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Rooted in respect. Guided by nature.

A WELCOME MESSAGE

FROM JUSTIN JUHUN



Dear guests,

There is a quiet magic that unfolds when we pause to listen, to the whisper of waves against the shore, the gentle scratch of turtle flippers in the sand, the silent growth of a coral fragment taking root. These are the moments that remind us why we do what we do, and inspire us to do more.

At YTL Hotels, our conservation journey is rooted in a profound respect for the natural world that surrounds our properties. From the waters of Gaya Island to the reefs of

Pangkor Laut, and from the nesting sands of Tanjong Jara to the turtle rescue units we are establishing across the peninsula, we are privileged to be stewards of Malaysia's most precious ecosystems. With that privilege comes a responsibility not only to protect, but to restore; not only to observe, but to act.

Within these pages, you will meet Jay, the 92-kilogramme Green Sea Turtle whose journey embodies the very best of what we strive to achieve. You will discover The Gaya Wellness & Wonder Journey, where conservation meets mindful luxury. You will read of our coral planting partnership with Perbadanan Taman Negeri Perak, and of the young hearts being nurtured at Tanjong Jara Resort through our Junior Conservationist programme.

Each of these stories is a thread in a larger tapestry, woven together by healing, wonder, restoration, and discovery. And each thread is strengthened by collaboration: with Scuba Junkie SEAS, PULIHARA, and Perbadanan Taman Negeri Perak. It is nurtured by the passion of our teams, the curiosity of our young guests, and the support of travellers who choose to journey with us as custodians of the deep.

As you read these stories, I hope you will share in the hope that sustains us. The challenges facing our oceans are great, but so too is the resolve of those who care for them. Together, we are planting seeds of change, one shore at a time.

Yours sincerely,

Justin Juhun
Director of Conservation
YTL Hotels



FINDING HIS DEPTH AT GAYA ISLAND RESORT: JAY'S JOURNEY

From floating to freedom.

In October 2025, the Scuba Junkie SEAS team on Mabul Island discovered Jay, a 92-kilogramme Green Sea Turtle, drifting helplessly near the surface. He had sustained a severe boat strike to his tail and back flippers, leaving him unable to dive. The team treated his wounds and nursed him back to stability, but his persistent floating syndrome required expertise beyond their resources, the delicate art of restoring buoyancy.

That expertise resided at the Marine Centre of Gaya Island Resort, which had successfully treated similar cases, most notably a turtle named Covid. Arriving in 2020 with a severely damaged shell and floating syndrome, Covid was released after four years of dedicated rehabilitation. Recognising that Jay's case demanded this advanced knowledge, the Scuba Junkie team made the difficult decision to transfer him to us in July 2026.





Upon arrival, we confirmed that Jay was suffering from trauma-induced floating syndrome. Our team designed a custom rehabilitation programme centred on Targeted External Weight Therapy, carefully attaching small, incremental weights to his shell to retrain his natural diving instincts. The process is gradual, slowly teaching his body to achieve neutral buoyancy once more.



Today, Jay is making steady progress under our watchful care. With each passing day, he grows stronger, more confident, and ever closer to the day he will once again glide freely through the waters of his ancestral home.





THE GAYA WELLNESS & WONDER JOURNEY: A NEW CHAPTER IN MINDFUL LUXURY

Where wellness meets the wonders of Borneo.

On 17 September 2027, Gaya Island Resort will launch The Gaya Wellness & Wonder Journey, a three-day signature experience that weaves together conservation, indigenous healing traditions, marine encounters, and mindful luxury. Curated by the resort's Director of Conservation, Justin Juhun, in collaboration with the award-winning Spa Village Gaya Island, the programme offers guests an immersive exploration of Borneo's extraordinary biodiversity.

Guests are invited to engage with the natural world through wildlife encounters, coral planting, and the creation of personal fragrances using native botanicals. Each activity has been thoughtfully designed to foster a deeper connection to the island's ecosystems, while honouring the centuries-old wisdom of Borneo's indigenous communities. Mornings begin with sunrise yoga overlooking the tranquil South China Sea, followed by authentic healing rituals passed down through





generations. At the heart of this experience lies the resort's Distinctively Borneo philosophy, a celebration of nature, culture, and restoration. Guests are encouraged not merely to observe the wonders of the island, but to become part of its enduring story. Whether planting coral fragments that will grow into thriving reefs or learning the art of traditional massage from local healers, each moment is an invitation to give back to the land and sea that sustain this unique corner of the world.

This immersive escape promises an intimate and transformative retreat for those seeking more than a conventional holiday, offering a rare opportunity to restore not only the island's treasures, but also one's own sense of wonder.





THE CORAL GARDENERS: PANGKOR LAUT'S COMMITMENT TO TOMORROW



Where coral takes root, life returns.

