



Do you know?

By Anna Vivienne

ONE of the carnivores believed to be present at the Kinabatangan area, especially along the river banks is the sun bear.

Called *Helarctos Malayanus* or Malayan sun bear, its population is thought to be on the decline, so it is rarely seen. You will know that this bear has been in a certain place by its claw marks on tree trunks.

This bear is said to be the smallest in the world as it grows to a height of only four feet. It gets its name from a yellow

mark on the chest.

The sun bear is found in the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, including Borneo and Sumatra. It is an expert climber and spends most of its time in the trees. During the day it sleeps high up in a nest of branches and twigs. At night it feeds on rodents, birds, lizards, insects, fruit and the soft cores of palm trees. It will dig out termite nests, inserting its forepaws and licking the insects off. It is also fond of honey and is an expert at getting bees' nests out of trees.

If you are in Kinabatangan now, keep your eyes peeled for this bear. If you are lucky you may be able to get a glimpse of it.

Sun Bear

MUST SEE THIS MONTH

Tadau Kaamatan (Harvest Festival)

Date : 01 - 31 May 2006
 Organiser : Kadazandusun Cultural Association
 Venue : Kadazandusun Cultural Association, Penampang
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Kaamatan is a public holiday unique to Sabah where the Kadazandusun communities gather for a thanksgiving celebration for a bountiful harvest. The festival is observed at district level before concluding at the State Level in Penampang. It is also the time the Harvest Queen or Unduk Ngadau is selected. This is the best time to witness and experience the Kadazandusun culture.

Kaamatan Festival 2006 around Sabah

Dates	Program	Location
1st May 2006	– Launching of the Kaamatan Festival	– Kota Marudu
6th May 2006	– Kaamatan Festival Tawau, Banggi, Putatan	
7th May 2006	– Membakut, Menumbok	
9th May 2006	– Kudat	
11th May 2006	– Matunggong	
12th May 2006	– Kota Kinabalu City Kaamatan Kota Kinabalu City	(Venue: Dewan Menggatal)
12th May 2006	– Tongod, Paitan	
13th May 2006	– Klang Valley (KL), Kinabatangan, Tuaran, Tamparuli, Kuala Penyu, Lahad Datu, Semporna, Beaufort	
14th May 2006	– Beluran, Telupid, Kota Belud, Pitas, Nabawan, Tenom/Kemabong, Sook	
18th May 2006	– Sipitang	
20th May 2006	– Tambunan, Papar, Penampang, Sandakan	
21st May 2006	– Keningau, Ranau, Labuan	
28th May 2006	– Sodop Unduk Ngadau Hongkod Koisaan	
30th May 2006	– Kaamatan traditional Sports and Exhibition Hongkod Koisaan	
31st May 2006	– National Kaamatan Open House	
	– Universiti Malaysia Sabah	
31st May 2006	– Official Closing by TYT Hongkod Koisaan	

MAY EVENTS

Open Water Colour Paintings Exhibition

Date : 06 April - 08 May 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
 Venue : Sabah Art Gallery, KK
 Further Info : Datuk Yaman Mus
 Tel : 268875, Fax : 088 210040
 Email : gallery_9@msn.com

"The Beauty of Sabah's Islamic Arts" Special Exhibition

Date : 10 April - 11 May 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Museum
 Venue : Sabah Islamic Civilisation Museum, KK
 Further Info : Mr. Arif Abd. Hamid
 Tel : 088 538227, Fax : 088 240230
 Email : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Tabin Wildlife Photo Hut

Date : May to July 2006
 Organiser : Tabin Wildlife S/B/Intra Travel Service Sdn Bhd
 Venue : Tabin Wildlife Reserve, Lahad Datu
 Further Info : Alixon Ho
 Tel : 088 260558 / 262558, Fax : 088 267558
 Email : enquiry@tabinwildlife.com.my

Monsopiad Cultural Village Harvest Festival Celebration

Date : May 2006
 Organiser : Monsopiad Cultural Village
 Venue : Monsopiad Cultural Village, P'pang
 Further Info : Agil Bajera
 Tel : 088774337, Fax : 088 761680
 Email : info@monsopiad.com

Crafts Exotica

Date : 02 - 27 May 2006
 Organiser : Sabah Museum
 Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu
 Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Guntavid
 Tel : 088 253199, Fax : 088 240230
 Email : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Kiulu 4M Challenge (K4MC)

Date : 07 May 2006
 Organiser : Kiulu 4M Challenge Organising Committee
 Venue : Kg. Malanggang, Kiulu
 Further Info : Ariffin Gadait
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Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

■ Tamus are held in almost every town/district in Sabah. Most local traders gather to buy, sell or barter their farm produce, handicrafts, traditional ware, musical instruments, etc.

SUNDAY 6am - 2pm
 Kota Belud, Tuaran, Putatan, Papar, Babagon, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

MONDAY 6am - 2pm
 Tandek

TUESDAY 6am - 2pm
 Kiulu

WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm
 Pinggan-pinggan, Tamparuli & Kudat

THURSDAY 6am - 2pm
 Donggongan, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm
 Donggongan, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapol, Kanibangan

SATURDAY 6am - 2pm
 Kinarut, Beaufort, Sindumin, Matunggong, Pekan Pitas

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