

ACHIEVEMENTS OF SHBKG

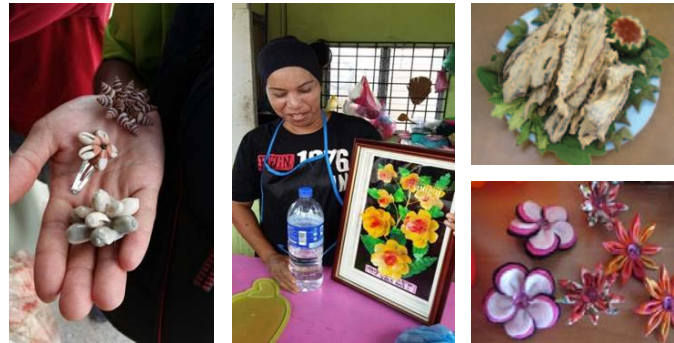
- Established a community's mangrove nursery in Kuala Gula with 25,000 - 30,000 mangrove seedlings;
- Since 2007, about 114,198 mangrove seedlings have been planted in an area covering ± 60 hectares of Teluk Rubiah Forest Reserve. SHBKG has involved a total of 7,500 people from more than 100 visiting groups in the mangrove rehabilitation programmes;
- Increased understanding of the importance of mangrove conservation among the local communities, stakeholders, corporate partners and the younger generation; and
- Invitation to various mangroves related educational exhibitions in recognition of the SHBKG contribution and experience in mangrove rehabilitation programmes.



SHBKG COTTAGE INDUSTRIES

SHBKG provides ecotourism services and develops mangrove based products to promote the sustainable livelihood of the local communities in Kuala Gula. They are the first community group in Malaysia to produce mangrove based products such as handicrafts and local crackers (*keropok*) which are hand made by the women's group in Kuala Gula.

SHBKG also provides demonstration and training on handicraft making for those who are interested. Group orders or booking of SHBKG services in mangroves planting, handicraft making or purchasing of mangroves based products are most welcome.



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FRIENDS OF KUALA GULA MANGROVE



MANGROVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME
WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

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ABOUT SHBKG



Friends of Kuala Gula Mangrove or Sahabat Hutan Bakau Kuala Gula (SHBKG) (PPM-017-08-13032012) consists of the local communities of Kuala Gula. The initial establishment of SHBKG was equally spurred by the awareness and concern of the local communities as continuous threats to the mangroves and its ecosystems has indeed caused adverse impacts on the natural resources on which they have long been dependent.

SHBKG share responsibility with the Forestry Department of Perak State to rehabilitate, protect and manage the mangroves on behalf of the Perak State Government. The SHBKG is the eyes and ears of Kuala Gula Mangroves and they are currently involved in mangrove conservation activities as well as disseminate and exchange information on mangrove issues at national level.

OBJECTIVES SHBKG

- To support the involvement of local communities in the rehabilitation of mangroves at Kuala Gula; and
- To provide a framework for collaboration amongst government agencies, the private sector, NGOs and local communities in mangrove forest management.

ACTIVITIES SHBKG

- Collecting and establishing mangrove seedlings bank;
- Mangrove replanting through community involvement;
- Monitoring mangroves planting areas;
- Facilitating training / capacity building courses in partnership with the relevant government agencies and NGOs;
- Building networks and exchange information with other CBOs / local communities;
- Organising and participating in environmental education and awareness programmes;
- Involvement in eco-tourism activities; and
- Promoting sustainable livelihood through involvement in cottage industry that focus on mangrove based products.



LEGEND

- Mangrove Forest
- Reclaimed Land

LOCATION KUALA GULA MANGROVES

Kuala Gula is a coastal mangrove area, located in Kerian District, Perak, about 45 minutes drive from Taiping. It has high abundance of habitat biodiversity which includes Gula River and its tributaries, mangrove islands and mangrove coastal forests. It is an important area for fishing activities as it supports local communities livelihood. The mudflat and the swampy areas of Kuala Gula Mangroves are also important as resting and feeding areas for various migratory and resident bird species.