

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency

999 - Police/Ambulance/Fire Station

Mukah Division

Resident Office Mukah Division
Tel : 084-872 596 Fax : 084-873 408

Mukah District Office

Tel : 084 - 871 963 Fax : 084 - 872 117

Balingian District Office

Tel : 086 - 484 134 Fax : 086 - 484 122

Dalat District Office

Tel : 084 - 864 219 Fax : 084 - 864 435

Oya District Office

Tel : 084 - 865 218 Fax : 084 - 865 317

Matu District Office

Tel : 084 - 832 231 Fax : 084 - 832 239

Igan District Office

Tel : 084 - 848 307 Fax : 084 - 848 308

Daro District Office

Tel : 084 - 823 363 Fax : 084 - 823 528

Tanjung Manis District Office

Tel : 084 - 815 221 Fax : 084 - 815 355

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in Mukah Division consists of hotels, budget inns and homestays. The following is a selection of the more established properties:

Hotels & Homestays	Contact No.
Kingwood Hotel (Mukah)	874 811/874 996
Kingwood Resort Mukah	873 888
Li Hua Hotel (Mukah)	874 888
Harmony Beach Resort (KM 4, Mukah-Oya road)	871 010 / 011 3692 4849
Hotel Sarina (Mukah)	872 429 / 872 655
Sago Inn Dalat	863 779
Dalat Inn (Dalat)	864 482
Metro Inn (Tanjung Manis)	613 212
Lamin Dana Cultural Boutique Lodge (Mukah)	019 849 5962
Inap Desa Sebako Homestay (Kampung Sebako)	013 563 2557

New Mukah Product

BATIK LINUT



A new innovative batik craft (textile design) product using an organic locally grown Sago flour processed from metroxylum sago palm tree, to create a uniquely flow of design on textile using "cracking-dye" method.

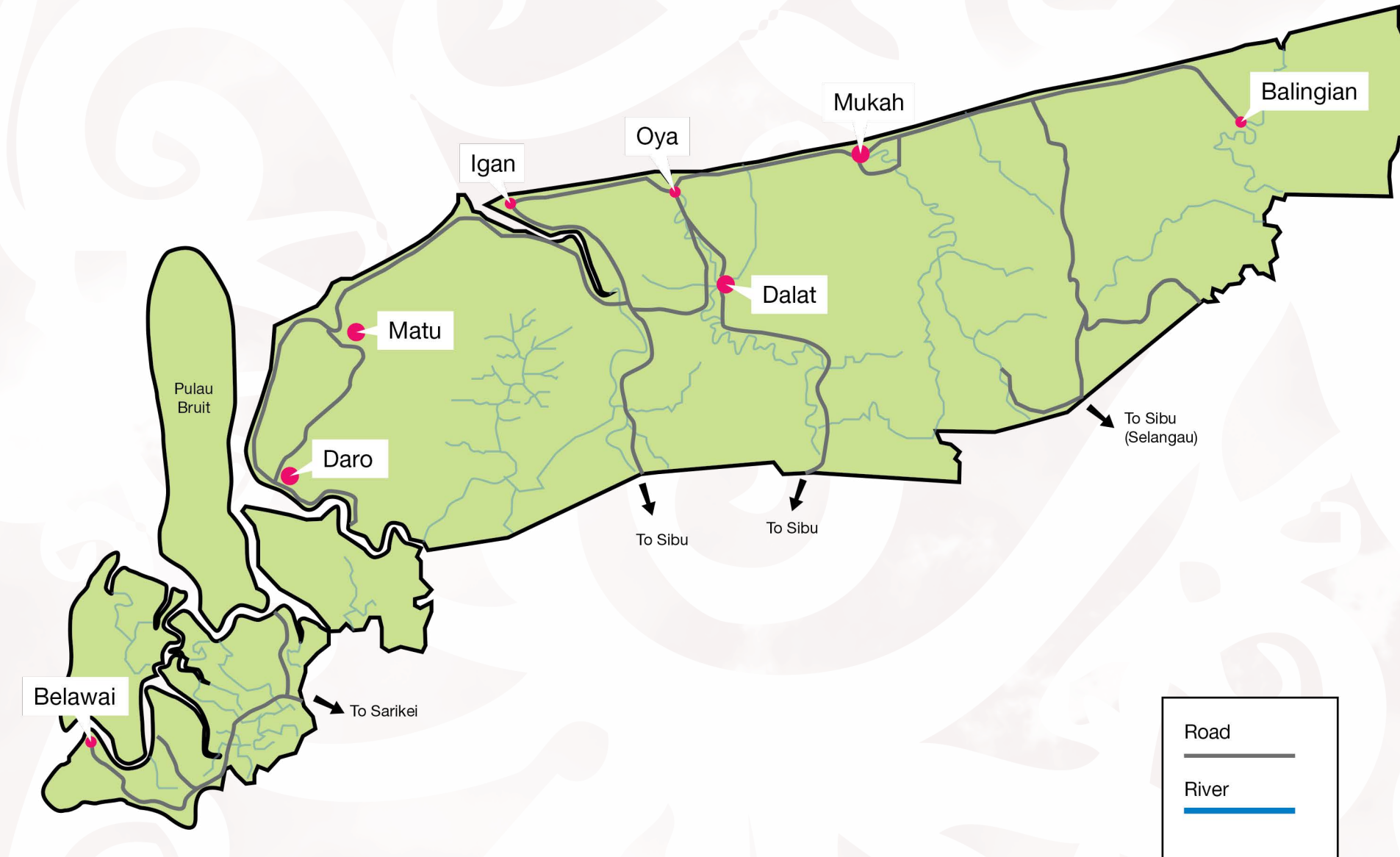
Batik Linut was an experimental innovation initiated by Malaysia Craft Development Body Sarawak Branch and was translated at grassroot level in Kampung Tellian Tengah Mukah Sarawak on 22 February, 2019. The programme was coordinated by Madam Diana Rose in Mukah and the idea was unanimously supported by Mukah Tourism Task Group (Mukah Resident Office) Thirty villagers comprise of housewives and youths were trained in two workshops, to pioneer the first ever Batik Linut community in Mukah then.

