

**Mangrove  
and Wildlife  
Expedition for  
Youths in  
Conservation  
2022 Report**

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# Objective

Projek Waste & Selva's Untold Stories collaborated in December 2022 to equip 6 youth conservationist from all around Malaysia with knowledge of our natural ecosystems.

The main goal of this initiative was to connect the older and younger generation, the coastal community, and urban youths through exposure to various ecosystems found in Langkawi.





“Youth Conservationists are potential policymakers, leaders, educators, researchers, and the future of the sustainable movement.”

**— Zen, co-founder  
of Projek Waste**

# Executive Summary

Mangrove & Wildlife Expedition for Youths in Conservation 2022 took place from 17th - 19th December in various locations in Langkawi, including the Kilim Geoforest Park.

Out of 77 participants that applied, 6 selected youths and 2 mentors were fully sponsored to partake in the initiative. We also have 5 co-mentors who joined in on the second day to experience herping, birding, and mangrove kayaking, led by 3 expert guides.



**17th - 19th  
Dec 2022**



**Langkawi  
Island**



**3 Expert  
Guides**



**2 Funded  
Mentors**



**6 Grant  
Participants**



**5 Self-funded  
Youths**

## Day 1

# Activities

The Mangrove & Wildlife Expedition for Youths in Conservation 2022 commenced with a welcome speech from members of Projek Waste and Selva's Untold Stories. It was followed by a gift giving ceremony and group picture with the guests speakers.



# Group photo





Then, the participants welcomed three experts from their respective industries for a knowledge sharing session.

It ended successfully with a reflective workshop, which empowered the youths to further engage in nature conservation using their own ways.



**Selva | Naturalist**



**Dr. Juliana | Ecologist**



**Hidayah | Advocate**

After a long day of learning, the participants headed off to the beach for a mindful yoga session (conducted by Ling from Projek Waste) and a grounding meditation practice (led by Uma).



The evening was followed by a night walk guided by Othman. Some of the wildlives and plants spotted included Macaranga, Caryota, Rengas, Merbau, Python, Common Cobra, etc.



## Day 2

## Activities

Before dawn, the participants were greeted by Elis at Gunung Raya. Under her guidance, they were able to spot some beautiful species such as the hornbills, egrets, common kingfishers, lapwings, etc.

