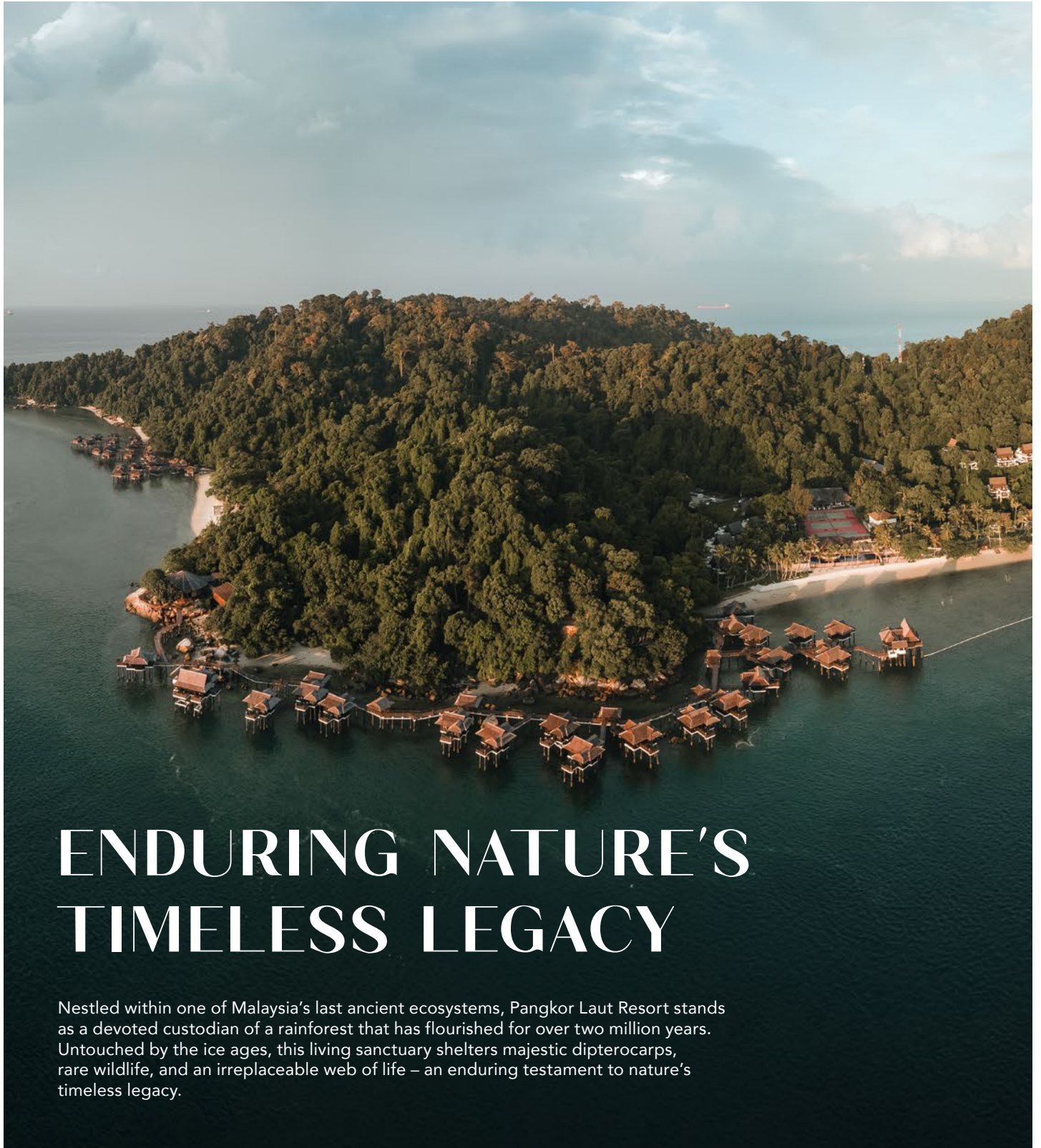

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ENDURING NATURE'S TIMELESS LEGACY

Nestled within one of Malaysia's last ancient ecosystems, Pangkor Laut Resort stands as a devoted custodian of a rainforest that has flourished for over two million years. Untouched by the ice ages, this living sanctuary shelters majestic dipterocarps, rare wildlife, and an irreplaceable web of life – an enduring testament to nature's timeless legacy.



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TANJONG JARA RESORT CELEBRATES A DECADE OF HOPE



Honouring a timeless mission.