Its debut showcase was first shown at Borneo Textile Week Expo in Kota Kinabalu from 14th of April to 21st of April and also during the Kaul Kakan Event held in Mukah on 28th of April 2019.

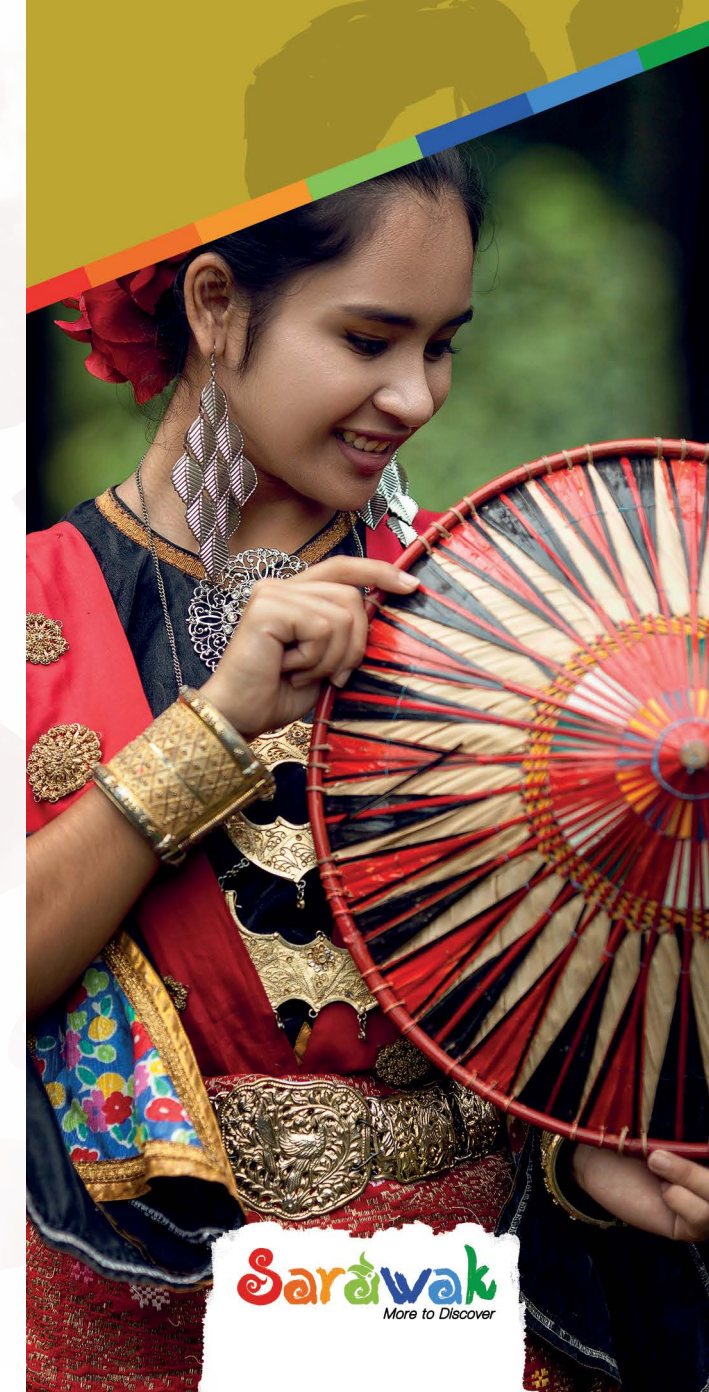
The products are available at Lamin Dana Cultural Boutique Lodge (www.lamindana.com) and Latip's Collection in Mukah.



