

About Kelab Alami



Initially launched in 2008 under the Tatana Roots umbrella, Kelab Alami was officially registered as an environmental education club in Mukim Tanjung Kupang, Johor, Malaysia in 2009. Under the programme, fishing village youth were trained as habitat experts; scientifically monitoring seagrass and mangrove habitats and working as ecotourism guides for visitors to the area. In 2014 unavoidable development arrived. Kelab Alami now focuses on enabling the community to earn alternative livelihoods, participate in, and benefit from the development around them. At the same time, we continue to document the natural and cultural heritage of the area before it is completely lost. Kelab Alami youth teach others in the community and beyond about the local habitats through myriad environmental education programmes. Our dream is to set up, manage and maintain a Nature & Heritage Centre to showcase the flora, fauna and fishing heritage of this unique region.

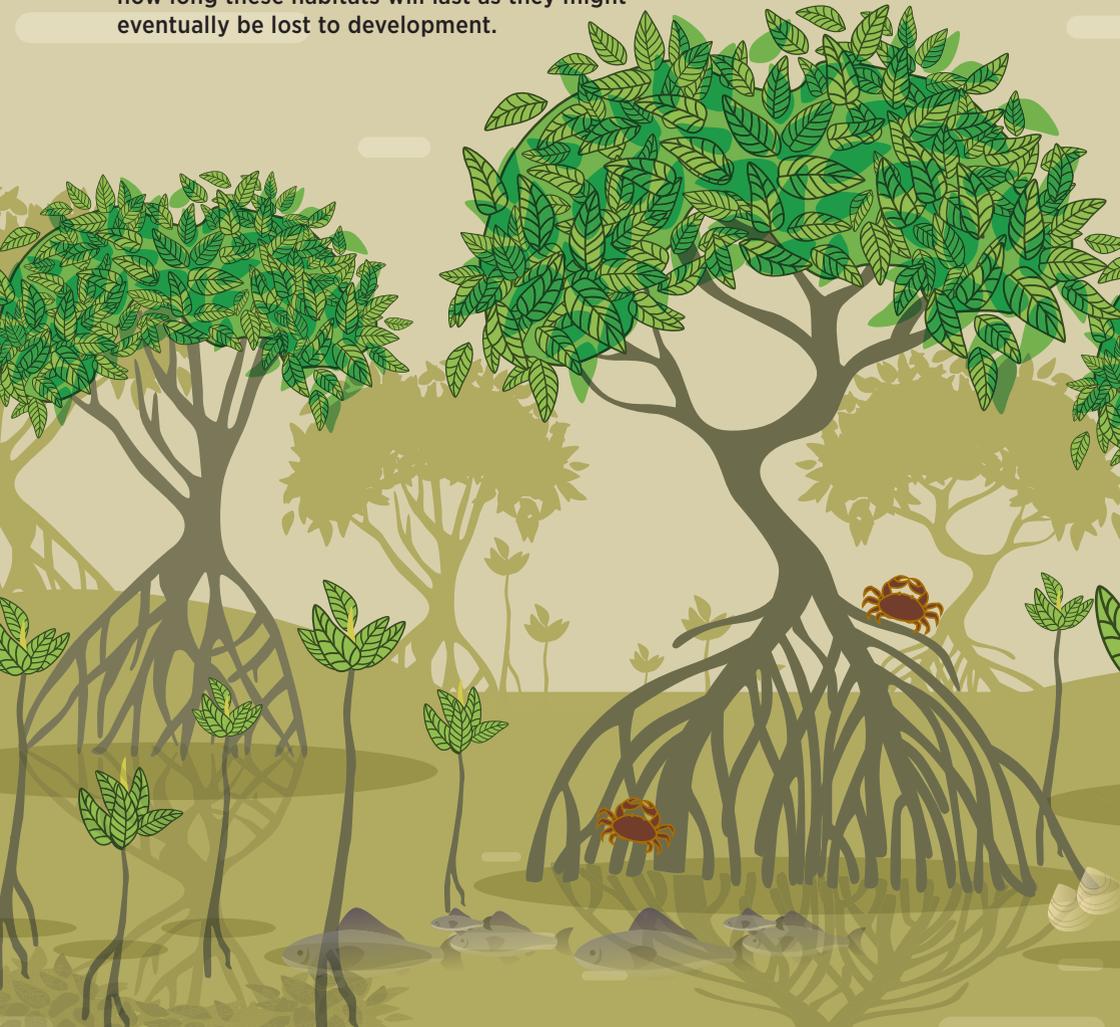


COASTAL MANGROVES

Mangrove habitats are critical ecosystems that protect both land and sea. Mangrove roots prevent excess rubbish from heading out to sea from land, and dissipates waves – preventing erosion and damage to homes. These are special habitats that can survive regular salt-water inundation. Mangrove forests are homes to myriad animals and are also a source of food for the local community. Many fisheries species use the mangroves as breeding and nursery grounds. Mukim Tg Kupang is home to a long stretch of coastal mangroves and our rivers are also lined with mangrove forests. However we are unsure how long these habitats will last as they might eventually be lost to development.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our mangrove forests are home to bearded pigs, mousedeer, colugo, flat-headed cats, otters, the common palm civet and estuarine crocodiles.





1 *Avicennia* sp.
pencil roots



2 *Bruguiera* sp.
knee roots



3 *Sonneratia* sp.
@ P.Merambong



4 *Rhizophora* sp.
flowers



5 Weaver ant
(*kerengga*) nest



6 *Rhizophora* sp.
@ P.Merambong



7 mangrove
logging



8 marked as
protected area



DID YOU KNOW?

A 100m belt of dense mangroves can reduce tsunami impacts by up to 90%. (Source: New Scientist, 16 Dec 2014)



Kelab Alami Guided Habitat Walks

Kelab Alami habitat guided walks first began as part of our environmental education programme for the local fishing community. They then evolved into opportunities for our Youth Ranger Guides to share their natural heritage with visitors, as well as earn some pocket money in the process. This is one of the ways that we enable local folk to benefit from development in the area or develop alternative income options related to their marine heritage. Guided Walks are available in the seagrass, mangroves or on Merambong Island. These visits promise to be informative, interactive and a total immersion in the local habitat. At the end of the walk you will be treated to either local refreshments or a full seafood BBQ. You will be guided by our Youth Ranger guides. For more information on these walks and to enquire about dates and costs, please email kelabalami.walks@gmail.com.



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People behind Kelab Alami

Kelab Alami was founded by Shalan Jum'at and Serina Rahman. Anak Alami Enterprise, registered under Shalan Jum'at, oversees and manages all elements of Kelab Alami. Zurina Jaafar, a local teacher, heads KA's local community committee. Kelab Alami has a full time administration team of Nur Afiqah bt Mohd So'ot, Muhd Sofi b Johari, Mohd Irfan b Yazid, Manisa bt Arif, Hakimi b Bakri, Mohd Haikal b Zamani and Nur Syazwani bt Ali; all former youth members of Kelab Alami. Other Youth Rangers work part-time as guides or research assistants. We are advised by a network of scientists, nature and environmental education researchers and myriad other experts.