Utilization of Natural Resources by Local Communities in Kuala Lawas

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Abstract

Questionnaire survey was conducted among the local communities of Kuala Lawas from 28 September until 6 October 2004. A total of 82 head of households were interviewed using structured survey method and 10 of key informers were interviewed using semi-structured method. The main occupation of the local communities was fisherman with average income ranging from RM 301 to RM 500. The local communities believe that it is important to protected wildlife, particularly proboscis monkey and dugong, and it is also important to protect the environment to ensure water clean. Currently they received little benefit from tourism; however they believe that Kuala Lawas has the potential to attract tourist that they can benefit from it.

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