MUKAH DIVISION MAP



SARAWAK DIVISIONAL BROCHURE MUKAH



ATTRACTIONS

MUKAH TOWN



Mukah town is well laid out with commercial buildings and hotels. The bustling market and bazaar along the wharf is well-worth a visit. Here fishermen unload the day's catch in the early hours of the morning and the market is teeming with an astounding variety of seafood and shellfish. A wide variety of fish products such as smoked fish, fish crackers, prawn paste (belacan) and a wide selection of local vegetables, jungle produce and sago products is also available.

MUKAH DRY & WET MARKET



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- Located along the bank of the Mukah River, this market is popular location for many locals and visitors alike. They offer a diverse range of fresh catches from the ocean as well as the river, sold at reasonable prices.
- Options of wet or dry food are also available, separating the market into two sections. Among the dried food, you can find Ikan Salai (smoked fish) Sago, Lemantak, keropok (crunchy snacks), pastries, vegetables and fruit.
- In the wet food section, you can find things like the fresh catches from the ocean and river and umai (raw fish served with lemon). You can also find meat from livestock here.



KAMPUNG TELIAN



Kampung Telian, (10 minutes drive from Mukah town) has stood in its present location along the Telian River since time immemorial. Around 3,000 residents live in and around the three main villages connected with plank walkways. Visitors can tour the village or take boat rides along the river. Here sago logs are towed along the waterways to reach sago processing factories downriver. An interesting site is the location of the only remaining two burial totem poles known as **jerunai**.



jerunai

LAMIN DANA CULTURAL BOUTIQUE LODGE



Lamin Dana Cultural Boutique Lodge, in Kampung Telian showcases Melanau history and heritage and provides daily tours and customised holiday packages. Activities include village tours, boat rides, traditional games and cultural performances. Visitors can sample local Melanau cuisine such as sago, umai (Melanau Cerviche) and other home-cooked delicacies.

The Lamin Dana Heritage Showcase held in September aims to preserve the Melanau heritage through cultural intelligence while sustaining the local community. The highlight is a fashion show by local designers that incorporates Melanau designs.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

A cultural stay-in where guests can immerse in Melanau hospitality and lifestyle.

Entrance Fee

Adult : RM10 per person per entry
Children: RM5 per person per entry

Contact No :

Room rates and tour packages contact:
Diana Rose Tel: 019 849 5962. Fax : +60 85-643633
Website: www.laminana.com.
Email: genistarose@laminana.com

SAPAN PULOH MINI MUSEUM



Situated in Kampung Telian, the Sapan Pulo Mini Museum exhibits a collection of rare Melanau artefacts and interesting information on Melanau heritage. Visits are by appointment only.

Entrance Fee

RM10 per pax.

Contact No :

Tommy Black, Tel: 019 878 1545.

EATING OUT : MUKAH

Like most towns in Sarawak, Mukah has its share of old Chinese coffee shops known as kopi tiam with their dependable staple of morning coffee, toast (roti bakar), half boiled eggs and noodle dishes. There are also restaurants serving traditional Malay cuisine.

