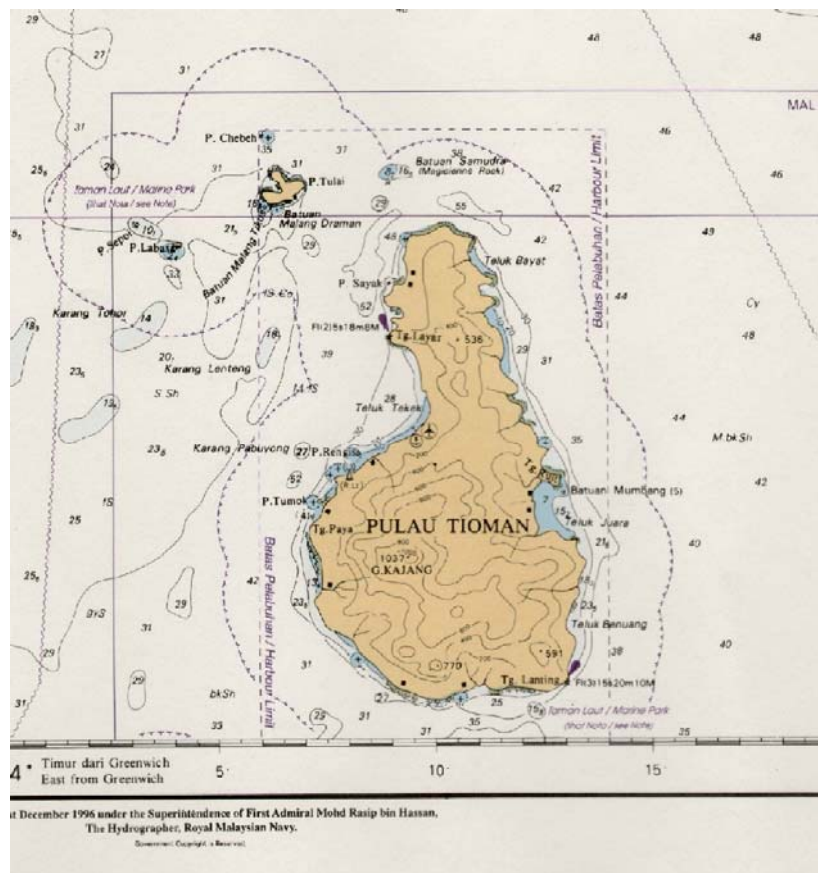


WORKSHOP ON MARINE NATURAL HISTORY OF TIOMAN MARINE PARK GROUP OF ISLANDS

17– 20 September 2006
Berjaya Tioman Beach, Golf & Spa Resort
Pulau Tioman, Malaysia



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BACKGROUND

Pulau Tioman was gazetted as a marine park in 1994 and consists of nine islands in the state of Pahang. Pulau Tioman is the largest island with an area of 135km². The other islands are Pulau Sembilang, Pulau Seri Buat, Pulau Tulai, Pulau Cebeh, Pulau Labas, Pulau Sepoi, Pulau Gut and Pulau Tokong Bahara.

Today, Pulau Tioman is known for tourism and as a marine park and has historical significance for its use as a place of rest and replenishment for seafarers during long sea voyages. Various artifacts of historical importance has been found and excavated from Nipah and Juara villages in the 1970's and 1980's. Throughout recent years the island has changed from a dominantly fisheries oriented island to a tourism based island.

The islands are surrounded by crystal clear waters with rich fringing coral reefs. Therefore they are considered to be a valuable resource for the country directly in the form of tourism and indirectly to the adjacent commercial fisheries industry.

Past research conducted on Pulau Tioman has addressed the state of terrestrial flora and fauna, marine resources such as corals, macroinvertebrates, coral fish, and marine flora, and the impacts of tourism and development activities on the environment of the island. However, there has not been a well coordinated and concerted effort between scientists and the management of Pulau Tioman Marine Park to address ongoing and future issues relevant to this group of islands. This workshop would act as a catalyst towards a comprehensive, usable scientific output that can assist the management to make informed and correct decisions.

It also augurs well for scientists working in Pulau Tioman that the University of Malaya Marine Research Station has been established in collaboration with the Marine Parks Section. The University of Malaya Maritime Research Centre (UMMRc) which will organise and manage the running of the research station welcomes the use of its facilities for research by other organisations and research institutes.

Objectives of Workshop

- 1) To discover and disseminate to stakeholders all relevant scientific research and data that is available;
- 2) To enhance collaboration between research institutions or individuals with guidance from management on current priority issues;
- 3) To agree on utilizing the marine research station as a platform for further research on Pulau Tioman;
- 4) To come up with a viable and attainable research and management plan.

