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**A PROVISIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE ORCHIDS OF THE ULU
BALEH NATIONAL PARK, KAPIT, SARAWAK**

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Abstract

The diversity of orchids was surveyed at several localities in the Baleh National Park, in Southeast Sarawak adjacent to the international border between Malaysia and Indonesia (Kalimantan). A total of 75 species, representing 36 genera, was collected. Most of the species were epiphytic. Terrestrial species included Bromheadia finlaysoniana, Corymborkis veratrifolia, Plocoglottis acuminata and the saprophytic Lecanorchis malaccensis. Arundina graminifolia and Dendrobium hosei were very common.

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Introduction

The Baleh National Park lies in Southeast Sarawak, adjacent to the international border between Malaysia and Indonesia (Kalimantan). A Scientific Expedition to the UBNP is a part of Heart of Borneo (HoB) Initiative Project. The HoB is a project by the tri-lateral nations that share the island of Borneo; Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia and Malaysia. The primary focus of this project is to protect the heart of Borneo rainforests; the single largest stretch of rainforest left standing in South East Asia, the third largest rainforest on earth and perhaps the most diverse with biological (Meekiong *et al.* 2017). A study conducted in the national park