



International Conference on Heart of Borneo



Enabling and Empowering Conservation Through Science-Policy Interface, Conservation Finance and Community Engagement



The Heart of Borneo (HoB) Initiative which spans across three countries of Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei, covers about 22 million hectares of contiguous tropical forests. It was a voluntary commitment of the three Governments to protect and conserve a healthy contiguous network of protected areas through the establishment of forest corridors for connectivity, sustainable management of the biodiversity, ecosystems and natural resources in the HoB since its inception in 2007.

Since the inception of the Heart of Borneo (HoB) Initiative, various efforts have been taken to improve the biodiversity within, through the expansion of protected areas, intensification of forest restoration activities, and implementation of sustainable forest management within forest reserves and the adoption of best practices within the agricultural sector involving lands outside of the protected areas. Apart from that, annual HoB international conferences were held since 2009 focusing on 1) the enhancement of forest ecosystems connectivity; 2) forest and climate change through decoding and realising REDD+; 3) green business and development for the environment; 4) sustainability and growth of Sabah's future

together; 5) unleashing HoB's natural capital for sustainable growth, 6) enhancing biodiversity towards no net loss and beyond; and 7) bridging HoB landscapes and beyond through healthy watershed corridors. The Heart of Borneo Trilateral Meetings had covered various issues such as trans-boundary protected area management, institutional arrangements, biodiversity conservation, green ecotourism, research and development and local community involvement in the sustainable development and conservation in the HoB. The Meetings also recommended broader aspects of the HoB Initiative that include among others, policy and socio-economic impacts and external financial support to strengthen the Initiative. This

provided the precursor for this international conference on the HoB, which will focus on enabling and empowering conservation through science-policy interface, conservation finance and community engagement.

The objectives of this conference are:

1. To provide the platform to deliberate on the current affairs pertaining to science-policy interface, conservation finance and community engagement in tropical forest management; and
2. To discuss the crucial issues for long term implementation of the Sabah Heart of Borneo Strategic Plan of Action.



Strategic Plan of Action (Sabah) The Heart of Borneo Initiative



Tentative Programme:

Time	Pre-Conference Day: 7 th November 2016 (Monday)		
14:00 – 17:00	Registration of participants		
DAY 1: 8th November 2016 (Tuesday)			
07:30	Registration of participants		
09:00	Opening Session		
10:00	Refreshments		
10:30	Keynote Session		
12:30	Lunch break		
13:30	Concurrent Session 1: Conservation Finance	Concurrent Session 2: Community Engagement	Concurrent Session 3: Science-Policy Interface
15:00	Refreshments		
15:30	Concurrent Session 1: Conservation Finance	Concurrent Session 2: Community Engagement	Concurrent Session 3: Science-Policy Interface
17:00	End of Day 1		
19:30	Welcoming Dinner (by invitation only)		
DAY 2: 9th November 2016 (Wednesday)			
09:00	Concurrent Session 1: Conservation Finance	Concurrent Session 2: Community Engagement	Concurrent Session 3: Science-Policy Interface
10:30	Refreshments		
11:00	Concurrent Session 1: Conservation Finance	Concurrent Session 2: Community Engagement	Concurrent Session 3: Science-Policy Interface
12:30	Lunch Break		
13:30	Concurrent Session 1: Conservation Finance	Concurrent Session 2: Community Engagement	Concurrent Session 3: Science-Policy Interface
15:00	Refreshments		
15:30	Conference Resolutions and Closing Session		
17:00	End of Day 2		

Speakers and Call for Papers

Key speakers from around the region, practitioners and the business communities would be invited to enlighten the conference on their perspectives and experiences on the conference theme. Anyone interested to contribute papers relevant to the conference objectives is most welcome. Date for submission of abstracts is on 31st July 2016 and full papers on 15th October 2016. The Organising Committee however, shall reserve the right to shortlist successful papers for presentation.

Conference Date

8th and 9th November 2016

Conference Venue

Magellan Sutera Harbour Resort, Kota Kinabalu Sabah, Malaysia

Who Should Participate?

This Conference is open to interested parties i.e. policy and decision makers, planners, managers, senior researchers, relevant government agencies and relevant stakeholders such as Non-Governmental Organizations, private sectors, Forest Management Unit (FMU) Holders, Oil Palm Companies and universities.

Participation is FREE and subject to 'First Come First Serve' basis. The closing date for registration is on 15th September 2016. Registration after this date and walk in registration during the conference is not guaranteed.

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Hotel Accommodation & Transportation

Participants are kindly advised to make their own accommodation arrangements. Transportation from the airport to the hotel and vice versa can be arranged upon request.

The Sutera Harbour Resort is also offering the best rates to the Conference participants as per the following rates. Participants may make their room reservation via e-mail reservation.tms@suteraharbour.com.my, or phone no. 088- 318 888. Rooms however are subject to availability upon reservation.

A: The Magellan Sutera Hotel

(Deluxe Garden View)

Single – RM 454.74 nett

Twin – RM 495.55 nett

(Deluxe Sea View)

Single – RM 501.38 nett

Twin – RM 542.19 nett

B. The Pacific Sutera Hotel

(Deluxe Golf View)

Single – RM 343.97 nett

Twin – RM 373.12 nett

(Deluxe Sea View)

Single – RM 378.95 nett

Twin – RM 413.93 nett

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