For over 100 million years, sea turtles have navigated our oceans. Yet the past century has brought unprecedented peril to these ancient mariners. On the shores of Terengganu, however, a hopeful new story is being written.

The Turtle Hatchery at Tanjong Jara Resort marks its 10th anniversary this year – a decade of extraordinary commitment to marine conservation.

While the 83,772 hatchlings released is impressive, the true impact goes deeper. Partnering with conservation organisation PULIHARA, the resort has created more than a programme – it's a sanctuary of hope.

Nestled beside the Nelayan Restaurant, the hatchery allows guests to witness nature's fragile miracles protected by a simple wooden lattice, offering a profound window into conservation efforts that are making a real difference.

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The results from this year alone are a powerful testament to this holistic approach:

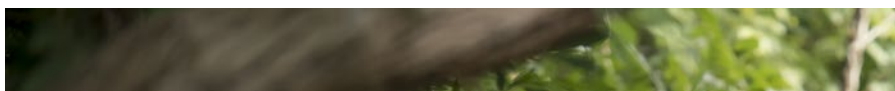


And the decade-long impact is nothing short of momentous:



As the hatchery enters its second decade, its success is measured in more than numbers. It is measured in the light of understanding in a guest's eyes, in the passionate explanation of a young naturalist, and in the unwavering belief that the future of conservation doesn't just lie in protecting what we have, but in nurturing those who will carry that torch next.

This is the timeless mission of Tanjong Jara: to guard not only the ancient rituals of nature but to ignite the modern passion that will ensure they continue forever.





THE NEW CONSERVATION CENTRE AT TANJONG JARA RESORT



*True conservation is not
a transaction; it's an inheritance.*

The call to conserve echoes far beyond the beach. It's a call that resonated with the resort's leadership, inspiring a bold vision to expand this circle of care. This vision has now taken physical form in the new Nature Conservation Centre.

This isn't just an exhibit hall; it is a vibrant hub of discovery, designed to immerse guests in the intricate tapestry of local wildlife and ecosystems. It's the next chapter in a mission not only to protect, but also to educate and inspire.

But the most compelling chapter of this story is not written in sand or built of wood and glass. It is written in the ambitions of a new generation.

True conservation is not a transaction; it's an inheritance. Understanding this, the resort created a pipeline for passion through its industrial training internships. This programme sought out young Malaysians with a fire for the natural world and gave them a place to let it burn brightly.

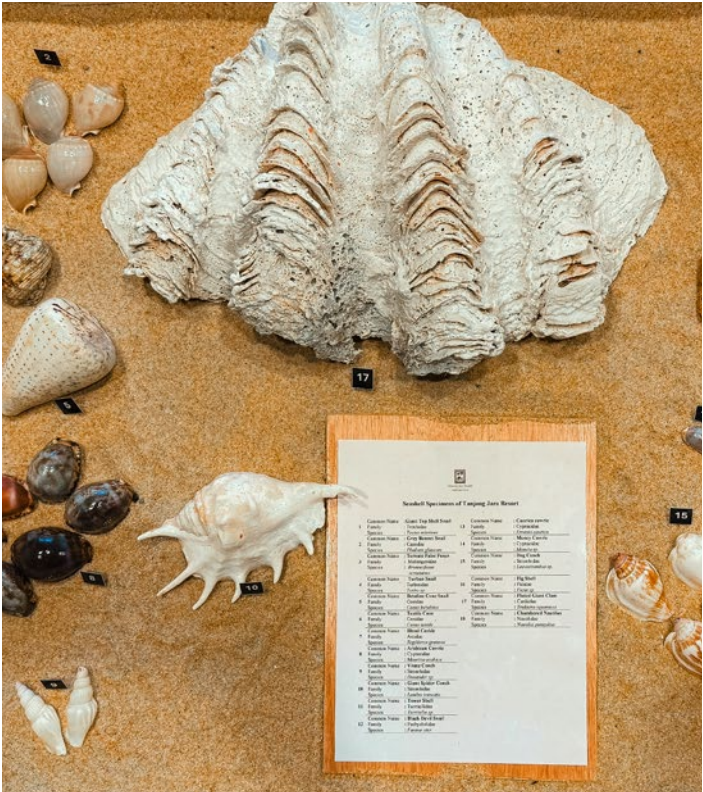


From this initiative emerged two outstanding individuals: *Nur Fatimah Filzah* and *Afiqah Fakhriah*. They arrived as students but were entrusted with a mission as vast as the jungle itself: to explore the resort’s wilderness and chart a new course for the conservation of its flora and fauna. They weren't just following instructions; they were forging the path.