Being a coastal community, Melanau cuisine is largely based on bounties from the sea and seafood is served fresh or smoked, salted, preserved and grilled.

The staple diet is sago and this is made into a starchy paste called **linut**. Sago flour, mixed with shredded coconut, rice husks and coconut milk is made into pellets which are toasted or eaten raw. The flour is also used to make snacks known as **tebaloi**.

Umai (Melanau Cerviche) is made from raw fish cured in lime juice and spiced with shallots and chilli. Smoked, grilled or stir-fried sago grubs are an acquired taste.



Linut



Umai



Tebaloi

Sago pallet

EVENTS : MUKAH

KAUL FESTIVAL



Kaul Festival (April) – has been celebrated for hundreds of years by the Melanau. In the past it was a religious ceremony to appease the spirits of the seas, land, forest and farms. It also marked the start of the Melanau calendar and the end of the monsoon season. Today, it is a well-attended cultural celebration featuring a colourful flotilla of fishing boats, performances, showcases of handicraft and local cuisine. A popular attraction is the giant swings called **Ibbou**. Kaul Kakan, is held at dawn on the first day of the festival at Kampung Telian. The ceremony recreates traditional rites that were practised long ago. A flotilla of decorated boats bearing offerings called seraheng start at Kampung Telian River and head out to the sea.



BERMUKUN CARNIVAL MUKAH



Bermukun Carnival (August) - Bermukun (ad-lib call and response in poetry and rhyming forms) is performed during special occasions. Participants are judged on their choreography, drumming skills and spontaneity. The event also features food fairs and handicraft sales.

REGGATA MUKAH



Mukah Regatta - held once every three years the event brings together people of the various outlying districts to compete against each other in longboat races along the river. Other activities held are cultural performances, decorated boat parades and concerts.

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Fax : 084-873408
Website : domukah@sarawak.gov.my

DALAT TOWN



Situated on the Oya River, Dalat town makes an interesting half-day outing from Mukah or a stopover for visitors traveling by express boats from Sibiu. One of the finest kelideng - burial poles is found across the wharf. There are a number of small coffee shops and open-air cafes.

KAMPUNG MEDONG



Kampung Medong, (9km from Dalat) is well known for its sago and pineapples.

Contact No :

To visit a sago plant, contact: Hajah Masinah Tel: 019 469 0114.



Sago Pearls

Sago pearls is considered as a staple food for the Melanau. It can be eaten on its own, or with fish (umai) or fruits like durian and banana. Baking of the pellets is done in the Belang (open oven). The process of making sago pearls takes about 10 hours in a hot and stuffy confined belanga.

EVENTS : DALAT

KAUL BELISIENG



Kaul Belisieng – is held every year on the first day of the New Year in Kampung Medong, Dalat. Here, the locals practice the ancient ritual of appeasing the spirits by bringing offerings in boats that will sail in a flotilla down the river to the sea.

BESAUG FESTIVAL



Bersaug Festival – a biennial event, it includes boat races of all kinds such as longboats, dugout canoes and powerboats. Other activities held are concerts, food fairs, exhibitions, a beauty pageant and cooking competitions.

BALAU DALAT CARNIVAL



Balau Dalat Carnival – this biennial event showcases the role sago plays in Melanau culture. The event typically includes trading and exhibition booths as well as community booths.

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OYA TOWN



The township of Oya (15 km downriver from Dalat), encompasses a market, a picturesque fishing jetty, shop-houses with plenty of options for eating out. There are also tranquil beaches lined with seafood restaurants and stalls.



Oya Saturday Market

The popular Saturday Market (6-30am to 12noon) is situated at the old ferry jetty. It draws in farmers and traders from all over the district and features a wide range of fresh, salted and smoked seafood, prawns and a variety of shellfish. It also includes a flea market.

D'SANGLAU CAFE



D'Sanglau Cafe situated on Oya beach serves Melanau, Thai, seafood and western dishes. It is an ideal location for family gatherings and events.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- The D'Sanglau Café has an interesting layout, resembling something more like a resort. They offer services like catering, PA system rental and areas for activities and events. If you're a fan of photography or watching the sunset, you can stop by the beach just next to the café and capture the moment.

