

INTRODUCTION Marine Park

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Islands gazetted as Marine Park Malaysia

1989

First establishment of Marine Park

Main tourist attraction

Economic resources of the country

Protect marine biodiversity resources

WHAT IS Marine Park

SECTION IX, FISHERIES ACT 1985

An area of marine waters that is zoned:

Two
2

nautical miles from the lowest sea level

One
1

nautical mile from the low tide level lowest

Three
3

nautical miles for seven (7) islands namely Mertang Barat, Mertang Tengah, Mertang Timur, Lima Kechil, Lima Besar, Tokong Rakit, Tokong Yu and four (4) rocks which are Tokong Gantang, Tokong Condong, Tokong Belalai and Chupa Temple

IMPORTANCE OF Marine Park

1

Serve as a nursery site and shelter for marine life to breed, grow and find food

2

Function as a wave buffer and protect beaches from erosion and storms

3

Significant tourist attraction that contributes to the national economy

4

Coral and shells form fine sand weathering effect after it dies

5

Promote research activities in various fields including medicine

FUNCTION OF Marine Park

Provide special protection to aquatic and natural flora and fauna by paying primary attention to the preservation and management of natural breeding sites, especially for unique, endemic, hard-to-find and endangered species of flora and fauna.

Increase the survival rate of endangered aquatic species.

Encouraging scientific research activities.

Maintain and enhance the productivity and natural balance of the ecosystem.

Regulating recreational activities and other activities to prevent further damage to the marine environment.

Classifying the Marine Park waters by zone for the purpose as stated above.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES



Scuba diving



Swimming



Underwater photography



Snorkelling



Observation and appreciation of aquatic flora and fauna



Sailing or kayaking



Jungle trekking

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES



Collect or capture marine resources, dead or alive.



All water sport activities using high powered boat.



Discharge or deposit any pollutant.



Remove or destroy public amenities.



Carrying, possessing or using any weapon that can harm marine life.



Conduct diving and snorkeling activities in boating lane.



Stepping or touching coral.



Building or erecting any type of structure in the Marine Park.



Anchoring on reef.



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Legends



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Swimming

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Jety



Snorkeling

2bn



Village



Selam scuba

3bn