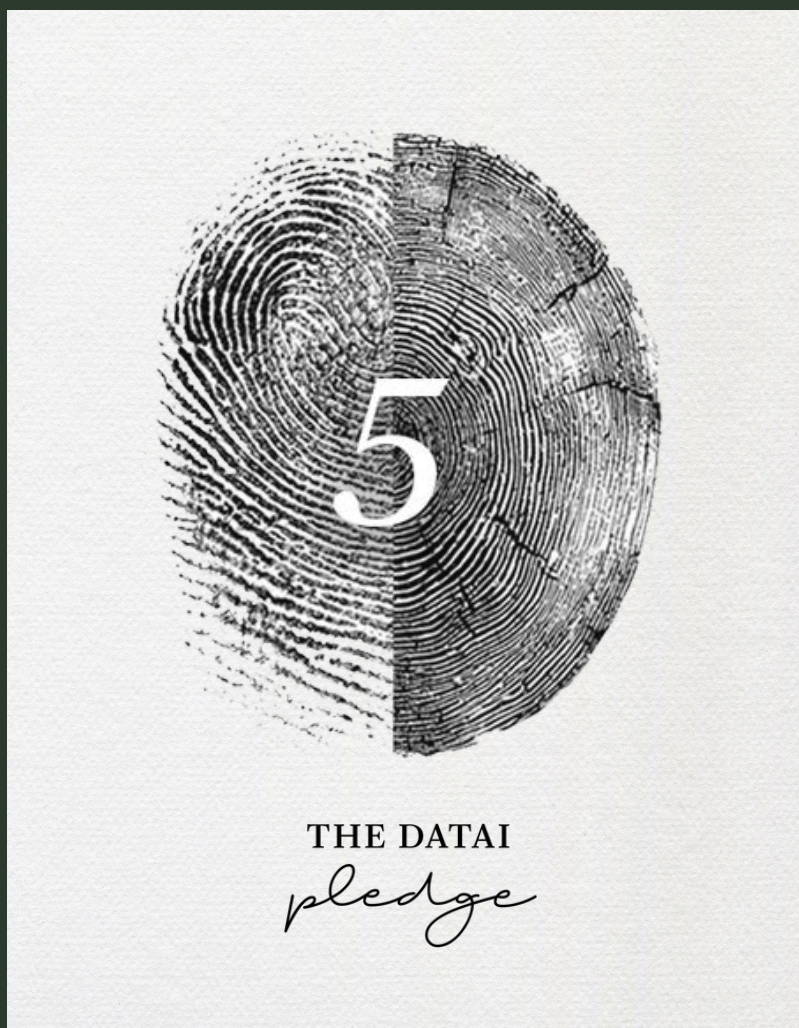


# Human. Nature.

*One shared future.*



*Celebrating five years of The Datai Pledge*

FESTIVAL PROGRAMME

*April 13–19 2026*

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# Hello *and* Welcome

*Thank you for joining The Datai Pledge to celebrate our sustainability initiatives, creativity and conservation at our week-long festival from 13 to 19 April – we have a lot to show you.*

*Embracing our theme of Human/Nature, we are excited to gather guests, partners, artisans, and performers here in our rainforest as we pause to reflect on the poignant connection between people and the natural world – and showcase the work of all the people who power the work of the Pledge.*

*Let's share these stories of succes together, and inspire a lot more to share with future generations.*

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ABOUT US

# *The Datai Pledge*

*Over the past five years, we've been working across four pillars – Pure For The Future, Wildlife For The Future, Fish For The Future, and Youth For The Future – to unlock positive environmental and social impact which benefits Langkawi and its communities.*

We hope you'll enjoy taking part in our hands-on initiatives and engaging activities which are brought to life through carefully curated guest experiences, here in nature, as we also raise funds to achieve much more in the future.

We are so grateful to have you here to help us inspire and shape an exciting next chapter of change.


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OUR MISSION

# Morning Programme Overview

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8:00	MareCet: A Day out with Dolphins and Marine Mammal Researchers* 08:00 - 13:00						
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8:30		Photography Workshop with Peter Ong 08:30 - 10:00					
10:00	Artist-in-Residence: Yann Indigo Pop-Up at The Atelier 10:00 - 12:00						
	Permaculture Walk 10:00 - 11:00	Solar Observation with Nurul Fatini* 10:00 - 11:00	Permaculture Walk 10:00 - 11:00	Solar Observation with Nurul Fatini* 10:00 - 11:00	Community Visit to The Kanshalife Project 10:00 - 14:00		
10:30	Walk The Talk: Primus Book with Peter Ong 10:30 - 11:30						
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		Insect Repellent Workshop* 11:00 - 12:00	Kanshalife: Boho Bag Workshop 11:00 - 12:00	Kanshalife: Kerikil Keychain 11:00 - 12:00			
		Morning & Energy Breathwork	11:00 - 12:00 Masterclass: Hip Mobility & Breath*		Qi Gong - As a Moving Meditation	Masterclass: Restore Hip Mobility* 11:00 - 12:00	Insect Repellent Workshop* 11:00 - 12:00
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 Artist in Residence


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
 Special Festival Dinner

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# Afternoon/Evening Programme Overview

