

# Rasa Ria, UMS to explore, develop Glowing Mushrooms

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Shangri-La Rasa Ria, Kota Kinabalu has signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) for the exploration and development of Glowing Mushroom initiatives within the esteemed Rasa Ria Reserve.

This collaboration signifies a crucial step toward researching, conserving and implementing sustainable harvesting practices for the rare Glowing Mushrooms native to the Rasa Ria Reserve.

Shangri-La Rasa Ria and UMS share a commitment to environmental stewardship and responsible use of this extraordinary natural resource.

Shangri-La Rasa Ria Kota Kinabalu general manager Fiona Hagan in a statement said the resort's partnership with UMS is a meaningful stride in preserving the delicate ecosystem of Rasa Ria Reserve.

"Together, we aim to unlock the potential of Glowing Mushrooms for the benefit of science and society," she



Fiona (second left) and Dr Fiffy (second right) during the LoI signing ceremony for the exploration of Glowing Mushrooms in the Rasa Ria Reserve.

said.

UMS Institute of Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation director Dr Fiffy Hanisdah Saikim added that its collaboration with Shangri-La Rasa Ria reflects their joint dedication to responsible exploration and conservation.

"We aspire to contribute valuable insights to scientific knowledge and innovation," she said.

The LOI sets the foundation for joint research and planning efforts, emphasizing ethical practices, environmental sustainability, and community engagement.