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FOREWORDS

I am honoured to be given privilege of writing the message for this publication, *Heart of Borneo Series 19: Gerenai – Long Mekaba: Exploring the Hinterland of North-Eastern Sarawak*. I should, first of all congratulates the International Affair Division for their effort to publish this book.

Gerenai – Long Mekaba Scientific Expedition: Exploring the Hinterland of North-Eastern Sarawak, was held in August 2022 with participation of over 90 researchers and scientists from various government institutions, universities and local NGOs and also participants from Brunei Darussalam. It was conceived as an activity to illustrate and provide invaluable insight to the diverse of Gerenai FMU. The expedition was organized by the Forest Department Sarawak and mainly funded and supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability (NRES) and State Government of Sarawak as a continuation project under the Heart of Borneo (HoB) initiative. Gerenai – Long Mekaba Scientific Expedition, in fact is a ninth scientific expedition conducted in the project that revealed the diverseness of floras and faunas in the State.

The committee and editorial team deserve much credit for the time and effort put in the success of this book published. Special appreciations go to all the valued contributors who have been courteous to provide paper and photos which concluded into meaningful publication.



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INTRODUCTION

Sarawak is the largest component in Malaysia, lies between 0° 50' to 5° N latitude and 109° 30' to 115° 40' E longitude, and resides in the northwestern part of Borneo. The coverage area is about equal in size to all of Peninsular Malaysia. Sarawak incorporates an area of about 12.4 million hectares and has a long-lying coastline of approx. 725 km along the South China Sea and as well the widest inland boundary, about 300km long. Kuching is the capital city and also the main entrance for the State, located on the very west of Sarawak.

The State of Sarawak is richly endowed Nature's splendours abound throughout the state of Sarawak. The indigenous vegetation of Sarawak is evergreen tropical rain forest. Floristically, the forests are rich in all major plant communities and estimates for the fauna are equally astounding.



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