Armed with notebooks and boundless curiosity, they became the true naturalists of Tanjong Jara Resort, translating the whispers of the forest into actionable insights. Their dedication was so profound, their connection to the land so deep, that their internship naturally evolved into a lifelong vocation. Today, they stand as full-time naturalists, the first graduates of this programme, and the living, breathing heart of the resort’s future.

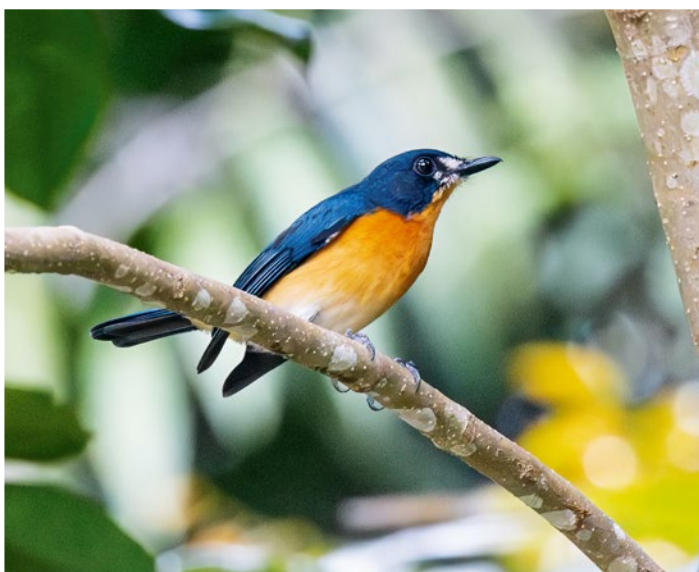
They together with *Emmanuel Richard*, the Head Naturalist, are the human legacy of Tanjong Jara Resort’s conservation and sustainability success.

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GAYA ISLAND RESORT'S TRIBUTE TO BORNEO'S BIRDS



Experience Borneo's wonders, safeguard its future.

On the tranquil shores of Pulau Gaya, a profound conservation conversation is flourishing. It is energised by the launch of *Wildlife Wonders of Gaya Island Resort: A Guide to Its Feathered Friends and Indigenous Fauna* – a seminal work highlighting the island's role as a vital sanctuary for Borneo's biodiversity.

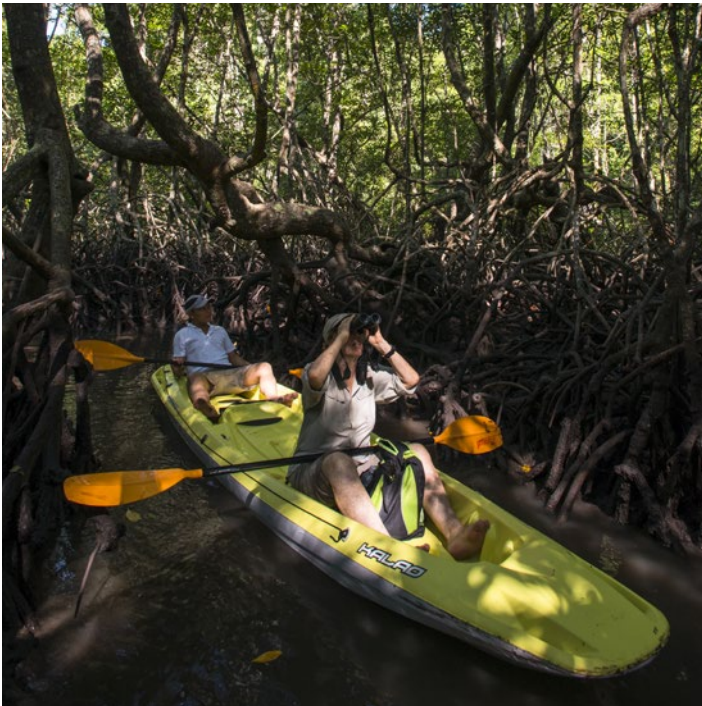
To bring its pages to life, we've curated dedicated birdwatching expeditions and transformed select villas into observation sanctuaries equipped with telescopes.

This book is a testament to the island's ecological wealth and a crucial tool for its preservation. It intimately profiles nearly 40 avian species, transforming casual observation into meaningful discovery. Readers learn to interpret a bird's plumage, distinctive call, and daily rituals, fostering a genuine connection with the environment.



