

UMS co-organising sea turtle conservation workshop 2014

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaya Sabah (UMS) will co-organise a follow-up event in the form of a sea turtle conservation workshop in Mabul Island this Wednesday, in conjunction with the three-day 'Mabul World Turtle Day 2014' celebration, beginning yesterday.

In a statement here today, UMS Media and Citra Division Chancellery Department said the collaborators of

the workshop included state and federal governmental agencies, non-governmental organisations and the private sector.

The workshop is targeted at residents in Mabul, including primary school students of the island, as well as the resort staff and guests.

"With the recent report on 60 dead turtles found in Pulau Tiga off Kudat and in the vicinity of the proposed Tun

Mustapha Park, as well as four turtle carcasses found in Sem-porna and the two dead turtles found off Labuan, sea turtle conservation is urgently needed, now more than ever," said the statement.

It said the sea turtle was an icon of Sabah and all parties should work together to conserve the reptile.

The university commenced research on sea turtles in Sabah in 1998. - Bernama