Contact No :

Tel : 014 374 0978
Facebook : D'Sanglau Café

Operating Hour

4.30 pm – 10.00 pm (Closed on Monday)

EVENTS : OYA

MINI REGATTA MONSOON OYA



Mini Regatta Monsoon Oya (March) features powerboat races, longboat and dug-out canoe races, food stalls and exhibitions and night concerts.

Contact No :

Oya District Office
Tel: 865218.

KAUL OYA



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- The word "Kaul" means to gather together and celebrate. During the Kaul Oya, that is exactly what they do; everyone coming together to have fun, play games and eat traditional dishes and snacks. Among the activities held during the Kaul Oya such as archery competitions, a bird call contest, karaoke contest, a community sports day, and community-run stalls selling food, traditional cuisine competitions and a "mukun" competition. Art of "bermukun" is a Sarawak Malay tradition of trading witty poems which are impromptu and made in response to one another.
- The Kaul is the main cultural celebration of the 'Melanau Likou' or the Melanau who are still practising paganism. During the Kaul, there are ceremonies carried out by these Melanau where offerings are prepared to appease the 'Ibuk' (spirit), particularly the Ibuk of the sea, mainly to give them prosperity, good health or to fulfilling one's wish.
- The offering ceremony is usually held at the 'kuala', or confluence of two rivers, and is significant to the fishing community as it is also said to give them fair weather and good catches.
- Visitor's experience: Traditional ceremonies of the Melanau community in Dalat, particularly in Oya.

AGRICULTURE

NANAS PADA OR NANAS SAWIT



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- "Nanas Pada" or the Pada Pineapple is the name given by the Department of Agriculture Sarawak to the popular pineapple found in Mukah and Dalat. It is also known as Nanas Sawit, but has been popularised as "Pada" thanks to Pada bin Isut, the largest pineapple farmer in the Aba river area, close to Dalat.
- These pineapples are sweet, soft and incredibly juicy, and has become a 'must buy' when one stops by the area.

Location :

Kampung Tanam, Dalat & Kampung Teh, Oya

MATU TOWN



The quaint town of Matu is connected by a road and ferry link from Mukah (1½ hours).

KAMPUNG SOK LONGHOUSE



The only original Melanau longhouse dating back to 1872 is found at Kampung Sok.

Contact No :

Visits can be arranged through the Matu District Office
Tel: 832231.

EVENTS : MATU

MATU FESTIVAL



The annual Matu Festival (July) brings together people from the surrounding villages and hosts various activities.

MAJLIS BERLANGGAR MEJA, IGAN



The unique tradition of Berlanggar Meja is celebrated by locals during Hari Raya Aidilfitri. The event is akin to a large Open House and pot luck where tents and tables are laid in long rows on the streets and everyone sits down for a feast.

DARO TOWN



Daro (1/2 hour from Matu) and is also accessible by express boats from Sibiu. It is well-known for its terubok (tenualosa toli) – a bony fresh-water fish. A sculpture of the terubok is found right

in the centre of the town. The seasonal bubuk (krill shrimps) is accompanied by the lumek (Harpadon nehereus) - also known as Bombay duck. A good time to visit is during the Daro Festival (April) and the Belawai Festival (May).



Terubok Daro (tenualosa toli)



Salai Ikan Lumek

Sesar Unjur



Melanau traditional dishes. Made out of a mixture fish fillet and prawn wrapped in nipah leaves and then roasted on top of charcoal grill.

EVENTS : DARO

DARO FESTIVAL



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- The Daro Festival (Pesta Daro) is held annually to celebrate the recognition of Daro as its own district on the Sarawak geographical and political map. The festival is also held to celebrate the contributions, teamwork and unity of the local communities towards the development and management of the villages within the district, bringing the people of Daro together in harmony.

BELAWAI FESTIVAL



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- This annual Pesta Belawai (Belawai Festival) is held for seven to 10 days on the Belawai beach, a long 10km stretch of white sand and strong winds. As many as 200 stalls selling local food, crafts and knick-knacks are set up during the festival, with activities like powerboat racing, fishing competitions, as well as karaoke and beauty contests taking place.
- There will also be performances like kite flying demonstrations using the strong coastal winds, nightly music performances from local Sarawakian artists as well as a "bermukun" event. (The art of "bermukun" is a Sarawak Malay tradition of trading witty poems which are impromptu and made in response to one another)
- Fresh catches and produce from the sea will also be sold during the festival, as well as sesar unjur (smoked prawn), umai (raw fish with lime) and also tebaloi (sago snack).
- The festival area has facilities like a nearby playground for children and the Resort Iltitah and Resort Reki for visitors. The Masjid Darul Anqam is about 10 minutes on foot from the festival grounds.