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14:00		The Kanshalife Project: Talk 14:00-15:00					
14:30	Yann Indigo Pop-Up and Workshops* 14:30 - 17:00		Yann Indigo Pop-Up and Workshops* 14:30 - 17:00		Yann Indigo Pop-Up and Workshops* 14:30 - 17:00		Yann Indigo Pop-Up and Workshops 14:30 - 17:00
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15:30		Kanshalife: Mak Tok Upcycling Candle Workshop 15:30 - 17:00	Kanshalife: Plabric Workshop 15:30 - 17:00			Beatrice Hew: Tray Painting* 15:30 - 17:00	
16:00		Curated Exhibit: Ketika Piana – Local Seasons and Sky Knowledge, with Nurul Fatini 16:00 - 17:00					
17:00	Deep Rest Yoga Nidra* 17:00 - 18:00				Deep Rest Yoga Nidra* 17:00 - 18:00		
18:30	Welcome Cocktail Reception at The Lobby Lounge 18:30 - 20:00	Langkawi Night at The Gulai House* 18:30 - 22:30		Taste of The Rainforest at The Dining Room* 18:30 - 22:30	Cocktail Reception 18:30 - 20:00 Mystical Night* at The Beach/Nature Centre 20:00 - 22:30	Finale Gala Dinner at The Beach Club* 18:30 - 22:30	
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# Sustainability Programmes



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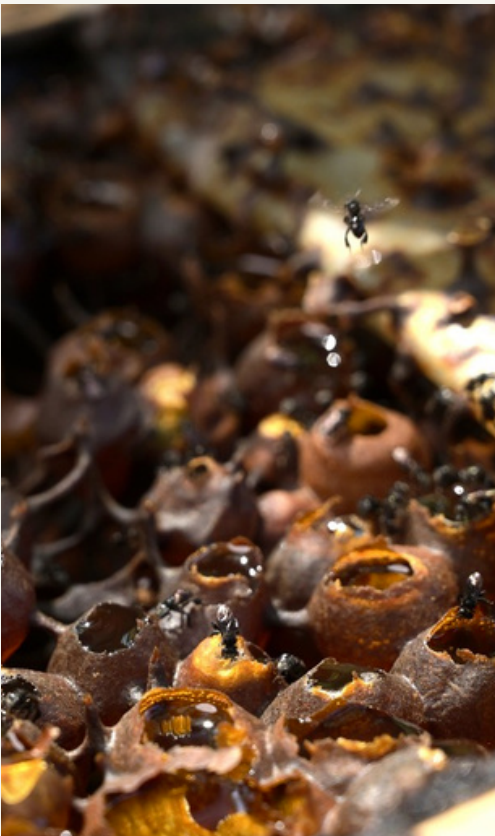


THE GARDEN | COMPLIMENTARY

## *Permaculture Walk*

*Monday 13 April, Wednesday 15 April, Friday 17 April*  
*10:00 – 11:00*

Explore our herb-filled permaculture garden showcasing how nothing goes to waste when you work in harmony with nature. Fruit, vegetables and species galore feed our kitchens and spa, while organic scraps and trimmings show what can happen when you lovingly loop them straight back into the soil that grew them. In this living system that looks after itself, we invite you to experience how the magic happens on a guided walk that's great for curious kids as well as adults of all ages.



THE GARDEN | MYR 140\* PER PERSON

## *'Bee' a Beekeeper*

*Thursday 16 April, Saturday 18 April*  
*10:30 – 11:30*

Stingless bees – or *Trigona itama* – are among nature's great pollinators. Join us in The Garden to learn how they live, watch a honey harvest up close, and taste the result: a slightly tangy honey that shifts in flavour depending on which flowers the bees have been visiting. Their honey is celebrated for its antimicrobial, anti-ageing and anti-inflammatory qualities.

*Suitable for ages 12 and above. Comfortable clothes, sturdy footwear and insect repellent recommended.*

*\*Prices are subject to 10% service charge*

# Sustainability Activities

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THE GARDEN | MYR 100\* PER PERSON

## ***Insect Repellent Workshop***

*Tuesday 14 April, Sunday 19 April*

*11:00 – 12:00*

Head to The Garden to make your own organic insect repellent using freshly picked citronella, kaffir lime, lemongrass and mint – all proven to keep mosquitoes at bay. You'll leave with something that actually works, and that you made yourself.

