

Questions and Answers : Nature's Hidden Treasures webinar, 8 August 2020

Q1: May I know how to become a volunteer with Wetlands International?

Please contact Wetlands International at malaysia@wetlands.org.my and provide us with your contact details.

Q2: How is Tsunami a threat to the wetlands, but at the same time how do the wetlands protect us from Tsunamis?

Mangroves and other coastal forests (wetlands) are the front line when tsunami hits. They bear the full force of the Tsunami from the ocean. Thus the full force action of Tsunami is greatly dissipated when it hit mangroves, the energy of the waves is slowed down and becomes weak when they reach hinterland towards human settlement. In the process, wetlands are destroyed in order to protect us. Therefore, wetlands are threatened but at the same time protects us from Tsunami. After Tsunami, or strong weather conditions, we have an obligation to replant back the wetlands' trees for our protection.

Q3: Is it safe for me to bring my kids there to see the crocodiles? Are there safety measures in place?

We understand your concern. To ease your worries, there has not been any record of crocodile attacks. In fact, they are rarely seen except by the Wildlife Department staff who regularly patrol the areas which is part of their management program. Hence the importance of maintaining a healthy ecosystem - if they have enough food in the natural setting, there is no reason for them (wildlife) to attack humans.

Q4: How do we participate in the Safari Rides at Paya Indah Discovery Wetlands?

Please contact us at 012 932 1811 to check on the available slot. Tickets can be purchased at Paya Indah Discovery Wetlands Centre upon arrival.

Q5: What is the minimum age for children to join Jungle School?

The minimum age for children to join Jungle School is between 2 – 9 years old. For now, most of our programs are on the animal trail. We will have more programs for kids coming up soon primarily to learn more about wetlands.

Q6: As explained previously by Dr. Christine, the Nightjar bird has a behaviour to stay on the ground. Wouldn't they become a victim of poachers due to the habit?

Fortunately for the NightJar, it is not a species that is sought after by poachers due to its plain look and quiet nature (as opposed to singing birds). It is also important to note that Paya Indah Discovery Wetlands is a protected area and managed by the Wildlife Department. The area itself is cordoned off and the Wildlife Department does regular patrolling both day and night.

Q7: Could university students do research study there?

Yes. In fact, a large part of biodiversity database in the past, conducted in PIDW, are results from university students' projects. PIDW would like to encourage university students to do more research and development studies in the area. Please contact us at enquiries@discoverywetlands.com.my

Q8: Are outsiders allowed to go to Paya Indah Discovery Wetlands to feed the hippos?

At the moment feeding is not allowed by outsiders or members of public due to Covid-19 except for the authorities managing PIDW.

Q9: What are the roles of the Gamuda Parks in PIDW?

Gamuda Parks plays an advisory role related to conservation works and environmental education aspect at PIDW.