

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.



TG. KUPANG SEAGRASS MEADOW

The Tg Kupang seagrass meadow used to be the largest contiguous seagrass meadow in Peninsular Malaysia, stretching up to about 2km long. The local community depends on this area for food (both collected and fished with nets) and it used to host a good diversity of species. The future of the seagrass meadow is uncertain given the extent of development around this part of the Tebrau Straits. With luck the flora and fauna will survive, recolonise and repopulate the surrounding shallows.

DID YOU KNOW?

The seagrass meadow is a feeding, breeding and nursery ground for many fisheries species. Without it, we lose our seafood.



1 Knobbly sea star



4 Sea squirt



7 Swimming anemone



2 Sea hare



5 Squid eggs



8 Spoon seagrass *Halophila* sp.



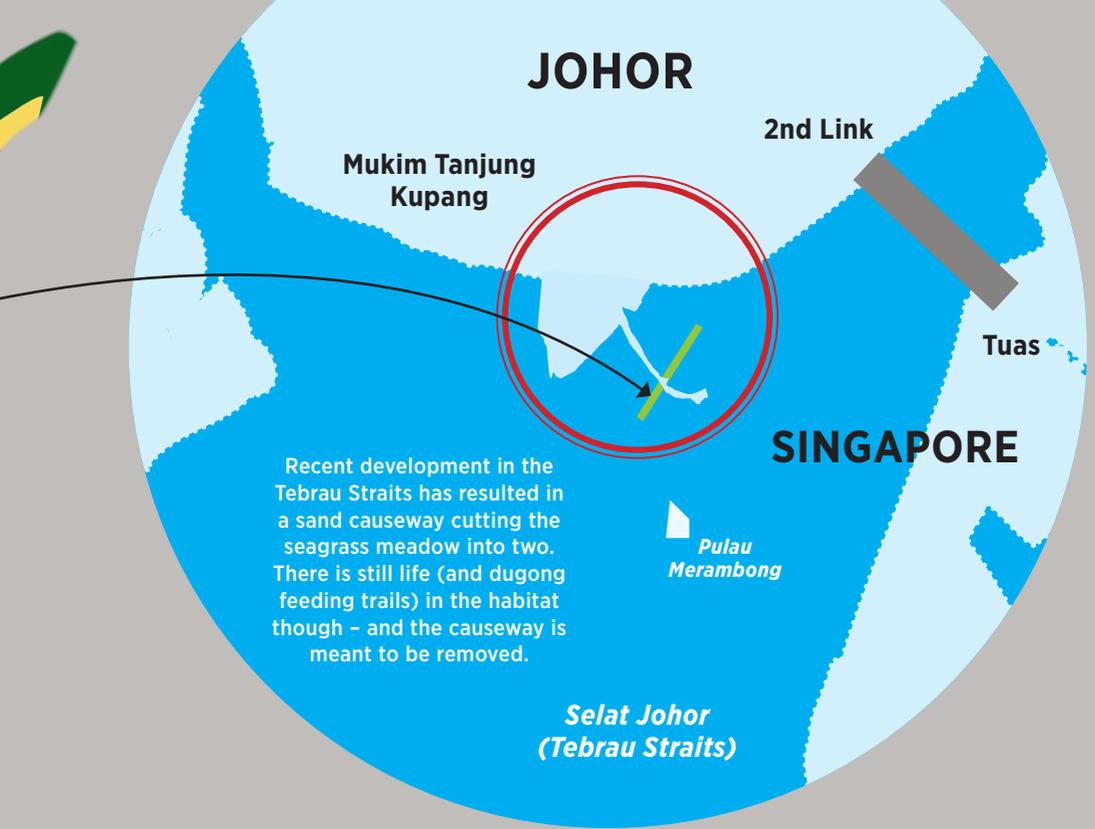
3 *Bornella* sp. nudibranch



6 Tape seagrass *Enhalus* sp.



9 Seahorse - *Hippocampus kuda*



Recent development in the Tebrau Straits has resulted in a sand causeway cutting the seagrass meadow into two. There is still life (and dugong feeding trails) in the habitat though - and the causeway is meant to be removed.

*Selat Johor
(Tebrau Straits)*



10 Dugong feeding trail

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.