



Wild orchid.

WWF Malaysia-UMS expedition in Liwagu

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KOTA KINABALU: WWF-Malaysia, in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), will be conducting a scientific expedition in the Liwagu sub-catchment area in Tambunan for five days beginning today (Thursday).

UMS' Institute for Tropical Biology and Conservation Director, Dr Abdul Hamid Ahmad, said the objective of this expedition was to gather information that contributed towards building critical knowledge for supporting the management of the Liwagu Sub-catchment area and the natural resources within it.

He said the expedition would include surveys and investigations, as well as identification and establishment of sampling and research plots for future data collection.

"The collaboration between WWF-Malaysia and UMS will continue beyond the expedition and will extend throughout further research undertakings in the Liwagu sub-catchment area in the future including the documentation and distribution of research findings.

"UMS is very excited to work with WWF-Malaysia and we believe that in this collaboration, we can complement each other in terms of expertise, skills and resources" he said in a statement Wednesday.

The Liwagu sub-catchment in Tambunan has been WWF-Malaysia's project area since January 2010, and will end by December 2012. It is fully funded by HSBC Bank Malaysia Bhd.



An unidentified insect.