

MALAYSIA

National Initiative related to cetacean stock assessment

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Malaysia is divided into two region by South China Sea- West Malaysia that constitute of 11 states and Federal Territory Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya

Where

East Malaysia constitute of Sarawak(Land of the hornbill) , Sabah(land beneath the wind) and Federal Territory Labuan



Organization Chart Of The Department of Fisheries Malaysia

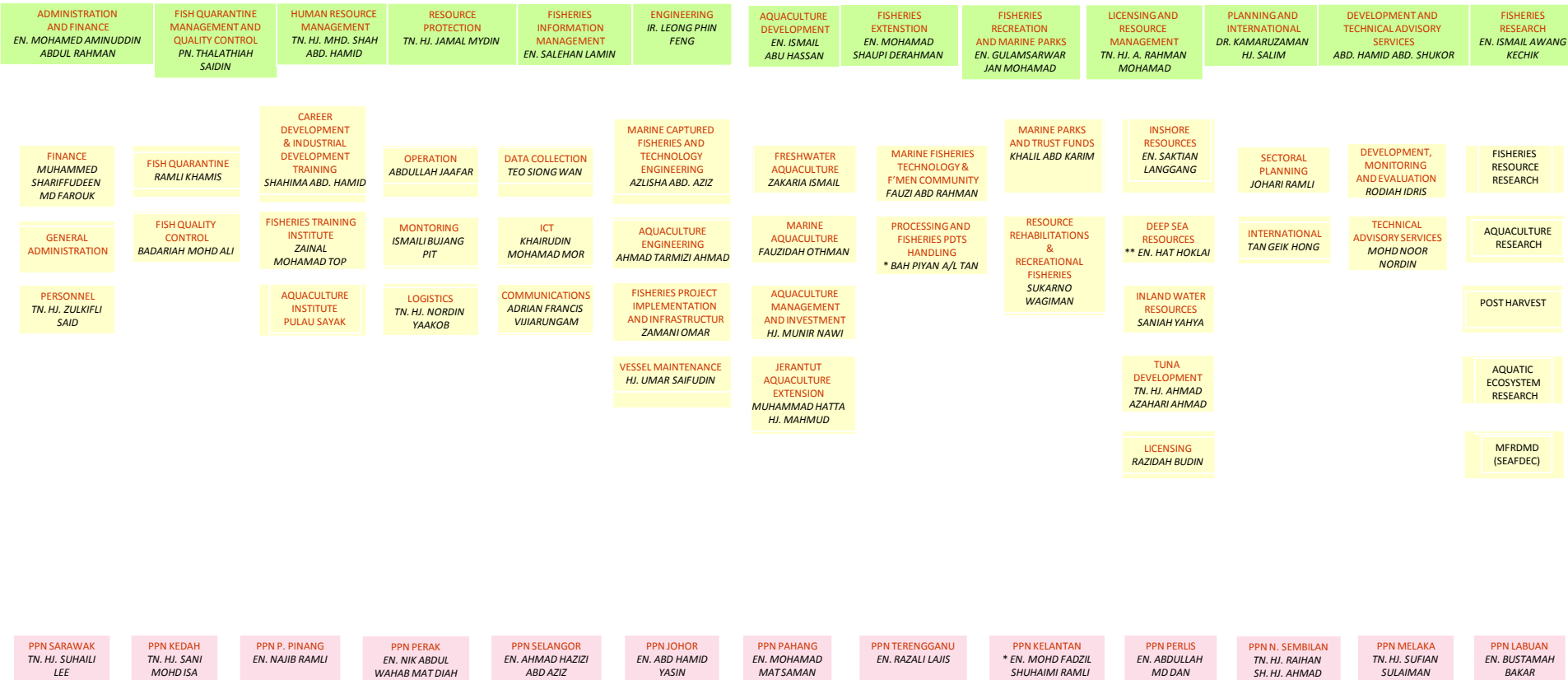


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Sarawak Dolphin Project

Objective

1. Collect important baseline data on the seasonal distribution habitat use and conservation needs of dolphins in Sarawak
2. Raise awareness of marine mammals and their conservation needs in the local population
3. Apply the study results to develop effective conservation and management plans

Survey areas – nearshore waters around Miri,
Bintulu and kuching

Agency involved-

Sarawak Shell Berhad and Sarawak Government-
fund

UNIMAS(Dr. Andrew Alek Tuen, Dr.Gianna Minton)
and SFC-

Results-76 dolphins sightings, details
of which stored in the purpose
designed “sarawak cetacean
database”

Species found

Common Name	Scientific Name	Local Name
Irrawaddy Dolphins	<i>Orcaena brevirostris</i>	Empesut
Finless porpoise	<i>Neophocaena phocaearides</i>	Lumba-Lumba ambu
Bottlenose Dolphin	<i>Tursiops aduncus</i>	Lumba-Lumba Hidung Botol
Humpback Dolphin	<i>Sousa chinensis</i>	Lumba-Lumba Putih

Other Works

- Fisheries Research Institute-Survey of Conservation, habitat and Biodiversity in Sarawak-ad-hoc observation
- Meeting in August 2010, delegate works among agencies on study and conservation and Standard Operating Procedures on Stranded cetacean and Marine Fisheries Department as the key player