

UMS planning to build marine research station in Pulau Sebatik

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TAWAU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (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 allocations from the state government.

"We have identified the location for the project and we surveyed the site with the State 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 told Bernama after attending a community programme between UMS and the residents of Pulau Sebatik near here yesterday.

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