THE GARDEN | MYR 100\* PER PERSON

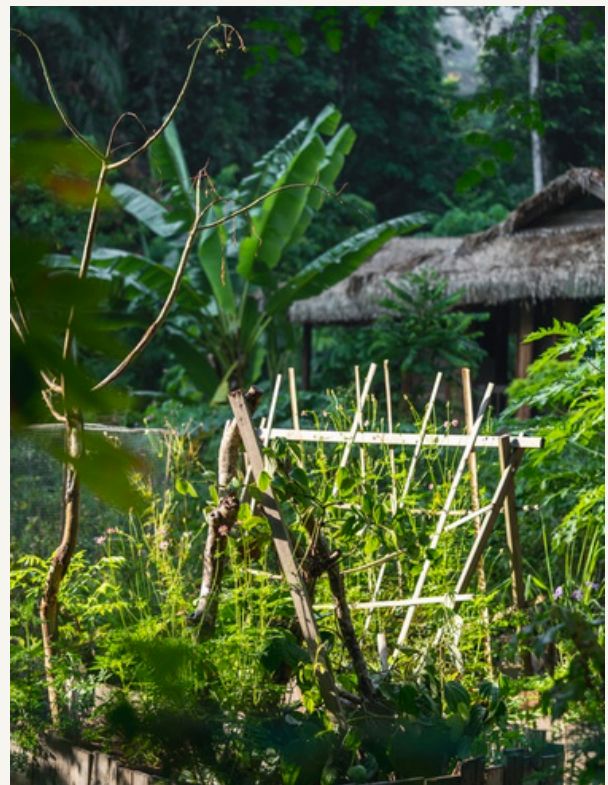
## ***Little Gardener***

*Tuesday 14 April, Thursday 16 April,*

*Saturday 18 April, Sunday 19 April*

*15:00 – 16:00*

Get your hands in the soil alongside our permaculturist, learning how composting and planting can turn waste into new life – with a little help from the creepy crawlies. Good for curious children and adults alike.



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# Sustainability Activities

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WITH LOCAL ARTISANS



## SURI

### *Upcycling Workshops with SURI Lifestyle*

Learn the art of alchemising bedsheet linens and denim into drawstring bags, clutches, or tote bags, with the skilled artisans from SURI Lifestyle.

#### **DENIM SEWING WORKSHOP**

*Monday 13 April, Tuesday 14 April | 11:00 – 13:00  
The Lab | MYR 300 per person*



#### **BATIK AND TIE-DYE SEWING WORKSHOP**

*Monday 13 April, Tuesday 14 April | 14:30 – 16:30  
The Lab | MYR 300 per person*



#### **PAK LONG'S SOAP PROPOLIS WORKSHOP**

*Wednesday 15 April | 11:00 – 12:00  
The Lab | MYR 100 per person*

Local beekeeper Pak Long takes us to the hives in The Garden to watch a honey harvest by our stingless bees in action, before we head into The Lab for a hands-on soap-making session.

# Sustainability Activities

## ARTS AND CRAFTS



### TIE-DYE WORKSHOP

*Monday 13 April, Thursday 16 April | 14:30 – 15:30*  
*The Lab | MYR 100\* per person*

Expand your own creative talents reviving fabric through the binding, folding and scrunching technique of tie-dyeing.



### UPCYCLING WORKSHOP

*Tuesday 14 April, Thursday 16 April,*  
*Saturday 18 April, Sunday 19 April | 11:00 – 12:00*  
*The Lab | MYR 140\* per person*

The Lab was built for exactly this kind of creativity. Come and see how soap, candles and all manner of new things can be made from what others might throw away.

### RESIN AND ART GLASS WORKSHOP

*Tuesday 14 April, Saturday 18 April | 14:30 – 15:30*  
*The Lab | MYR 140\* per person*

Crushed glass and resin come together to make something entirely your own. Guided by our team, you'll leave with a one-of-a-kind piece to take home.



### IT'S PAINTING DAY

*Wednesday 15 April, Friday 17 April | 14:30 – 15:30*  
*The Lab | MYR 100\* per person*

Get creative by conveying your ideas into a beautiful illustration onto recycled glass or rocks. This activity will create awareness on upcycling used glass bottles taken from our Sorting Centre.



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# Sustainability Activities

WITH LOCAL ARTISANS



## Kanshalife Talk

*Tuesday 14 April | 14:00 – 15:00 | The Lab*

An introduction to The Kanshalife Project – what they do, who they work with, and how they connect creatively with The Datai Pledge. Led by the founder, Skaii de Vega, this talk also gives you the chance to meet local artisans whose life has been transformed through the programme.



### MAK TOK UPCYCLING CANDLE WORKSHOP

*Tuesday 14 April | 15:30 – 17:00 | The Lab*

Join Maktok and Sofea for a relaxed, hands-on session making candles from recycled wax from our resort operations. A lovely way to slow down and create something beautiful.

### KANSHALIFE: BOHO BAG WORKSHOP

*Wednesday 15 April | 11:00 – 12:00 | The Lab*

Learn how to turn an old t-shirt into a stylish bohemian bag. Simple, creative and satisfying.



### KERIKIL KEYCHAIN WORKSHOP

*Wednesday 15 April | 12:30 – 13:30*

*Thursday 16 April | 11:00 – 12:00 | The Lab*

We take a humble hotel slipper and transform it into a fun pompom keychain keepsake. A small act of upcycling with a very pleasing eco-friendly result.

*All activities by The Kanshalife Project are complimentary.*

# Sustainability Activities

WITH LOCAL ARTISANS



## GBK Talk

Wednesday 15 April | 14:30 – 15:30 | The Lab

Hear from the founders and members of Geng Bersih Kampung – a grassroots community movement working alongside The Datai Pledge and The Kanshalife Project. Co-founder ‘Kak Zu’ Zuraidah Zainal Abidin and member Wiwik share their stories.



