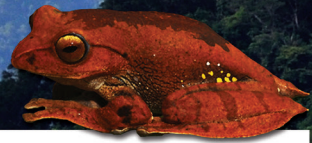


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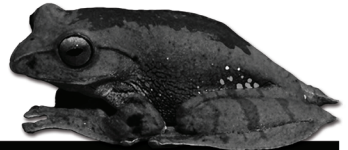
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Amphibians and Irrawaddy Dolphins Conservation Awareness Programmes

Two conservation awareness programmes funded under the Shell Chair are the International Frog Race, and Sarawak Dolphin Project Community Outreach and Education (SDPCOE). The programmes are organized by IBEC with supports (in kind or finance) from other agencies such as Sarawak Forestry Corporation, Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia, Sarawak Tourism Board, local banks, tourism operators, NGOs and local communities.

The International Bornean Frog Race (IBFR) is an annual event organized by IBEC since 2012. The event aims to highlight conservation issues and enhance awareness on amphibians among publics. Specifically, the event aims to draw public attention to the region's rich amphibian fauna through special educational programmes such as talks by local and foreign experts on amphibian biology and conservation, seminar and symposium, exhibition of frog-related memorabilia, workshops on frog photography, drawing and painting contest among children, photography contest, and run. The photography contest is an evening programme, whereby participants race along a pre-designated forest trail, and try to photograph the most number of frog species, the rarest frog, or photographically capture the most aesthetic image of frogs using DSLR or compact camera, and smartphones.

The Frog Race is celebrated on the last weekend of April every year. The event coincides with the annual 'Save the Frogs Day', a global event celebrated via 270 events in over 30 countries worldwide, to highlight conservation issues facing the world's amphibians. The IBFR were held at Camp Permai, Santubong (2012), Kubah National Park, Kuching (2013–2015), Lambir Hills National Park, Miri (2016), Gunung Gading, Lundu (2017), Matang Wildlife Centre (2018) and Kuching Islamic Centre (2019).

International Bornean Frog Race is an outstanding annual event run by IBEC



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The SDPCOE is important part of Sarawak Dolphins Project with the objectives;

1. Raising awareness of dolphin conservation issues in coastal fishing villages within the study areas (i.e., Kuching Bay, Similajau and, to a lesser extent, Miri).
2. Increasing the effectiveness of reporting of entangled or stranded/dead dolphins along the coast of Sarawak.
3. Creating educational and awareness raising materials that could be used in our study areas and other coastal locations throughout Sarawak.

The programme started in February 2009, with a series of community workshops intended to address the first objective. Subsequently, in 2010 and 2011, a series of educational and awareness raising materials were developed, including stickers, postcards, book marks, t-shirts, posters and colouring books. Community workshops had been held at six different coastal locations: Miri Public library, Pulau Salak (Kuching), Sambir (Kuching), Kuala Nyalau (Bintulu), Kuala Sibuti (Miri), and Santubong (Kuching), as well as a few smaller scale presentations to schools and community groups as the opportunity arose. The workshops generally included a big-screen multimedia presentation on basic dolphin biology and conservation, followed by a colouring/drawing competition for children, and a dialogue session with adults. Prizes awarded to children for their artwork included educational books on marine mammals and art materials.

Indeed, the corporate social responsibility by Shell and the organizers towards conserving and protecting of Sarawak's biodiversity is acknowledged by the communities. Thus, this programme need be continued and improved to achieve a conservation-minded community in Sarawak.

Cindy Peter and Jenny Ngeian, research assistant of Sarawak Dolphin Project giving a talk to school children from Kampung Santubong (top) and Kampung Kuala Nyalau (bottom) during community outreach programmes.

