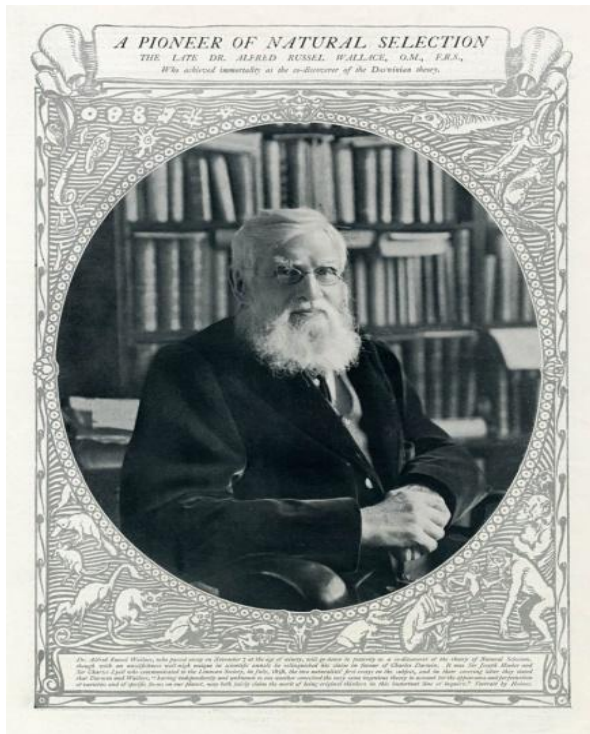


**THE FIRST SANTUBONG PENINSULA SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION, KUCHING,
SARAWAK, MALAYSIA.1st – 18th November 2013**

**In the footsteps of A. R. Wallace, uncovering the wonders of this rainforest at your
doorstep.**





FOOTSTEPS OF ALFRED RUSSEL WALLACE

Wallace arrived in Sarawak at the invitation of the White Rajah, Sir James Brooke in 1854. He spent a total of 14 months in Sarawak from November 1, 1854 to January 25, 1856 exploring and collecting enormous specimens of flora and fauna. This was apparently a longer stay than at any other destination during his travels in the Malay Archipelago.

The first four months of his visit were spent in various parts of the Sarawak River, from Santubong to the picturesque limestone mountains and Chinese gold-fields of Bow and Bede.

In February 1855, Wallace wrote his first major paper on evolution, which became known as “The Sarawak Law” in Santubong. In March 1856 he went to the coal works which were being opened near the Simunjan River, tributary of the Sadong, a river east of Sarawak and between it and the Batang–Lupar.

During his trip Wallace in Sarawak, he collected a total of 25,000 insect specimens. The specimens included 2,000 beetle species, 1,500 moth species and 1,500 from other insect orders. These were collected along the Sarawak River valley from Santubong to Bau as well as the peat swamps of Simunjan. His vertebrate collections were much fewer, but nonetheless produced new species of every order.

The history of the man himself is of interest and has been the subject of several recent biographies but new materials are still coming to light. The biogeographical ideas originated by Wallace are still topical to modern science and relevant to policy makers concerned with conservation. However, new technologies are contributing new perspectives on the concept of speciation and evolution that were prevalent during Wallace’s time.

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1.0 Introduction

The Santubong Peninsula 2013 Expedition is an international expedition which is to take place from 1st November to 18 November 2013 to commemorate 100th anniversary of the passing of the great naturalist Alfred R. Wallace. A. R. Wallace first wrote the 'Sarawak Law', preamble to the natural selection of species, at Santubong, Sarawak in 1855. Santubong was an important trading post of Borneo since the 14th century. The 1,410 ha forest was declared a national park in February 2007. Santubong Peninsula is undoubtedly rich in biodiversity with several forest types such as mangrove forest, lowland rainforest, and mossy forests at an elevation of 2,000 feet at its highest. This is the first large scale organised expedition for the park. The park is located 30 km from Kuching and is accessible by road. There are good accommodation nearby such as Permai Rainforest Resort, Damai Beach Resort, Damai Puri Resort, and One Hotel Santubong.

