

Simplify findings, scientists urged

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KOTA KINABALU, Wed. — Scientists have been urged to simplify their findings so that research results are useful to policy-makers and interested parties.

Prof Datin Dr Maryati Mohamed of Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) said today that scientists had been producing quality research but often it was not useful to those who required the information.

"We feel sad that this is

happening, and this is the dilemma scientists are facing now.

"Scientists have to learn to translate data into a form that others can understand," she said.

"We have to be on the same wavelength as those we intend to supply our research to, or those who we hope will benefit from our work."

Maryati, director of the UMS Institute for Tropical Bi-

ology and Conservation, said this at a panel discussion at the Bornean Biodiversity and Ecosystems Conservation (BBEC) fourth international conference at the UMS campus.

The three-day conference is to discuss what can be done to promote nature conservation in Sabah, and to evaluate how far the BBEC programme had progressed in the last four years.