers during the workshop. Wetlands International participated in the workshop and presented the Green Coast project as a forestry initiative for coastal protection.

Click [here](#) for more information about this workshop.

Training workshop on Wetland Management in Malaysia for District Forestry Officers

Wetlands International is organising three training workshops for District Forestry Officers and Assistant District Forestry Officers. The first workshop was held on 27 – 29 June 2006 at the Forestry Training Unit, Kepong.

The second workshop was recently held on 16 – 18 August 2006 in Kuantan, Pahang. Thirty participants attended this training workshop. They were from forestry departments from different states, including Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak.

Click [here](#) for more information about this second workshop

Publications Wetlands International Online

Over the years, Wetlands International Malaysia has produced a large number of publications and reports about wetlands, their biodiversity, uses and threats. Many of the latest publications can be downloaded for free from our [internet site](#). Older publications can be ordered. The complete publication list has now been uploaded.

Click [here](#) for the publication list (pdf)

Wetlands International Annual Review 2005



Annual Review 2005

This Annual Review shows the positive development of the organisation. A clear illustration is the brief description of all our projects and publications in 2005; more than 100 in total.

Click [here](#) for more details on this publication.

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Restoration of coastal hydrology at Tanjung Piai Ramsar site, Johor

In April 2006, Wetlands International Malaysia was appointed by Johor National Park Corporation (PTNJ) as consultant to look into the erosion problem at Tanjung Piai.

Tanjung Piai was designated as a Ramsar site in 2003 and this coastal mangrove is an important landmark of Malaysia: the most southern tip of the Asian Continent. For many years, Tg. Piai is suffering from coastal erosion and the area has been identified as one of the critical area for coastal erosion under a National Coastal Erosion Risk Study. However, in recent years the erosion has escalated significantly. Mangrove trees are being uprooted hence exposing the shoreline. It is predicted that this will contribute to the loss of ecological integrity and characteristics in this Ramsar Site. Restoring the coastal hydrology



Installation of geo-tube as wave breaker in Tanjung Piai by Drainage and Irrigation Department

through the implementation of appropriate interventions is therefore pertinent as this would be beneficial and yield long term environmental, social or economic benefits in the site. Maintaining the ecological integrity and characteristics of the Tg. Piai Ramsar Site is the prerogative of the Johor National Parks Corporation (PTNJ).

Click [here](#) for more information on this project.

Other Wetlands International Malaysia projects and announcements

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Wetlands International is the only global NGO dedicated to the conservation and wise use of wetlands. We work globally, regionally and nationally to achieve the conservation and wise use of wetlands, to benefit diversity and human well-being.

Wetlands International's mission is 'to sustain and restore wetlands, their resources and biodiversity for future generations'.

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Handicraft from Tasek Bera

The indigenous people of Tasek Bera depend for their livelihood on the wetlands of Tasek Bera. The lake provides them with the main resources for their survival such as water and food, and acts as an important means of transportation. The local people also depend on natural resources from its surrounding forests to produce household items such as sleeping mats and wicker baskets, as well as hunting apparatus and musical instruments. In the not too distant past, the Semelai people started making these items into handicrafts to sell. Handicraft making, since then, has become a good supplementary income especially for the Semelai women.

Under the umbrella of the Semelai Association for Boating and Tourism Tasek Bera (SABOT), handicraft activity has become increasingly popular among the local community and it has attracted many younger people due to its promising returns.

Click [here](#) for more information about this topic and for a 'photo gallery'.

