



The injured dolphin being transferred by the SWD team.



Dr Sen attending to the injured mammal at Universiti Malaysia Sabah's Borneo Marine Research Institute.

## Dolphin found seriously injured

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**KOTA KINABALU:** The Sabah Wildlife Department (SWD) yesterday rescued an adult dolphin near Pulau Gandang, Tuaran yesterday.

SWD senior veterinarian Dr Sen Nathan told the Borneo Post when contacted last night that the dolphin, which is probably a male, was stranded near the island.

"It has injuries on its head, possibly a result of being hit by

a boat. It is in a bad shape and was quite dehydrated when we arrived at the scene," he said.

Dr Sen said they arrived at the scene by 12 noon after receiving a call from the Fisheries Department at 11.30am.

"We stabilised the dolphin and administered drugs but it is difficult to say if it will make it for now. The next 24 to 48 hours will be critical for the mammal, particularly if it suffered internal injuries.

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“Our prognosis as of this moment is still not good. Once it begins feeding however, we can say that it will be alright,” he said.

The dolphin was taken to Universiti Malaysia Sabah’s Borneo Marine Research Institute where it is now being placed under observation.

“The facility at the university is the best venue for the injured dolphin. Moreover, the team there is experienced in caring for injured dolphins as they have done it before,” he said.

In view of this, Dr Sen said SWD may send some of its staff for training at the Ocean Park in Hong Kong next year.

“This (dealing with injured dolphins) is a new thing for us, it is a new territory. We hope to send some of our staff there for training next year.”