2.0 Objectives

The main objective of the expedition is to collect scientific, cultural and historical data on this peninsula and its immediate environs. The secondary objectives are to enhance the capacity building and networking of researchers with local/international scientist and researchers.

3.0 Expedition Site

The expedition site will be at Santubong Peninsula, situated at the mouth of the Santubong river about 30 km north of Kuching. The park is dominated by lowland mixed dipterocarp forest and pockets of kerangas forest with sandy soil. Transitional mixed dipterocarp-kerangas forest is often found in between these main forests. The expedition site can be accessed via jungle treks which are located within one km of the resorts. There are several interconnecting trails on the flanks of mountain and the climb up to the summit of the mountain (810 m above sea level) takes about 3 to 5 hours, depending on one's fitness.

3.1 Expedition Map



📍 Accommodations location

4.0 Partners & Supporters

The expedition will be coordinated by Sarawak Forestry Corporation together with Sarawak Forest Department, University of Malaysia Sarawak and Sarawak Museum Department. Support from the expedition will come from a wide-array of institutions, government's agencies, foundations, NGOs, individuals and corporations.

5.0 Field and Disciplines of study.

The Expedition will consist of the following disciplines:

- Flora Diversity(Tree Diversity, Orchid, Nepenthes, Bryophytes, Lower Plants, Mycology and Medicinal plants)
- Fauna Diversity(Large Mammals, Birds, Fish, Reptiles, Amphibians, and Insects)
- Water & Aquatic Life Diversity
- Physical & Landscape
- History and Archaeology
- Local Communities
- Eco-Tourism

5.1 Tentative Itinerary

Date	
November 1st	Registration and Expedition Launch
November 2 nd -6 th	Explore Santubong Peninsula (Phase1)
November 7 th -8 th	Conference
November 9 th -17 th	Explore Santubong Peninsula (Phase II)
November 18 th	Expedition closing

6.0 Participants for the Expedition

This expedition is open to all local and foreign researchers. Slots have to be booked early and the capacity in each program is limited. Please book early to secure places as place can be limited. Date line for application is 1st May 2013.

For those interested, please contact to the coordinator through any of the followings:

Mr. Oswald Braken Tisen / Mr. Taha Wahab.

Sarawak Forestry Corporation Sdn. Bhd.

Lot 218, KCLD, Jalan Tapang,

Kota Sentosa,

93250 Kuching, Sarawak.

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Fax: +6082-629450/610099

Email: oswaldtisen@sarawakforestry.com or
tahaw2@sarawakforestry.com

Interested participants are required to provide the following information:

Name:

ID. Number:

Field of expertise:

Email:

Address of organization:

Office Telephone and Fax:

Contact in Emergency:

Flight schedule for foreigner's participants:

6.1 Liability Release Form

In the **Appendix I** of this document there are copies of liability release form. Release forms are also available on expedition website at:

Please print and sign form and return complete form to the organizing committee at the address above.

6.2 Application of Research Permit

All expedition participants are required to apply a research permit from Sarawak Forest Department. Forms for application to conduct research can be downloaded from the Department website: www.forestrysarawak.gov.my. Completed application forms with project proposal need to be sent to Sarawak Forest Department for approval. Address is as below:

Nature Conservation and Constitution Division,
Ibu Pejabat Jabatan Hutan,
Wisma Sumber Alam, Jalan Stadium, Petra Jaya,
93660 Kuching,
Sarawak.

7.0 Logistics and Costs

All participants are expected to pay their own logistics costs which include airport transfers, food and lodging during the expedition.

7.1 Transportation and Flight Information

- Transportation from resorts to the expedition site: will be arranged by the participant himself.
- Flight information: Daily flight from Kuala Lumpur to Kuching by Malaysia Airlines (MAS) and Air Asia.