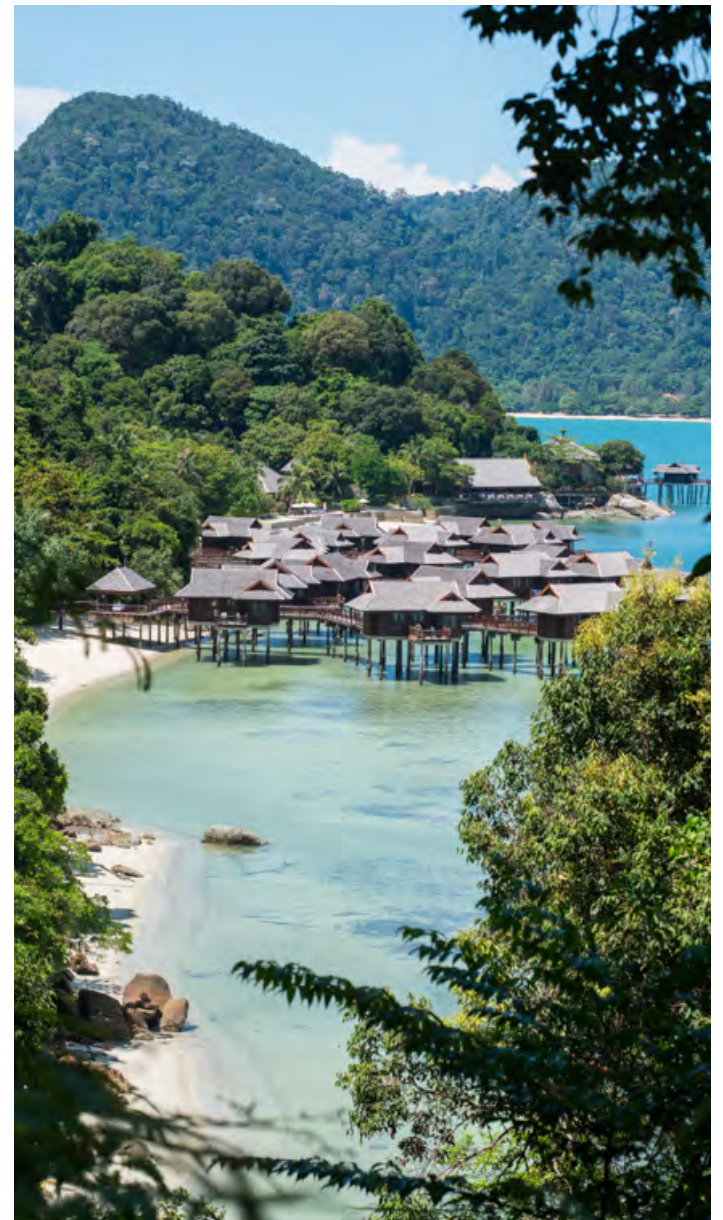
In early July 2026, Pangkor Laut Resort launched a coral planting programme inspired by the pioneering work of Gaya Island Resort. The team now gathers fragile coral nubbins, plants them onto rubble-strewn sea-beds, and tends to them in observation tanks—patient, unglamorous work that breathes life back into the ocean.

This is only the beginning. Soon, we will join hands with Perbadanan Taman Negeri Perak to carry this mission to Pulau Sembilan, a marine haven that has suffered greatly from human pressures. Together, they will rebuild ravaged reefs, restore dwindling fish populations, and create a sanctuary where marine life can once again flourish. For the people who call these waters home, it is a lifeline; for generations yet to come, it is a promise kept.



What makes this partnership so meaningful is the way it brings together two worlds, private hospitality and public stewardship, united by a shared love for the sea. By pooling knowledge, resources, and hope, Pangkor Laut Resort and Perbadanan Taman Negeri Perak are planting not just coral, but the seeds of a movement.

At its heart, this endeavour is driven by a reverence for the sea that has cradled this island for centuries, and a responsibility to pass its wonders on, undiminished, to the children who will one day swim above these reefs. The coral fragments now taking root are emblems of a future where resorts exist not as enclaves apart from nature, but as guardians of it. And in that future, every guest becomes not merely a visitor, but a custodian of the deep.





LITTLE GUARDIANS, BIG HEARTS: JUNIOR CONSERVATIONIST

Small hands. Big conservation.

At Tanjong Jara Resort, some of the most meaningful conservation stories begin with a simple question from a child.

Developed in collaboration with PULIHARA, the Junior Conservationist Programme invites young guests aged seven and above to discover the world of sea turtles through hands-on learning, curiosity, and play. Formerly known as the Turtle Kids Club, the programme has been refreshed with new activities and educational resources that encourage children to think like conservationists as they explore the challenges turtles face in the wild.

Rather than sitting through a lesson, children step into real-world scenarios. They sort rescued turtles for rehabilitation or release, uncover the threats posed by plastic pollution and fishing gear, and learn how scientists identify different sea turtle species and monitor nesting populations. Every activity is designed to spark questions, encourage discussion, and demonstrate that conservation is as much about making thoughtful decisions as it is about protecting wildlife.

The programme is delivered using educational materials developed by the Inwater Research Group (IRG) through the





International Sea Turtle Ambassador (I.S.T.A.) Programme, bringing internationally recognised conservation education into a local setting. Through games, storytelling, and interactive learning, children gain a deeper understanding of sea turtle biology while building empathy for the marine environment.

Nature, of course, keeps its own schedule. On evenings when hatchlings are ready to emerge, children may have the opportunity to join a hatchling release session. Watching dozens of tiny turtles make their determined journey towards the sea transforms what they have learned during the afternoon into something tangible. Concepts discussed in the classroom suddenly unfold before their eyes, creating a connection that no textbook can quite replicate.

The Junior Conservationist Programme is built on a simple belief: meaningful conservation begins with understanding. By giving kids the opportunity to ask questions, solve problems, and experience wildlife responsibly, we hope to nurture not only future conservationists, but a generation that feels connected to the natural world and motivated to care for it.



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The Natural Wonders - Voice of Conservation aims to share the latest conservation news from our collection of Luxury Resorts in Malaysia.

Discover the infinite variety, complexity, sheer beauty of the natural environment and the passion of its people that make each resort an exceptional experience.



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