



SHARING HIS FINDINGS WITH THE LOCAL TOUR OPERATORS IN LANGKAWI



FAIRUL AND DR. LOUISA PARTICIPATING IN THE SARASOTA DOLPHIN RESEARCH PROJECT



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Co-founder of The MareCet Research Organization

Fairul is a marine biologist specialising in marine mammalogy, the study of marine mammals and their ecology, and has been undertaking marine mammal research and conservation work in Malaysia since 2008. He has been involved in a number of marine mammal research projects in the country as well as heavily involved in engaging various stakeholders from

the government and private sectors in furthering the conservation of marine mammals and the marine environment in the region. He is also co-founder (together with Dr Louisa Ponnampalam) of The MareCet Research Organization (MareCet), the sole non-governmental organisation in Malaysia committed to increasing scientific knowledge, implementing conservation actions, strengthening policies, and generating awareness on marine mammals and the greater marine environment. Among his other notable achievements include playing an integral part in the establishment of the Malaysian National Marine Mammal Stranding Network, being invited to present marine conservation issues to the Chief Judges of Malaysia in the establishment of Malaysia's Green Court, and being invited to participate in the Sarasota Dolphin Research Project, one of the premier dolphin research and conservation projects in the world. Additionally, he holds a full-time position as a consultant for an environmental consultancy firm, providing advisory services to improve his clients' environmental performance and regulatory compliance. His interest in the field has provided some unique experiences, once driving across the

country for nearly 16 hours (round trip) to attend to a stranded whale and enduring rough storms while out at sea during field surveys in small boats while fully exposed to the elements!

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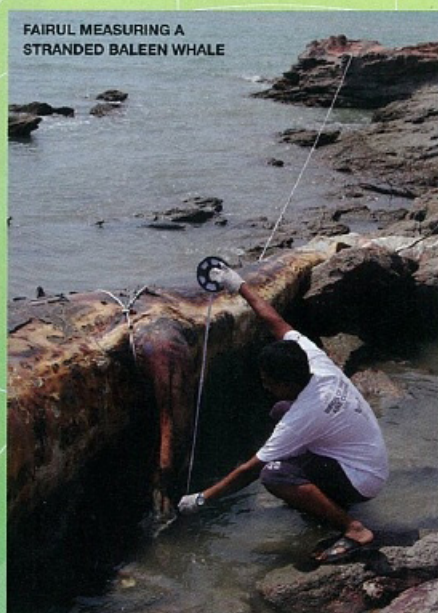
"While conducting a training workshop in Redang Island, Terengganu, I saw the enthusiasm and level of commitment the participants (made up of members of the local communities) had to safeguard their environment. The programme actually added to their already burdensome workload but all were willing to do so in the name of environmental conservation. I felt happy to hear that they have benefited from the workshop and are still continuing the monitoring activities today."

How To Get Involved

MareCet is based in Kuala Lumpur and enquiries can be directed via email to ask.marecet@gmail.com or contact Dr Louisa (011-15776802) or Fairul (011-15776802). MareCet fully believes in the spirit of collaboration and welcomes opportunities to partner with individuals and organizations in pursuit of their objectives, whether it's volunteering, co-developing projects or providing funding. Email partner.marecet@gmail.com to learn more.



FAIRUL AND DR. LOUISA ANALYZING A SKULL OF A WHALE FOUND IN TIOMAN ISLAND



FAIRUL MEASURING A STRANDED BALEEN WHALE