## PLABRIC WORKSHOP

Wednesday 15 April | 15:30 – 17:00

Thursday 16 April | 12.30 – 13:30 | The Lab

Turn everyday plastic waste into a stylish *plabric* pouch. A fun, creative way to reduce waste and make a positive impact on the environment.



## COMMUNITY VISIT TO THE KANSHALIFE PROJECT

Friday 17 April | 10:00 – 14:00

Meeting Point: The Lobby

A proper outing – and a chance to mark four years of partnership with local community leaders and volunteers. We head out to learn how to prepare *nasi ulam* with more than 23 herbs alongside children from Geng Bersih Kampung, before rounding off with a candle-making demonstration at Maktok's workshop.

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# Sustainability Activities

WITH LOCAL ARTISANS

## *Beatrice Hew - Glass Artist*

Penang-based artist Beatrice Hew began upcycling glass in 2020, seeing the waste piling up in landfills not as a problem but as creative material.

She regularly leads workshops at the resort, transforming crushed glass from our resort operations into distinctive, one-of-a-kind pieces.



### **CRUSHED GLASS CLOCK WORKSHOP**

*Saturday 18 April, Sunday 19 April / 11:00 – 13:00*

*The Lab | MYR 350 per person*

Learn to cut old bottles with a special tool, then work the glass into your own decorative clock to take home.

### **CLUTCH BAG WORKSHOP**

*Saturday 18 April, Sunday 19 April / 14:30 – 15:30*

*The Lab | MYR 450 per person*

Create your own masterpiece by transforming colourful crushed glass into a stunning clutch, delicately adorned with dried flowers and decorative ornaments.



### **SERVING TRAY PAINTING**

*Saturday 18 April, Sunday 19 April / 15:30 – 17:00*

*The Lab | MYR 350 per person*

Unleash your creativity as you transform a serving tray crafted from upcycled crushed glass into a one-of-a-kind work of art using vibrant, colourful paints.

A lush green forest with a rocky stream and a small waterfall. The scene is captured in a vertical orientation, showing a dense canopy of trees and foliage. Sunlight filters through the leaves, creating dappled light on the water and rocks. The stream flows over dark, mossy boulders, forming a small waterfall that cascades into a pool of water. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

*Nature*  
Immersion

# Nature Immersion

WITH OUR NGO PARTNER

## Activities



A Malaysian NGO dedicated to the conservation and research of marine mammals – dugongs, dolphins, porpoises and whales – MareCet works across community education, conservation action and government-level policy advocacy to protect both the animals and the habitats they depend on. Co-founder Dr Louisa Ponnampalan, alongside MareCet's marine mammal researchers, will guide you through a range of engaging activities centred on education and conservation.



### **MARECET: A DAY OUT WITH DOLPHINS AND MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCHERS**

*Monday 13 April to Sunday 19 April | 08:00 – 13:00*

*Meeting Point: The Lobby | MYR 350 per person*

A three-hour boat trip with the MareCet team, heading out to spot Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphins and other marine mammals in the emerald waters of the Langkawi Archipelago.



### **MARECET: MARINE MAMMAL LAB**

*Monday 13 April, Wednesday 15 April, Friday 17 April*

*10:30 – 12:00*

*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

Learn more about the life of marine mammals, our distant relatives that reside in the ocean, in this interactive experience

# Nature Immersion

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### MARECET TALK: A DECADE OF MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH

*Monday 13 April at 15:00 – 16:00*

*Saturday 18 April at 11:00 – 12:00*

*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

Ten years of conservation research into Langkawi's marine mammals – the findings, the surprises, and what comes next.



### PAINT A BATIK DOLPHIN

*Tuesday 14 April | 15:00 – 16:00*

*Sunday 19 April | 11:00 – 12:00*

*The Nature Centre | MYR 100 per person*

Bring dolphins to life in this batik art painting session while you learn about these mammals from the experts.



### STORYTELLING WITH MARECET

*Tuesday 14 April, Thursday 16 April*

*11:00 – 12:00 | The Nature Centre*

*MYR 100 per person*

Follow the adventures of Aluna and Cheriya – two Indo-Pacific Finless Porpoises that call Langkawi home – in this storytelling session.



### MARECET TALK: TIDES OF TROUBLE

*Wednesday 15 April | 15:00 – 16:00*

*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

Drawing on real research insights, explore the challenges facing marine mammals in Malaysian waters and the importance of conserving these species and their habitats.