This launch cements the resort’s commitment to an eco-tourism model defined by education and tangible conservation. Here, every guest’s stay contributes directly to stewardship. The authors inspire visitors to find significance in each encounter – from a particular bird’s behaviour to the majestic glide of the Red Giant Flying Squirrel.

Such awareness builds a lasting legacy, ensuring Pulau Gaya remains a thriving haven. The most valuable souvenir a guest can take home is a deepened understanding of our natural world and a renewed sense of responsibility to protect it.





SAVING DATO AND KUTU: STORIES OF HOPE FROM THE GAYA ISLAND RESORT MARINE CENTRE

Rescue, Rehabilitate & Restore.

The Gaya Island Resort Marine Centre's mission extends beyond education into the realm of direct, life-saving action – brought vividly to life. More than a place of learning, the Centre is a sanctuary for marine creatures in distress, reflecting an unwavering dedication to the preservation of ocean biodiversity.

This commitment was poignantly demonstrated by the recent rescue and rehabilitation of two endangered Green Sea turtles.

The first, affectionately named Dato, was discovered in a severely compromised state, suffering from gut stasis, severe dehydration, and a deformed carapace.

Soon after, another turtle – Kutu – was rescued with painful eye infections caused by parasitic sea lice and early signs of emaciation. Their fragile conditions are stark reminders of the

many threats faced by marine species every day, from pollution and habitat loss to entanglement, injury, and disease.

At the Marine Centre, both turtles were placed under intensive, round-the-clock care. Beyond the precision of the medical treatments lies something more profound – the compassion and perseverance of the team, who work tirelessly to restore these animals to health. Each turtle saved represents far more than a single life; it symbolises the Centre's wider mission: to safeguard and restore the delicate balance of marine ecosystems, one life at a time.

Through these acts of rescue and rehabilitation, the Gaya Island Resort Marine Centre transforms the book's message into living, breathing reality – no longer abstract ideals, but tangible proof of what dedicated stewardship can achieve.



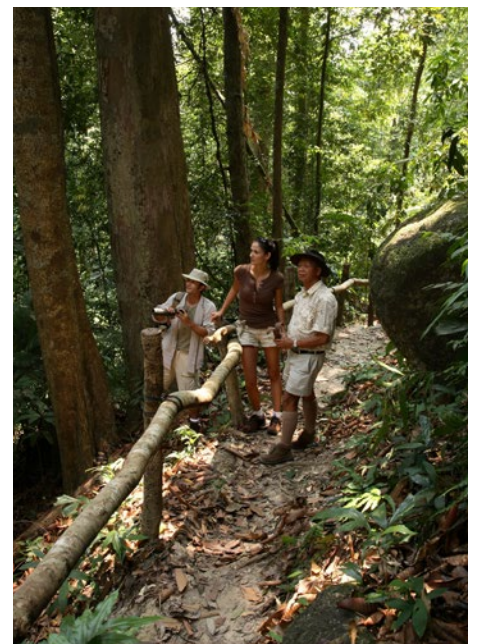


PANGKOR LAUT RESORT – THE GUARDIAN OF A 2-MILLION-YEAR-OLD RAINFOREST SANCTUARY

Preserving the Ancient Heart of Nature.

Nestled within one of Malaysia's last ancient ecosystems, Pangkor Laut Resort is a devoted guardian of a pristine, two-million-year-old rainforest. This living jungle has weathered millennia, untouched by the ice ages that reshaped continents. Within its verdant embrace thrives an extraordinary and irreplaceable web of life.

To enter this forest is to journey back in time. The air hums with the resonant chorus of exotic birds and the distinctive calls of hornbills. Soaring above are the true architects: majestic dipterocarp trees. Their immense, buttressed trunks rise like cathedral pillars, forming a vast canopy that filters the sun into dappled, golden light.





This sanctuary protects magnificent hornbills, playful troops of macaques, and other tropical creatures, alongside a treasure trove of rare medicinal plants. The dipterocarps are the keystone; their spectacular flowering events provide an abundant food source that ensures the health of the entire forest.

In a powerful act of stewardship, the resort recently partnered with the Italian fashion brand *Paul & Shark* for a dedicated planting event. This unique initiative focused on introducing native dipterocarp saplings – an act of vital ecological restoration, not mere landscaping. Each newly planted tree is a pledge to secure the future of this two-million-year-old legacy.

In a world where ancient wildernesses are disappearing, this sanctuary stands as a profound reminder of our planet's deep history. Pangkor Laut Resort demonstrates a new model of coexistence, proving we can be not just visitors, but devoted guardians of the world's irreplaceable wonders.





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