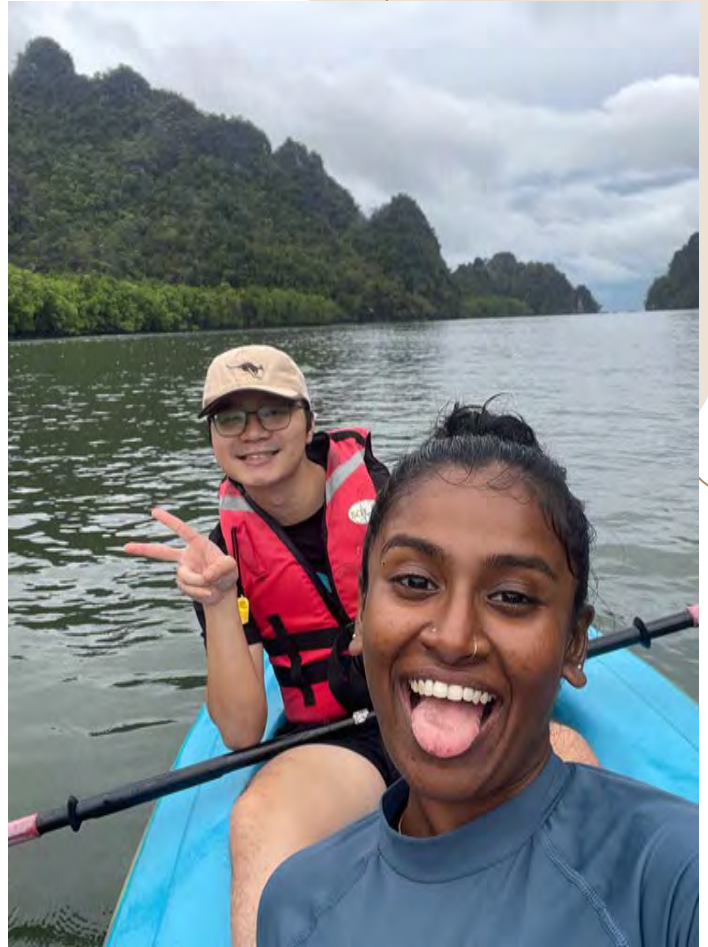


Then, the participants had the chance to visit Pak Su, a local fisherman who runs a floating fish farm to conduct educational programs to improve the relationship between coastal communities and the mangrove ecosystem.



Mangrove kayaking was next up on the agenda. The participants were able to learn more about the geographical history of Langkawi and the importance of mangrove ecosystem from Selva, who is a naturalist and historian.