TANJUNG MANIS

Tanjung Manis is a new integrated port which has become the primary import and export gateway for the central region of Sarawak and a global Halal Hub for fish products. It is accessible by flights from Kuching, by road from Daro and Sibiu and express boats from Sibiu.



RAJANG SONGKET WEAVING CENTRE



The Rajang Songket Weaving Centre is one of the most well-known in Sarawak. It is accessible from Tanjung Manis or overland from Saniak.



Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- This weaving centre has been in operation since the early 90s, and houses one of the most expensive weaving collections in Malaysia. Songket is displayed here, which is a traditional Malay brocade textile woven with silks and threads silver or gold, displaying intricate designs and motifs collected from throughout Sarawak.
- The exclusive edition of the collections show woven textiles that are not just rare, but are a much sought-after accessory by the leaders and elite of Malaysia, to be worn as ceremonial garb. The group of weavers at this centre have received the Master Craftsman Award for Songket in 1998, and the Excellent Craftsman Award in 2014. They have also received orders for their products from all around the world, including Dubai and Australia.
- The woven songket displays at the Pusat Tenunan Songket Rajang showcase the incredible skill, creativity, zeal and sharp attention to detail of the weavers of Sarawak.

Contact No :

Tanjung Manis District Office :
Tel : 084-813 221
Fax : 084-815 355

INAP DESA SEBAKO HOMESTAY



Situated in Kampung Sebako, Inap Desa Sebako Homestay is the only homestay in Pulau Bruti. Various programmes can be organised at this venue. Situated on the beach, it is a popular spot for anglers.

Contact No :

Jasmine, Tel: 013 563 2557.

EVENTS : TANJUNG MANIS

TANJUNG MANIS FISHING SAFARI



The Tanjung Manis Fishing Safari (March) has two categories – coastal and deep sea fishing. Cash prizes and trophies await the winners.

Traveller Experience :

Highlight

- This annual event has been organised by the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (PUSAKA) since 2003 and is held at the Express Boat Terminal, in Bandar Baru Tanjung Manis.
- The main objective of this event is to promote Tanjung Manis as a tourism destination to the public.
- Usually held for 3 days, the event attracts anglers and fishers from around Sarawak every year. Aside from fishing competitions, there are also other activities such as live cooking demonstrations using fresh catches from the sea, and other activities with celebrity chefs. This event has the potential to become a platform for eco-tourism in the Tanjung Manis area.



ABOUT SARAWAK

Located on the north-western shore of the Island of Borneo is Sarawak, the largest state of Malaysia. A beautiful land coloured in peace and tradition, Sarawak is a prime destination for travel nomads seeking untouched culture, exhilarating adventure and breath-taking nature.



Whether it is sharing in the lifestyle of one of the many indigenous communities' longhouses, exploring gigantic caves in the heart of the Bornean rainforest, or shooting the rapids on a swollen river, visitors will leave Sarawak having enjoyed a host of memorable experiences.



As a part of Malaysia, Sarawak is a peaceful and stable place for travel, suited for large groups or single travellers alike.

With thick jungles a few steps from luxurious resorts and modern amenities, it is the perfect location for a wide range of experiences. As these two worlds collide, the people of Sarawak meet in the middle, with a mixture of modern savvy and proudly-kept traditions, wild nature lining organised infrastructure and old-fashioned hospitality mixed with connectivity.

Revealing a side of Asia unlike anywhere else, Sarawak offers an alternative for those seeking humble authenticity far from the tourist-trap clichés, whether their visit to Sarawak is a complement to a trip to Peninsular Malaysia and neighbouring countries, or a journey of discovery all on its own.