### MARECET: 'FINTASTIC MARINE MAMMALS' ACTIVITY BOOK

*Thursday 16 April, Saturday 18 April*

*15:00 – 16:00 | The Nature Centre*

*MYR 100 per person*

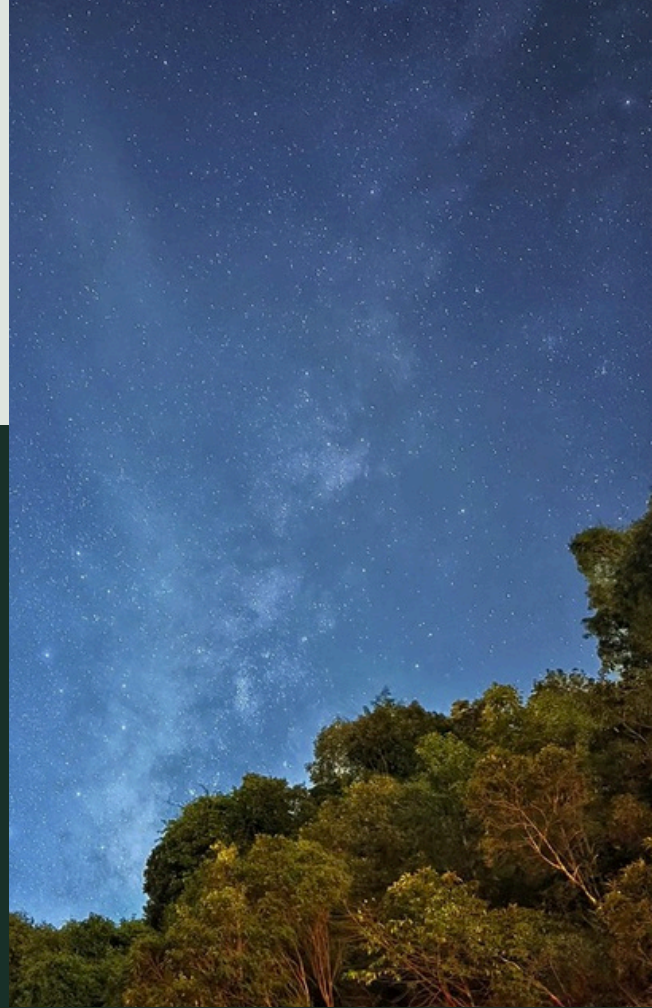
Explore the world of marine mammals through MareCet's illustrated book 'Fintastic Marine Mammals and Where to Find Them?'

# Nature Immersion

ACTIVITIES WITH VISITING EXPERT

## Nurul Fatini - Astronomy Expert

Ethno-astronomer Nurul Fatini Jafaar reads the night sky through two lenses at once: the scientific and the ancestral. Through stargazing sessions, solar observations and talks, she traces the connections between celestial phenomena and the ancient cultures that first mapped them.



### SOLAR OBSERVATION

*Tuesday 14 April, Thursday 16 April*  
*10:00 – 11:00 | The Nature Centre*  
*MYR 75 per person*

### CULTURAL ASTRONOMY TALK: PLEIADES IN CULTURE

*Tuesday 14 April | 15:00 – 16:00*  
*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

### CURATED EXHIBITION: KETIKA PIAMA – LOCAL SEASONS AND SKY KNOWLEDGE

*Tuesday 14 April to Friday 17 April | 16:00 – 17:00*  
*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

### STARGAZING SESSION

*Wednesday 15 April, Friday 17 April*  
*20:30 – 22:00 | Meeting Point: The Nature Centre*  
*MYR 75 per person*

### TALK: WHEN DARKNESS DISAPPEARS – UNDERSTANDING LIGHT POLLUTION

*Thursday 16 April, Friday 17 April*  
*15:00 – 16:00 | The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

### ASTRONOMY WORKSHOP FOR KIDS: WESTERN VS MALAY CONSTELLATIONS

*Wednesday 15 April | 15:00 – 16:00*  
*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*

### WORKSHOP FOR KIDS: MOMENTS WITH THE SUN

*Friday 17 April | 15:00 – 16:00*  
*The Nature Centre | Complimentary*



WITH VISITING EXPERT

### *Irshad Mobarak - Langkawi Naturalist and The Datai Pledge's Conservation Consultant*

Former Head Naturalist of The Datai Langkawi and one of Malaysia's most celebrated naturalists, Irshad brings more than 20 years of field experience to everything he does – from nature documentaries for the BBC, Discovery Channel and National Geographic, to TED Talks, lectures on sustainable tourism and his own nature excursions company, JungleWalla. He remains one of Langkawi's most dedicated guardians.



#### **MORNING WALK WITH IRSHAD MOBARAK**

*Tuesday 14 April, Thursday 16 April*  
*08:00 – 09:30 | Meeting Point: The Lobby*  
*Complimentary*

#### **MANDI EMBUN WITH IRSHAD MOBARAK**

*Wednesday 15 April, Friday 17 April*  
*06:50 – 09:30 | Meeting Point: The Lobby*  
*MYR 175 per person*

Meaning 'bathing in forest dew', this award-winning experience draws on the ancient Malay understanding of wellness and longevity. Head into the rainforest at dawn for a restorative walk, followed by Senaman Tua – gentle breathing and stretching – and a dip in a clear forest stream. Fruit, nuts and herbal teas are served before the walk back through the forest. Come for the birdsong and the stillness. Leave feeling genuinely reset.

*Suitable for ages 17 up. Comfortable daywear, swimwear, walking shoes, insect repellent and a change of clothes recommended.*

# Nature Immersion

## Activities

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### ***Peter Ong – Photographer and Book Author***

Meet Peter Ong – a Malaysian wildlife photographer and author dedicated to biodiversity and environmental conservation. Through his role in education and outreach with Roots & Shoots Malaysia, alongside his photography and journalism, he champions awareness and protection of Malaysia's natural heritage.

He is the author of PRIMUS – The Primates of Peninsular Malaysia, a publication created in support of The Datai Pledge, with a special foreword by Jane Goodall.



