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SILAM COAST CONSERVATION AREA OPENS DOORS TO ALL

KOTA KINABALU (Tuesday): – Yayasan Sabah Group hosted an open day programme at the Silam Coast Conservation Area (SCCA) in Lahad Datu on 25 and 26 June 2022.

The programme is able to promote SCCA to the public as a destination for research, environmental education, recreation and ecotourism.

The two-day programme highlighted environmental education, orienteering competition, colouring contest, water-based recreations, bird watching, boat cruises, tree planting and educational talks from various government, non-governmental agencies and marine tourism agencies activities.

Talks on SCCA's attractions, marine life, tourism potential and economic impact was also conducted during the event, which garnered a positive response amongst the various SCCA stakeholders and the public.

The open day was attended by the public and students from schools around Lahad Datu district.

SCCA is a coastal forest surrounded by mangrove forests and crystal-clear seawater. SCCA covers the Tumunong Hallo Forest Reserve which is part of the Tingkayu Forest Reserve, Lahad Datu Mangrove Forest Reserve (Extension), Pulau Tabun and Pulau Saranga, as well as the Bangkuran Mangrove Forest Reserve. SCCA is located within the Darvel Bay area, which is the Semporna Main Conservation Area (Priority Conservation Area) in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME) initiative. To date, 25 mammal species, more than 60 bird species, 100 tree species, 63 mangrove tree species, and 50 coral reef genera have been recorded.

In realising the importance of integrating the public and local communities in its conservation efforts, Yayasan Sabah Group is committed to implementing more community-based initiatives to raise awareness of conserving Silam Coast for future generations.



Pix 1: The Marketing Manager of Sabah Tourism Board, Encik Bobby Alex delivering his talk on the economic impact of Silam Coast tourism on local community.



Pix 2: Locals participating in recreational activities.



Pix 3: Students get their hands dirty with tree planting.

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