7.2 Accommodation

Luxury hotels (including 5 star hotels and 4 star hotels) and cheap Santubong hotels (with best discount rates and *up-to-date hotel deals*) are both available at Santubong Peninsula. Participants are kindly advised to make their own accommodation arrangements. Their contacts are as follows:

Hotel	Address and Contact No.	Rate Per night from
Damai Beach Resort	Teluk Bandung Santubong P.O. Box 2870, 93756 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. Tel: +6082-846999 Fax: +6082-846777 Email: general@damaibeachresort.com	RM 213.00/ USD 70.00
Damai Puri Resort	Teluk Penyuk Santubong P O Box 3058 93762 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia	RM 232.00/ USD 75.00

	Tel: +6082 846900 Fax: +6082 846901	
One Hotel Santubong	Jalan Pantai Damai, P.O. Box 2364, 93748 Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia. Tel: +6082 280112 E: Email: reservations@onehotelsantubong.com	RM 209.00/ USD 70.00
Permai Rainforest Resort	Pantai Damai Santubong, Jalan Sultan Tengah, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak, MALAYSIA. Tel:+6082 846487 or +6082 846490 Email: reserve@permairainforest.com	RM 238.00/ USD 80.00

8.0 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQS)

How can I get an official invitation letter to participate in the expedition?

Official invitation letter is provided upon request to the Organising Chairman. Official letter of invitation can be provided as soft copy via e-mail posting or a hard copy on official letterhead. Participant must apply with the following information:

Full Name:

Project Title:

Professional Particulars:

Email:

Address of organization:

What is the estimated cost for this expedition?

The cost of 14 day expedition is estimated at USD \$2,000 per participant. This cost should be enough to covers transportation, lodging, meals at restaurants and in the field, and local guides.

What is the group size?

Because of the nature of our exploration, the group size is limited to 50 people.

What kinds of fitness level are required?

The nature of the expedition requires a good level of physical fitness. You do not need to be an extreme athlete, but you do need to be able to comfortably hike up to 15 miles per day in varying terrain.

What are the hazards associated with this expedition?

The safety and health of all expedition participants is of utmost importance. While we try hard to minimize hazards and maintain all participants in optimum health and performance, there are significant hazards associated with this expedition. These hazards include tripping and falling due to rough terrain, venomous insects and snakes, disease, hazardous weather conditions, the possibility of getting seriously lost (if you leave the group) and a host of other potential hazards.

What about injury, liability and medical problems?

As described above there are risks associated with foreign travel, expeditions and fieldwork. These expeditions are not for people with any kind of serious medical problem. We will also need to know about minor health issues that you may have which could cause difficulties during this kind of trip. You will assume all risks associated with participation and will be asked to sign a liability waiver form before participation in the expedition.

What clothes and equipment to bring?

Refer to the list in **Appendix II**.

What should I expect the weather to be like?

It will be the wet season in Sarawak during this expedition. The weather can be extremely variable. Some days may be rainy with thunderstorms and other days may be fine.



Appendix I.

Liability Release Form.

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I am participating in this trip voluntarily and of my own choice, and understand that the role of the Sarawak Forestry Corporation is simply that of organizing and scheduling the expedition.

I understand that this field trip involves travel to remote locations in the Santubong Peninsula and that travel and participation in this field carries risk of accident, illness or injury. Furthermore, weather and other circumstances may result in delays or changes in schedule. I agree to be responsible of my own health insurance and others.

Name

Signature

Affiliated Institution

Date

Appendix II.

Expedition Checklist

Pack & Sleeping

(if outdoor camping is required)

- Backpack
- Tent & Stake
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Day Pack
- Sheet

Tent Essentials

- 2 full 1 liter water bottles
- Matches or lighter
- Basic first aid kit
- Pocket knife
- Personal snacks
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight and extra batteries

Clothing

- Boots, well sealed
- Liner socks
- T-shirts
- Long pants
- Rain gear
- Hat with brim

Miscellaneous

- Personal toiletries
- Medication
- Lightweight Towel
- Note pad and pencil
- Hiking pole

Research Equipment

- Participants are responsible for their own research equipments. Please bring your own camera, binocular, GPS, two-ways radios and laptops.