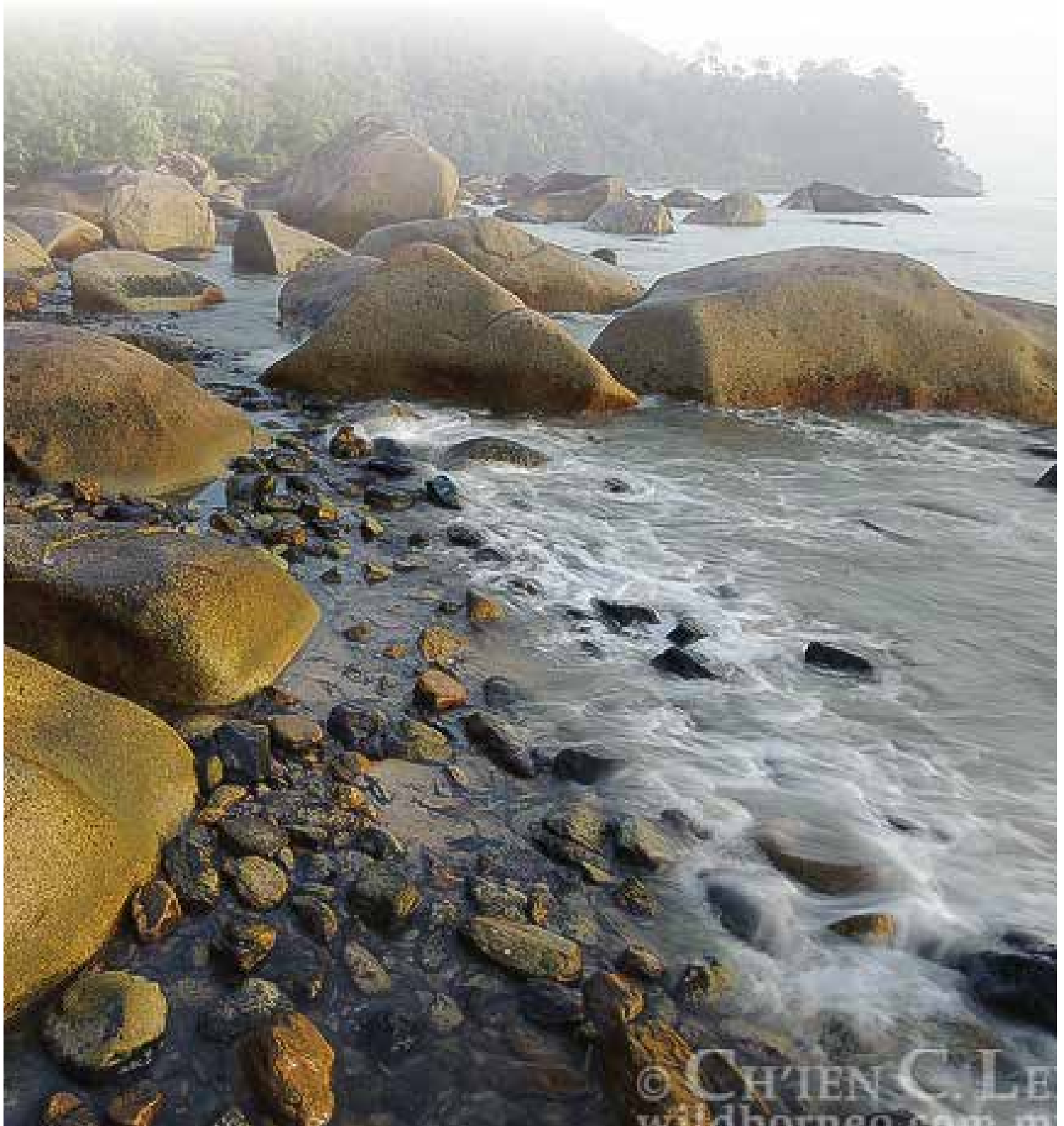


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# FOREWORD

Looking for a pristine, tranquility and gorgeous beaches? For those who always dream of going somewhere quiet and away from people without any disturbance, Tanjung Datu National Park is the place to go. In fact you can have the whole national park to yourself depending on when you reach.

This coffee table book was brought together to capture the beauty, serene and remoteness of the Park. Not many people knew the existence of this place. Mentioned briefly in the book “National Parks of Sarawak” by Hans Hazebroek and Abang Kasim Bin Abang Morshidi, the Park remains isolated and less explored. The expedition organized by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) in collaboration with the Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) in February 2014 was aimed at documenting the biotic and abiotic communities of the area. As part of the small task within a bigger endeavor laid down in the Niche Research Grant Scheme (NRGS) project, the Park is located at the western-most tip of Sarawak and also the first frontier of the whole study area which encompasses the Park in the west, to Batang Lupar in the Sri Aman District, in the east. Tanjung Datu is referred to as “Where Borneo Begins”, by the Malaysian Ministry of Tourism in recognizing the significance of the area similar to “The Tip of Borneo” which is located at the north-eastern most tip of Borneo at Kudat, Sabah.

With the target audience of those people who love nature, but don't want to be intimidated by scientific jargon, this lavishly illustrated book was written to cater just that. By using simple layman terms and easy to understand writing style coupled with pictures and illustrations, hopefully the book appeals the target readers. As we are all aware, most research and scientific findings are published in scientific journals. The information is disseminated only to the scientific communities and the general public is deprived of this knowledge. Yet, these are the real stakeholders who directly interact with nature in their everyday life. This book can thus form a permanent keep as a source of reference on the biodiversity and conservation of a key area in Sarawak, and for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

The elements of conservation and protection of wild flora and fauna included in this book will hopefully open readers' mind of the need to create