

THE WAY FORWARD OF PSHBPTS

- Establishment of mangrove nursery that can accommodate up to 5,000 seedlings at a time;
- Organise educational awareness carnival on mangrove forest at school / institution / local community level;
- Organise self-empowerment training programmes with the Tanjung Surat Island community;
- Conduct monitoring and maintenance activities at the planting site in Tanjung Surat Island;
- Actively organise Tanjung Surat mangrove tree planting programme every year;
- Participate in exhibitions promoting the importance of mangrove forest and share local community participation in mangrove rehabilitation programmes;
- Develop mangrove-based handicrafts by the local community to improve the local economy;
- Develop eco-tourism packages including mangrove visit, tour guide, mangrove nursery activity, mangrove tree planting activity, product demonstration and local sports activity; and
- Improve understanding of the importance of mangrove forest rehabilitation to the local community, stakeholders, corporates and youth.



ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITIES AND MANGROVE-BASED PRODUCTS

PSHBPTS offers eco-tourism services in Tanjung Surat Island such as mangrove tree planting, preparation of mangrove saplings in nursery, and hands-on experience in producing mangrove-based products.

The *jong* art craft is a popular product in Tanjung Surat Island. The craftsmanship and the *jong* game needs to be preserved and exposed to the younger generations.

Come and get involved with PSHBPTS to support sustainable livelihood of the Tanjung Surat community.



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COMMUNITY-BASED MANGROVE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS IN TANJUNG SURAT, JOHOR

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ABOUT TANJUNG SURAT ISLAND

Tanjung Surat is a small island located at the river mouth of Belungkor River and Johor River in Kota Tinggi district. The island is home to 200 families from three different villages - Linting Village, Tanjung Surat Village and Nyior Village.

Located far from the district has made the island remote and unknown to the outsiders, especially its history and significance. Many are unknown of its uniqueness i.e. surrounded by diverse species of mangrove trees and habitat for a wide range of flora, fauna and marine life.

Most of the locals are involved in agricultural, plantation and fishery activities. The island is only accessible by a boat ride operated by the locals in Tanjung Belungkor.

HISTORY OF TANJUNG SURAT ISLAND

Tanjung Surat was an important administrative centre for the Johor State Government, led by Datuk Nong Jaafar bin Nong Yahya under the reign of Sultan Abu Bakar ibni Termengung Ibrahim (1862-1895). It was also a central area in handling transmission of mails within eastern Johor and outside (Johor Heritage Foundation, 2011). To date, Tanjung Surat is apart of Kota Tinggi and Mersing district at Southeast Johor.



TRADITIONAL GAME: JONG

Jong is a Malaysian traditional racing boat game that is popular amongst local fishermen in Tanjung Surat Island since the 1940s. Made from the lightest Pulaui wood, the carving process takes about 15 days up to a month, depending on the size of the Jong. The boat efficiency is determined in its ability to accelerate at wind speed when it is released at sea. *Jong* is now being made as a local handicraft product to preserve this particular traditional game in Tanjung Surat Island, Johor.



ABOUT PSHBPTS

Pertubuhan Sahabat Hutan Bakau Pulau Tanjung Surat (PSHBPTS) (PPM-029-01-11032020) or Friends of Tanjung Surat Island Mangrove Forest was established in 2019 and consists of the local communities of Tanjung Surat Island. The key factors of the initial establishment of the PSHBPTS was stimulated 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. They share responsibility with Johor State Forestry Department to rehabilitate, protect and manage the island's mangrove forest. PSHBPTS is the eyes and ears of Tanjung Surat Mangroves and they are actively involved in mangrove conservation activities as well as disseminate and exchange information on mangrove conservation.



OBJECTIVES

- To encourage local community involvement in mangrove conservation and rehabilitation programme in Tanjung Surat; and
- To facilitate smart partnership amongst government agencies, the private sector, NGOs and local communities in managing Tanjung Surat mangrove forest.

PSHBPTS ROUTINE

- Facilitating mangrove trees planting programme;
- Managing and maintaining the mangrove nursery;
- Producing local handicrafts;
- Producing mangrove-based products and cottage industry products;
- Empowering local community especially the women members (housewives); and
- Implementing community and mangrove-based ecotourism.