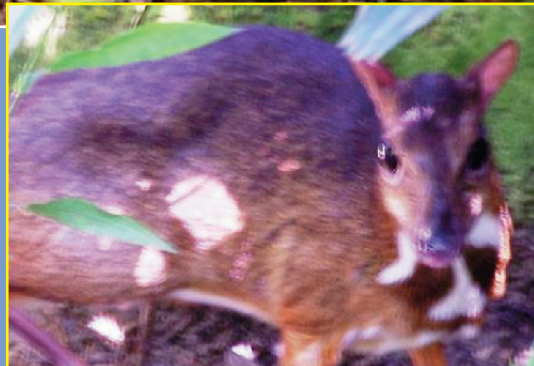


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Pelanduk

The Mousedeer or Pelanduk has always been depicted in our grandmothers' stories as intelligent, cunning and rather sly. This creature can out-talk a nasty crocodile, and make fools out of wild dogs and even the fox.

In actual fact, this animal is quite shy. It is small and measures a mere 50 cm long. It lives in primary and secondary jungles, and dines on young leaves, shoots and fruits. Sometimes it will venture into cultivated hill land and eat young tapioca leaves. It usually comes out at night but at times it gets caught by the dawn.

The mousedeer is reddish brown in colour; sometimes it looks carrot. It has white spots on its necks and the belly fur is light.

It has slender delicate legs and its tail is usually tucked tightly under its rump.

They are four species of mousedeer, making up the family Tragulidae. They are small, secretive crea-

tures, found only in the tropical forests of Africa, India, and South-east Asia.

They have a four-chambered stomach to ferment tough plant foods, but the third chamber is poorly developed. They do not have horns or antlers, and their short, thin legs leave them lacking in agility.

The largest member of the family is the Water Chevrotain of Africa, which typically measures about 80 cm in length and roughly 10 kilogrammes. It is regarded as the most pig-like and primitive of the four. The remaining three all prefer rocky forest habitats. The Lesser Mouse Deer, Pelanduk, also known as Kancil, is the smallest.

All four species depend for their survival on the retention of their fast-dwindling forest habitat and restriction of the bush meat trade.

In Sabah, mousedeer used trapped for food in the olden days. Nowadays, however, the trapping and killing of this small animal is prohibited.

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JUNE EVENTS

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
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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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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
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