#### **PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

*Tuesday 14 April to Thursday 16 April*

*08:30 – 10:30 | The Nature Centre*

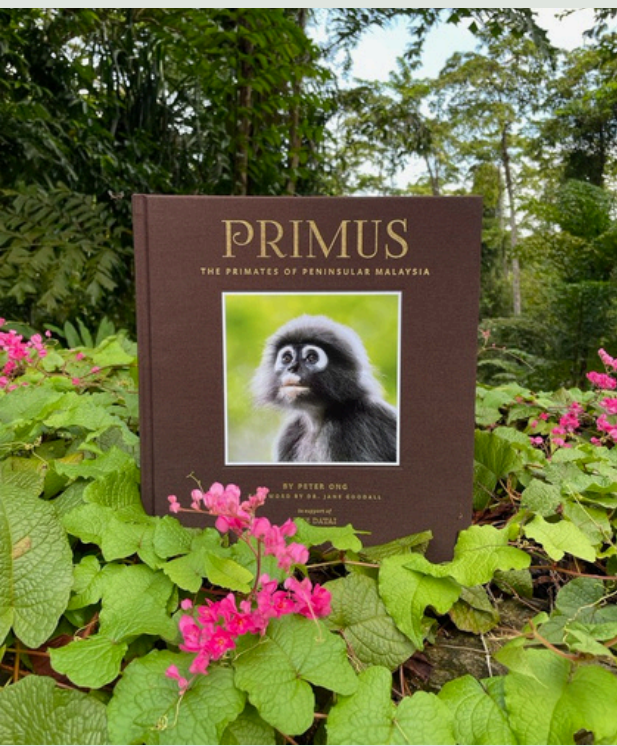
*MYR 150 per person*

#### **WALK THE TALK: PRIMUS BOOK WITH PETER ONG**

*Tuesday 14 April to Thursday 16 April*

*10:30 – 11:30 | Meeting point: The Lobby*

*MYR 50 per person*



# Nature Immersion

## Activities

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WITH OUR RESIDENT NATURALISTS



### RAINFOREST AWAKENING

*Monday 13 April, Wednesday 15 April,  
Friday to Sunday 17-19 April*

*08:00 – 09:30 | Meeting Point: The Lobby  
Complimentary*

The morning is the best time to walk the resort grounds to gain an insight into the flora and fauna of our rainforest, including the traditional therapeutic plants the local medicine man uses.

### JOURNEY THROUGH THE FOREST

*Everyday, 12:30 – 14:00 and 15:00 – 16:30*

*Meeting point: The Nature Centre*

*MYR 160\* per person*

Explore the Rimba Trail on a guided forest walk. Journey from coastal forest into mangroves via an elevated walkway, then continue through lowland rainforest.

### RAINFOREST AFTER DARK

*Monday 13 April, Wednesday 15 April,  
Friday 17 April, Saturday 18 April*

*19:00 – 20:30 | Meeting point: The Beach Club  
Complimentary*

As the fading light of dusk draws to an end and the night descends, a host of unique creatures prepare for the night shift. Watch out for flying squirrels, bats, geckos, the very unique colugos and many others.

### OCEAN'S DRIFTERS

*Monday 13 April*

*11:00 – 12:00 | The Nature Centre*

*Complimentary*

The ocean is the largest biome on Earth, home to a vast and mysterious world beneath the surface. Join us on a mini scientific field trip, where we use nets and microscopes to explore the microscopic organisms that play a vital role in the survival of both land and marine animals.

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# Nature Immersion

## Activities

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### WITH OUR RESIDENT NATURALISTS



#### MYSTERIOUS MANGROVE

*Thursday 16 April at 11:30*

*Friday 17 April at 12:00*

*Saturday 18 April at 12:30*

*Sunday 19 April at 13:00*

*Meeting point: Watersports Pavilion*

*MYR 120\* per person*

Discover the resort's mangroves on a kayak. Find out more about trees and animals that have evolved to thrive in an environment of dynamic and constant change, dictated by the ebb and flow of the ocean tides.

#### TREK TO CRYSTAL CREEK

*Everyday - upon request*

*11:00 and 15:00*

*Meeting point: The Lobby*

*MYR 180\* per person*

A short drive from the resort and a 500-metre trek into the rainforest brings you to a natural swimming creek – cool, clear water and a genuinely refreshing escape.

#### HOW TO BE A NATURALIST

*Everyday - upon request*

*11:00 and 15:00 | The Nature Centre*

*MYR 150\* per person*

Wildlife researchers rely on camera traps to track animal movement, estimate numbers and understand behaviour. We put that same approach in your hands for a day – a journey into conservation set against the beauty of the forest.

#### BUTTERFLY WALK

*Tuesday 14 April*

*10:00 – 11:00 | Meeting Point: The Nature Centre  
Complimentary*

A mid-morning walk along an 80 metre long open-concept Butterfly Garden populated with plants to attract the butterflies that are usually seen fluttering high up in the forest canopy.



