

# Mangrove crab eggs breakthrough

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## by UMS' BMRI

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Borneo Marine Research Institute (BMRI) of the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) here has successfully produced eggs of the mangrove crab species (*Scylla Tranquebarica*).

BMRI director Prof Dr Rossita Shapawi said the breakthrough was made in April this year after continuous research was done since 2012.

She said that this is significant for the aquaculture and fisheries industries as these eggs will be able to produce crab farming on a commercial scale.

"These eggs through crab farming will also be able to increase the natural supply of mangrove crabs as we would no longer solely depend on them," Dr Rossita told the media here yesterday.

She said that UMS will continue doing a variety of researches related to mangrove crab eggs which will include a collaboration with Tokyo University of Marine Science & Technology.

Also present were BMRI deputy director Prof Madya Dr Sitti Raehanah Muhamad Shaleh and BMRI shrimp hatchery manager-cum-UMS head researcher & senior lecturer Dr Annita Yong Seok Kian.



**BREAKTHROUGH**  
... Dr Rossita  
(left) and Dr  
Sitti Raehanah  
at the media  
conference.