

Do you know?

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WHERE TO STAY



Bubuh

The Kadazan-Dusun people of Sabah have various methods of fishing. One of them is by bubuh or fish traps. Traps are actually culturally almost universal and seem to have been independently invented many times, including by the people of Sabah.

One of the most common varieties of fish traps that has been in use from ancient times and is still being used in rural areas is the bubuh.

The bubuh is made from bamboo and rattan. The bamboo trunk is cut to about five feet long and spliced into pieces as thin as one's little finger. The spliced bamboo is scraped properly so that the edge does not cut one's finger.

The rattan is then cut into strips. These are used to tie the bamboo sticks together. A vine is used as a base, as well as for the opening of the trap. The trap is usually cylindrical in shape.

A conical contraction is fixed inside the cylindrical trap. When the trap is completed the back part is closed and front part left open. It is then sunk into a stream or wherever one wishes to catch fish, and left overnight. If it is placed in a stream, the opening should be placed towards where the water flows. The side of the trap should be damped in so that fish swimming upstream have no choice but to pass through the opening, and get trapped.

Usually those who place their traps in streams will be rewarded by fish and freshwater crab while those that are placed in paddy fields and irrigation canals will catch eels and catfish.

The bubuh range in length from three feet to 10 feet long. They are still available for sale in most traditional markets (tamu). Stalls selling handicrafts also sell functional contraptions.

MAY EVENTS

Tabin Wildlife Photo Hut
Date : May to July 2006
Organiser : Tabin Wildlife S&I/Intra Travel Service Side Road
Venue : Tabin Wildlife Reserve, Lahad Datu
Further Info : Alexon Ho
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Crafts Exotics
Date : 02 - 27 May 2006
Organiser : Sabah Museum
Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu
Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Gunavid
Tel : 088 252190, Fax : 088 240230
Email : Museum.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

Patterns and Colours of Sabah
Date : 11 May - 05 June 2006
Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
Venue : Sabah Art Gallery, Kota Kinabalu
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Email : gallery_sah@sabah.gov.my

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Date : May 2006
Email : shahnil@sabhtourism.com
Website : <http://www.sabahnaturism.com/venter/kias>

Harvest Festival Celebration
Date : 15 - 21 May 2006
Organiser : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu
Venue : Tanjung Rai Café, Hyatt Regency Kinabalu, Kota Kinabalu
Further Info : Food & Beverage Department
Date : 15 - 21 May 2006
Tel : 088 221034
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Email : hyatt.kinabalu@hyattintl.com

Sabah World Museum Day 2006
Date : 18 - 20 May 2006
Organiser : Sabah Museum
Venue : Sabah Museum, Kota Kinabalu
Further Info : Datuk Joseph Pounis Gunavid
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Harvest Festival (Sandakan)
Date : 20 May 2006
Organiser : Sandakan Municipal Council
Venue : Sandakan, Sabah
Further Info : Yeo Boon Hai
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Email : Yeo.BoonHai@sabah.gov.my

Harvest Festival Regatta
Date : 27 - 28 May 2006
Organiser : Kinabalu Yacht Club
Venue : (Not Stated)
Further Info : Mr. Christopher Chin
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Grand Finale - Tadau Kaamatan Celebrations
Date : 30 - 31 May 2006
Organiser : Kadazandusun Cultural Association (KDCA)
Venue : KDCA Hall Penampang
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Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

■ Tamu are held in almost every town/city in Sabah. Most local traders gather to buy, sell or trade their farm produce, handicrafts, traditional items, musical instruments, etc.

SUNDAY 8am - 2pm
Siti Belak, Tawau, Kinabalu, Pagan, Bako, Sandakan, Tenom, Mambak, Eke Manak, Sibak, Ogan, Sempu (Sara Wokan)

MONDAY 8am - 3pm
Tawau

TUESDAY 8am - 3pm
Sulu

WEDNESDAY 8am - 3pm
Pagan, Sempu, Sandakan & Kulu

THURSDAY 8am - 3pm
Sempu, Sandakan, Tawau, Singaloh, Pagan, Sibak, Ogan, Sempu, Sandakan, Gapiang

FRIDAY 8am - 3pm
Gapiang, Sandakan, Wakan, Mampul, Karambunai

SATURDAY 8am - 3pm
Kinabalu, Sandakan, Sandakan, Mampul, Pagan, Pagan

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