## UMS mulls marine research station

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(UMS) is planning to build a marine research station under the Borneo Marine Research Institution in Pulau Sebatik, said its Vice Chancellor Prof. Datuk Dr Harun Abdullah.

He said the research station would be built as soon as they received the approval for the site and fund alloca-

tions from the State Government.

"We have identified the location for the project and we surveyed the site with the Sabah Natural Resources Department Secretary, Amat Mohd

Yusof, as well as other relevant officers.

"It is hoped that the approval to acquire the land can be expedited so that research activities can be conducted more effectively," he said after attending a community programme between UMS and the residents of Pulau Sebatik, near here, Friday.

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He said various research work could be conducted, including biological and ecological researches and the importance of marine economy in Malaysia upon the setting up of the station.