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Preface

Globally, protected area management has been in a threatening situation as the paper park syndrome has been growing rapidly. These parks or protected areas often subject to many threats such as deforestation, fragmentation, encroachment as well as financial insecurity. One of the functions of a protected area is provision of recreational opportunity, which is compatible to conservation objectives. Recreational activity has become a significant income earner to some protected areas but others have yet capitalized on their recreational potentials.

The purpose of this book is to provide a broad coverage of various aspects in relation to the management of protected area and recreation. The collective endeavours were assembled from contributors of Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany. Such broad-spectrum topics are presented within this book in order to highlight the complex dimension of nature conservation especially related to recreation management in protected area.

Of the eleven articles presented, the first one provides an introduction on protected area management, while the second article shows the threats of fragmentation on a protected wetland.

Recreation has been perceived as having a positive effect on nature conservation. One article highlights recreation valuation in protected area and another article highlights how wildlife tourism is relevant to conservation. One article exemplifies ecological impacts of recreation activities. Three articles shed light on various perspectives related to how attractive is a protected area to visitors. One article shows the use of wooden garden furniture

for recreation while another one illustrates recreation experience assessment. The last article discusses the importance of urban forest as a recreation area.

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