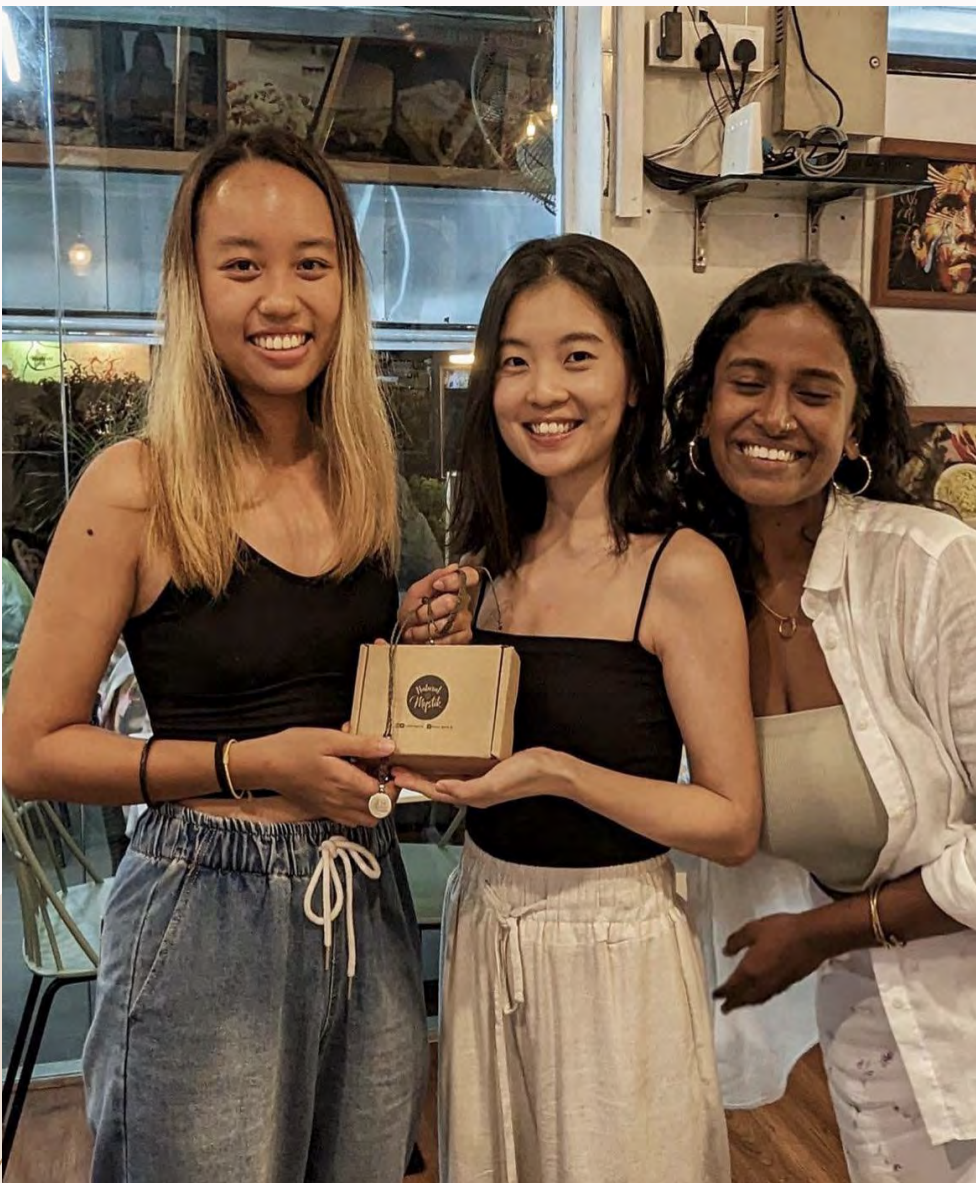




Finally, the participants kayaked to a nearby secluded beach to clean up the rubbish that had been washed up ashore. They enjoyed lunch on a floating restaurant before heading back to the accommodation for a power nap.

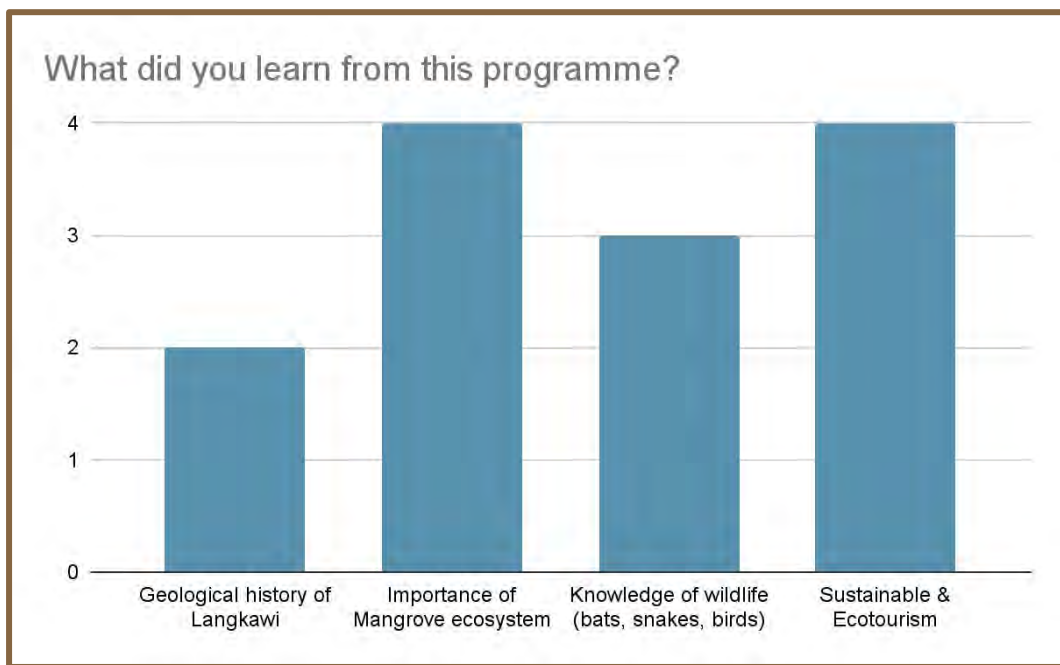


The Mangrove & Wildlife Expedition for Youths in Conservation 2022 ended with a reflection session. The youth participant who won the final pop quiz was gifted a sustainable jewellery set sponsored by Natural Mystik.