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# Historical Encounters

## Activities

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### *The Datai Langkawi Journey*

*Tuesday 14 April*

*16:00 – 17:00 | Meeting point: The Lobby  
Complimentary*

Immerse yourself in the intricate world of design and architecture, as our Historian reveals the creative vision of the resort's designers. Discover the fascinating stories and inspirations behind every corner, turning your walk into an enriching exploration of art and history.

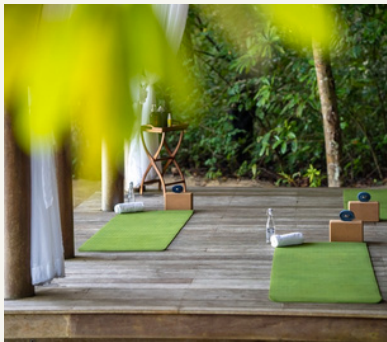


# Wellness

## Shilpa Ghatalia

*Integrative Yoga Instructor, Malaysia*

*Explore Integrative Yoga with Shilpa Ghatalia during her residency at our serene rainforest sanctuary. With over three decades of experience, Shilpa's Hatha-based approach harmonises movement, breath and awareness to nurture balance and ease. Often described as 'meditation in movement', her sessions release tension, restore alignment and cultivate a lasting sense of calm. Suitable for all levels, guests are invited to experience practices that leave the body lighter and the mind more centred.*



### **Group Sessions:**

Monday 13 April | 17:00 - Deep Rest Yoga Nidra

Tuesday 14 April | 11:00 - Morning Energy and Breathwork

Wednesday 15 April | 11:00 - Foundations Masterclass: Hip Mobility & Breath

Thursday 16 April | 17:00 - Qi Gong - As a Moving Meditation

Friday 17 April | 08:15 - Morning Energy and Breathwork

Friday 17 April | 17:00 - Deep Rest Yoga Nidra

Saturday 18 April | 11:00 - Mindful Movement Masterclass: Meditation & Qi Gong

### **Private Sessions:**

Integrative Yoga Consultation | Breath as Medicine

### **Masterclasses:**

Foundations: Hip Mobility and Breath | Alignment: Standing Strength and Inversions

Mindful Movement: Meditation and Qi Gong



Yann is a Penang-born textile artist specialising in designing wearable art and home decor with indigo dyeing and Shibori technique. She is the founder and designer of Yann Indigo Dye Room. She transitioned from a painter to a textile artist and is excited to discover new possibilities to apply Shibori indigo dyeing techniques to produce contemporary products that fit the modern lifestyle as well as explore installation art.

*Artist-in-Residence*

*Yann Indigo*

POP-UP STORE

*Monday 13 April to Sunday 19 April*

*10:00 – 12:00 at The Atelier*

*14:30 – 17:00 at The Beach Club*

Shop the Yann Indigo Dye Room collection of wearable art and home decor, made with indigo dyeing and Shibori technique - each piece reflects the beauty of natural dyeing and the artistry of traditional craftsmanship.



*Artist-in-Residence*  
*Yann Indigo*

**WORKSHOPS**

*Monday 13 April, Wednesday 15 April,  
Friday 17 April, Sunday 19 April  
14:30 – 17:00 at The Beach Club*

Immerse yourself in a hands-on workshop, where you will explore the art of natural dyeing and traditional Japanese shibori techniques - all using natural materials through mindful processes.

Choice of workshop:

Hachinosu Shibori (Honeycomb Pattern) Multi-Styling Drape Cardigan – MYR 600 per person

Hachinosu Shibori (Honeycomb Pattern) Multi-Styling Twilly – MYR 220 per person

Cloud Shibori and Dip Dye Bucket Hat – MYR 230 per person

Kids-Friendly Socks Dyeing with Cloud Patterns and Tie-dye – MYR 130 per person



# *Culinary* Journeys





# Welcome

## Cocktail Reception

**Monday 13 April | 18:30 – 20:00 | The Lobby Lounge**

*A warm welcome to the festival week – an invitation to meet the people behind The Datai Pledge, including our local partners, artisans and visiting experts, who will bring the programme to life through a series of enriching experiences.*

*Discover the story and journey of our sustainability and conservation efforts through a specially curated exhibition in the lobby. Enjoy a preview of the Finale Night's auction highlights on display, and savour some of the natural flavours and locally sourced ingredients that shape the week's culinary narrative.*

*All the while, the rhythmic sounds of traditional Caklempong fill the space – a vibrant expression of Langkawi's heritage, brought to life by its young talents in the heart of The Lobby.*

# Special Themed Dinners



TUESDAY 14 APRIL

## Langkawi Night

18:30 – 19:00 Cocktail Reception  
19:00 – 22:30 Buffet Dinner and Night Market  
The Gulai House  
MYR 420\* per person

A celebration of island flavours – Langkawi's coastal abundance brought to the table through heritage dishes, tropical produce and fresh local ingredients. Local cooks and artisans share their food, crafts and traditions, and guests are invited to meet them. Traditional *Caklempong* rhythms welcome you as you arrive, and lanterns and warm evening light set the scene for a night shaped by the island's spirit.