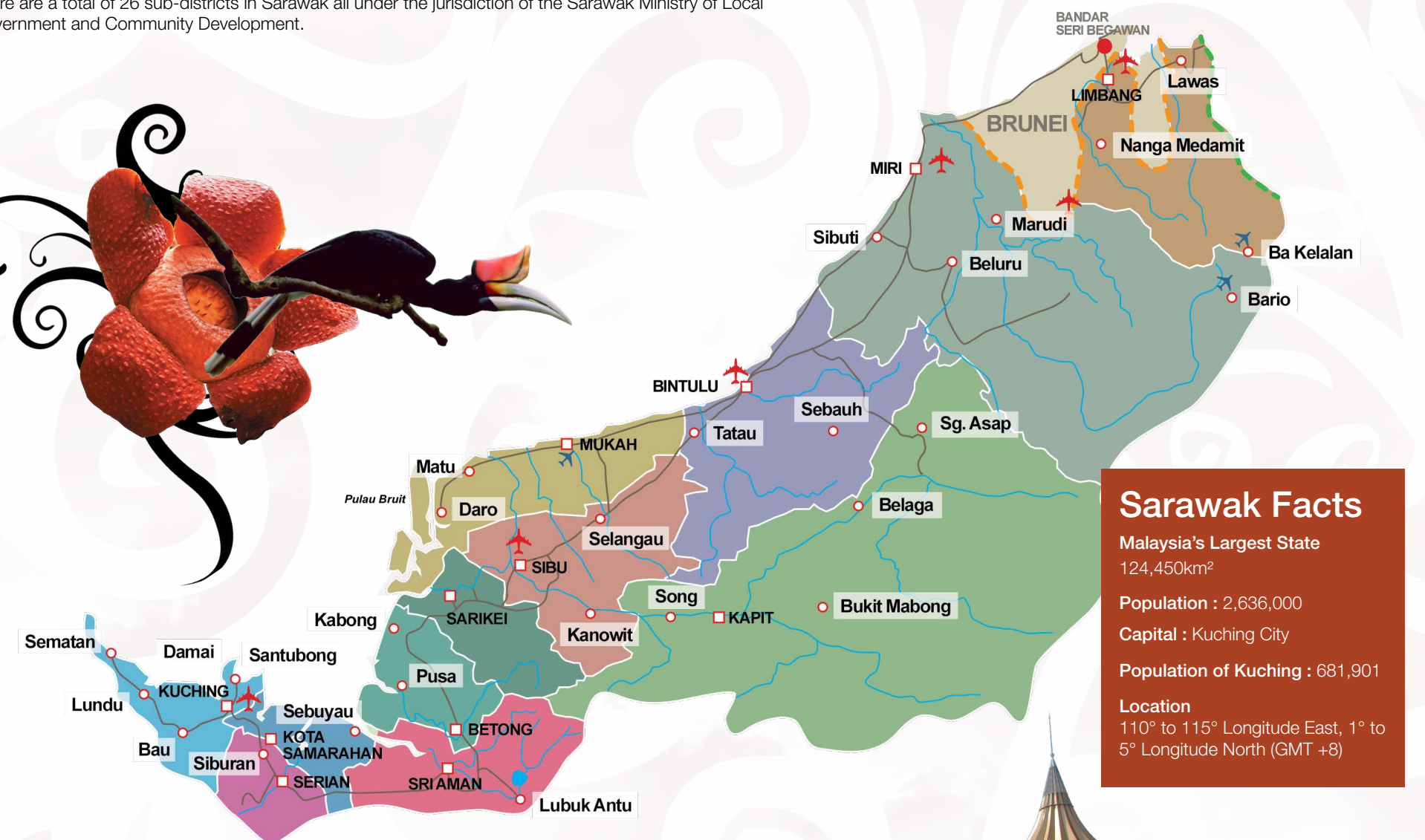
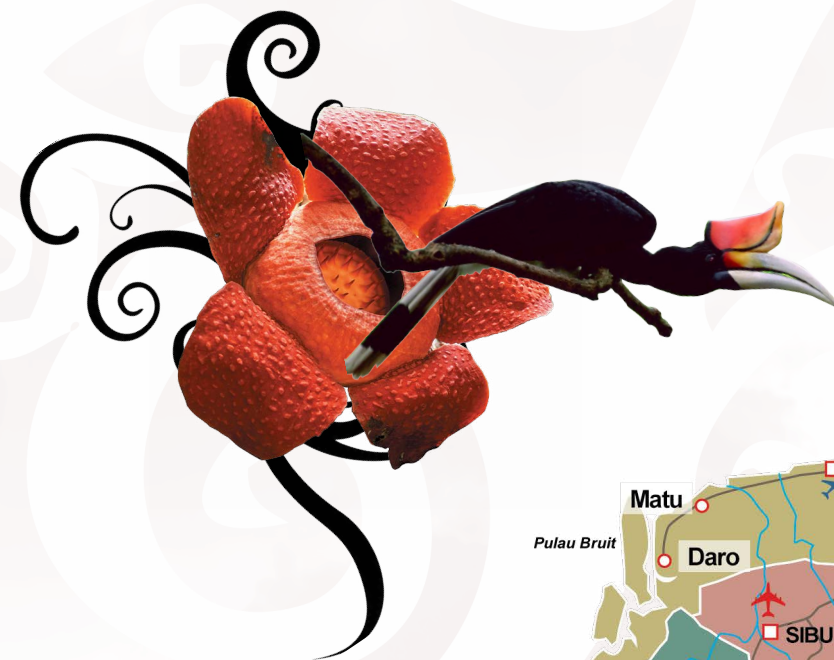