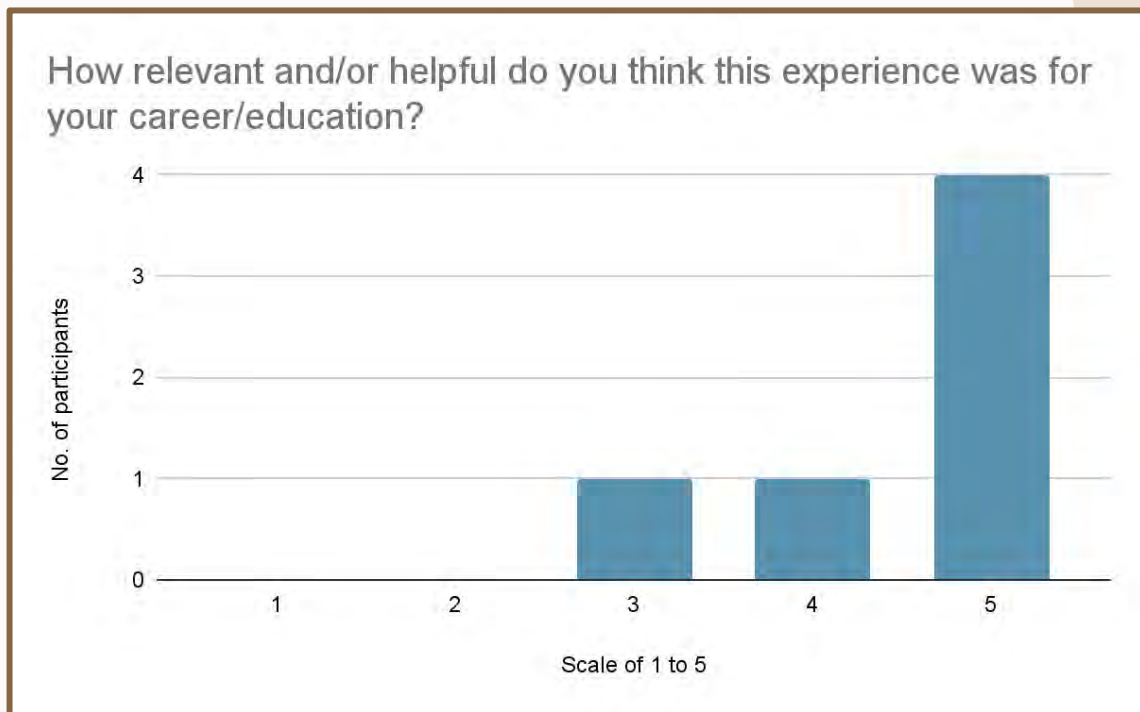
# Post-programme Evaluation Form

## Participants Evaluation Form



Majority of the participants (66.7%) agreed that they learned about the importance of mangrove ecosystem as well as sustainable tourism from this programme.

50% of them shared that they discovered new knowledge of wildlife. Only two participants stated that they had the chance to learn about the geographical history of Langkawi.



Majority of the participants (66.7%) shared that this experience was “very much” relevant and/or helpful for their career/education.

Meanwhile, one participant shared that it was relevant. Similarly, one participant also stated that the experience was “somewhat” relevant.



The second half of the evaluation form consisted of open-ended questionnaires.

When asked what was their favourite memory from this experience, four answers were related to mangrove kayaking and swimming in the ocean, whereas two participants mentioned yoga and meditation by the beach.

When asked what else would they have liked the organising party to cover (topic/activity) for this programme, three participants mentioned peer discussions covering topics learned in the programme.

Challenges of waste management and ecotourism in Langkawi was also brought up. Other responses included wildlife photography and content creating workshop.

The evaluation form ended with asking the participants their favourite moment/activity from this programme and why.

4 out of 6 responses mentioned being grateful for the chance to meet and connect with like-minded youths. 3 responses were related to the experience with wildlife. One participant also shared about a strengthened self-connection after the wellness session.



# Participants Project Showcase

The six youths who were selected to receive full grant to join this mangrove & wildlife expedition were required to document their journey and share it on their social media platforms.

The aim of this project was for the participants to spread awareness of mangrove & wildlife conservation among their peers. They were given full creative freedom for the project.



**Matthew**

- PW by YOU article



**Serene**

- Instagram post #1
- Instagram post #2
- Instagram post #3
- PW by YOU article



**Nabihah**

- Instagram post #1
- Instagram post #2
- Instagram stories



**Hui Yi**

- Instagram reel



**Yoga**

- Instagram post #1
- Instagram post #2
- Instagram post #3



**Puteri**

- LinkedIn post
- Instagram post



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