Oral and Poster Papers: Oral papers will be presented by invited speakers. Poster papers are invited from all interested participants. Posters may address any research issue in the Tioman Group of Islands. However, priority will be given to those that address marine & coastal biodiversity and resources. The aim of the poster papers is to give an idea of the type and breadth of research that has been conducted in the Tioman Group of Islands, and will form the basis for the discussion session on Future Research Priorities. All extended abstracts will be distributed at the workshop.

Important Date: 8 September 2006

Registration deadline

Submission of extended abstract

SUNDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 2006

TIME	EVENT
1300 - 1500	Arrival of guests
1400 - 1500	Registration Secretariat Counter, Shahzan Ballroom, Berjaya Tioman Beach, Golf and Spa Resort
1600 - 1700	Launch of the University of Malaya Marine Research Station, Tioman Marine Parks Centre.
2000	Dinner

MONDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER 2006

TIME	EVENT VENUE: SHAHZAN HALL
0830 – 0900	Registration Secretariat Counter, Shahzan Ballroom, Berjaya Tioman Beach, Golf and Spa Resort
0900 - 0910	Welcome Address by Tuan Haji Abd. Jamal Mydin, Director, Marine Parks Section.
0910 - 0920	Speech by Y. Bhg Datuk Rafiah Salim, Vice Chancellor, University of Malaya.
0920 - 0930	Speech & Launch by Y.B. Dato' Sazmi Miah, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.
0930 – 1000	Press Conference / Refreshment
SESSION I: OVERVIEW OF THE TIOMAN GROUP OF ISLANDS Chairperson: Prof. Dr Chong Ving Ching, University of Malaya Maritime Research Centre	
1000 – 1030	Research History of the Tioman Group of Islands <i>Dr Lim Boo Liat</i>
1030 - 1100	Terrestrial Biodiversity of the Tioman Group of Islands (Flora) <i>Prof. Dr Haji Mohamed Abdul Majid, Institute of Biological Sciences, University of Malaya.</i>
1100 - 1130	The Marine Flora and Fauna of the Tioman Group of Islands <i>Prof. Dr Chou Loke Ming, National University of Singapore</i>
SESSION II: DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ISSUES IN THE TIOMAN GROUP OF ISLANDS Chairperson: Prof. Dr Phang Siew Moi, University of Malaya Maritime Research Centre	
1130 - 1200	The Physical Setting of the Tioman Group of Islands <i>Assoc. Prof. Dr Azhar Hussin (University of Malaya Maritime Research Centre) & Assoc. Prof. Teh Tiong Sa (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)</i>
1200 - 1230	Status of Island, Development and the Impact on the Environment <i>Prof. Dr Zubir Din, Centre for Marine & Coastal Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia.</i>
1230 - 1300	Remote Monitoring Using Satellite Image for Coral Reefs. <i>Tuan Haji Darus Ahmad, Director, Malaysian Centre for Remote Sensing (MACRES)</i>
1300 - 1430	Lunch

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SESSION III: FUTURE PLANS FOR PULAU TIOMAN Chairperson: Assoc. Prof. Datin Dr Mary George, University of Malaya Maritime Research Centre	
1430 - 1445	The Proposed Marine Park Act <i>Mr Gopinath Nagaraj, Fanli Marine, and Ms Preetha, WWF-Malaysia.</i>
1445 - 1500	Current and Future Development Plans for the Tioman Group of Islands <i>Tioman Development Authority (TDA)</i>
BREAK OUT SESSION: FUTURE RESEARCH PRIORITIES: MARINE & COASTAL RESOURCES OF TIOMAN:	
Group IA convenors:	Mr Affendi Yang Amri & Assoc. Prof. Dr Mazlan Abdul Ghaffar
Group IB convenors:	Assoc. Prof. Drs Fredolin Tangang & Azhar Hussin
Group IIA convenors:	Prof. Dr Ho Sinn Chye & Assoc. Prof. Dr Mary George
Group IIB convenors:	Mr Ab. Rahim Gor Yaman & Mr Kevin Hiew Wai Pang
1500 - 1800	Break out session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Group I: Natural History & Biodiversity (SHAHZAN HALL I):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>IA: Biological Resources</i> ○ <i>IB: Physical Features & Resources</i> • <i>Group II: Socio-economy, Development, and Management (SHAHZAN HALL II):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>IIA: Socio-economy & Development Issues</i> ○ <i>IIB: Management Issues</i>
2000	Dinner
2100	Informal Discussion and Preparation of Presentations

TUESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER 2006

TIME	EVENT VENUE: SHAHZAN HALL
0900 - 1100	Presentation and Discussion
1100 - 1200	Conclusions and Closing
1200 - 1400	Lunch
1400 - 2000	Free and Easy
2000	Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER 2006

TIME	EVENT
0800 - 0830	Check out and depart from Pulau Tioman

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