SARAWAK MAP

Sarawak is divided into divisions, 12 in all, each headed by an appointed resident. A division is divided into districts, each headed by a district officer, which are in turn divided into sub-districts, each headed by a Sarawak Administrative Officer (SAO).

There is also one development officer for each division and district to implement development projects. The state government appoints a headman (known as ketua kampung or penghulu) for each village.

There are a total of 26 sub-districts in Sarawak all under the jurisdiction of the Sarawak Ministry of Local Government and Community Development.



Sarawak Facts

Malaysia's Largest State
124,450km²
Population : 2,636,000
Capital : Kuching City
Population of Kuching : 681,901
Location
110° to 115° Longitude East, 1° to 5° Longitude North (GMT +8)



MUKAH DIVISION



Mukah Division includes the Districts of Mukah, Dalat, Matu, Daro and Tanjung Manis, and the Sub-Districts of Balingian, Oya and Igan. The Division is located in the central region with a 200 kilometre coastline fronting the South China Sea.

Mukah town is the capital and well-connected via daily flights by MASWings from Kuching (1 hour), Sibu (30 minutes) and Miri (30 minutes). Express bus services run regularly from Sibu, Bintulu, Miri and Kuching.

Mukah, is becoming increasingly popular among local and foreign visitors. Various infrastructural projects undertaken by the State Government has connected Mukah town to the rest of Sarawak such as the coastal road to Bintulu.

Notes:

The area code for all telephone numbers in Mukah, unless otherwise stated is, 084 from outside the area and +6084 from overseas. For mobile phones add +6 for international dialling followed by the number.



Fort Burdett building has been the administrative centre for Mukah division since 1954 until 2003.



Menara Pehin Setia Raja Mukah

The Melanau Heartland

The Melanau were ancient seafarers and traders and used to build sturdy houses high above ground to ward off attacks by pirates. Their history goes back hundreds of years and they are known to be among the earliest settlers of Sarawak.



Mukah played an important role in Sarawak's history as both the Rajah Brooke dynasty and the Brunei Sultans vied to control the valuable sago trade in the 19th Century.



People

The residents of Mukah Division are predominantly Melanau but the ethnic mix is as varied as it is elsewhere in Sarawak with Iban, Chinese and Malay communities scattered throughout the Division.

In coastal and rural areas, most work as fishermen, boat builders, farmers, sago producers and traders. A unique characteristic among the Melanau is their ability to assimilate with different faiths and there are households with members of family practicing Islam and Christianity.

A small minority of the population still maintain their traditional beliefs and practices of **likou** - an animistic belief system that include ancient healing rituals called **berbayoh**.

MUKAH DIVISION PROFILE

Total Area	6,997.61 square kilometres
Major Ethnic Group	Melanau
Major Languages	Melanau
Major Religions	Islam, Christian, Buddhist

HOW TO GET TO MUKAH

Waterways

Express Boat Wharf at Dalat, Daro & Tanjung Manis

Air

Airports at Mukah & Tanjung Manis - Twin Otter Landing strip

Land

Coastal road, Mukah - Tanjung Manis, Mukah - Selangau - Sibu / Miri Bintulu



Mukah Airport