THURSDAY 16 APRIL

## Taste of the Rainforest

18:30 – 19:00 Cocktail Reception  
19:00 – 22:30 Buffet Dinner  
The Dining Room  
MYR 420\* per person

A farm-to-table evening that traces each dish back to its source – forest herbs, tropical fruits, sustainable grains and greens – set against the elegant backdrop of the main pool. Chefs will be on hand to share the stories behind each creation, offering a deeper connection to what's on your plate. Sarawakian Band *Meruked* play that night, weaving the sounds of the rainforest through rhythm, chant and melody.



FRIDAY 17 APRIL

## Mystical Night

18:30 – 20:00 Cocktail Reception  
20:00 – 22:30 Buffet Dinner  
The Beach at The Nature Centre  
MYR 420\* per person

Fishermen arrive with the day's fresh catch setting the stage for a seafood-themed feast by the shore. A special shadow puppetry performance by *Fusion Wayang Kulit* blends contemporary storytelling with tradition, bringing the island's folklore alive. Along the forest edge and shoreline, an ethereal mood unfolds as soft acoustic melodies intertwine with evocative poetry by award-winning photographer *SC Shekar*.



# Festival

## Finale Gala Dinner

**Saturday 18 April | The Beach Club**  
18:30 – 19:00 Cocktail Reception  
19:00 – 22:30 Six-hands Dinner  
with Live Performance and Fundraising Auction

*MYR 800\* (food only)*  
*MYR 1,200\* (wine pairing) per person*



*Chai Chun Boon, Sr. Chef de Cuisine*



*Said Hazar, Executive Pastry Chef*



*Jack Weldie, Chipta11a Kuala Lumpur*

*The evening is built around the idea of reciprocity – celebrating what nature gives us, and giving something back. The night features a fundraising auction, and a thoughtfully curated six-hands dinner draws on sustainable sourcing, local produce and mindful cooking.*

*Entertainment starts out with Batteryheadz, and culminates in a headline performance by Alena Murang, acclaimed singer-songwriter and 'sape' player, whose music weaves together tradition, rock and folk, drawing inspiration from her Bornean heritage.*

*Her performances are not only entertainment – they are living heritage, shared and celebrated.*



# Dining Experiences



## JOURNEY THROUGH THE FAR EAST

*Monday 13 April | The Dining Room*

*MYR 520\* per person (food only)*

*MYR 620\* per person (with non-alcoholic pairing)*

*MYR 850\* per person (with wine pairing)*

Drawing on his travels, Chef Chai has created a six-course menu that brings together the best of Far Eastern cuisine with diverse, fresh local ingredients.

## JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY

*Tuesday 14 April, Wednesday 15 April*

*The Dining Room*

*MYR 480\* per person (food only)*

*MYR 800\* per person (with wine pairing)*

This immersive dining experience celebrates Italian culinary artistry, featuring a sharing-style multi-course menu with wine pairings crafted to complement every stage of the journey.

## RAINFOREST FINE DINING

*Thursday to Sunday, 17 April - 19 April*

*The Dining Room*

*MYR 490 (food only)*

*MYR 740 (with wine pairing)*

Indulge in a six-course dinner crafted by Chef Chai, using locally and responsibly sourced ingredients, beautifully blending contemporary European haute cuisine with Asian palate sensibilities.



## DEGUSTATION SET MENU

*Thursday to Sunday, 17 April - 19 April*  
*| The Dining Room*

*MYR 780\* per person (food only)*

*MYR 950\* (with non-alcoholic pairing)*

*MYR 1,250\* (with wine pairing)*

Chef Chai's 10-course degustation bridges European haute cuisine with the Asian palate – a personal homage to his time in Michelin-starred kitchens around the world.



*\*Prices are subject to 10% service charge*

# Dining Experiences



## SUNSET TEPPANYAKI

*Monday 13 April to Thursday 16 April,  
and Sunday 19 April | 19:00  
Teppanyaki Pavilion | MYR 875\* per person*

Indulge in a unique dining experience by the ocean at our newly opened Teppanyaki pavilion, where the chef dazzles with a live cooking show, expertly dicing, slicing, and grilling right before your eyes



## AYUTTHAYA SET MENU

*Sunday 19 April | The Pavilion  
MYR 380\* per person (food only)  
MYR 550\* (with non-alcoholic pairing)  
MYR 800\* (with wine pairing)*

This set menu is prepared using ancient recipes from the Thai Ayutthaya Kingdom. The signature taste of this cuisine is a subtle combination of sweet, sour, salty, and fiery flavours



*\*Prices are subject to 10% service charge*

# Culinary Classes

## LITTLE CHEF

*Thursday 16 April, Saturday 18 April*

*16:00 – 17:00 | The Gulai House*

*MYR 250\* per child*

On with the apron and chef's hat. Guided by our pastry team, this is a joyful afternoon for younger children – making, baking and decorating muffins and cookies from scratch.



## THE DAPUR COOKING CLASS

*Monday 13 April (Malay cuisine),*

*Wednesday 15 April (Indian cuisine)*

*Friday 17 April (Thai cuisine)*

*The Gulai House | 11:00 – 14:00 | MYR 400\* per person*

The Dapur – Malay for 'kitchen' – is where we get properly hands-on. Join our resident Malay, Indian and Thai chefs for a session that begins with a walk to The Garden to pick fresh ingredients, moves into the kitchen to cook, and ends with lunch (your own creation included), a glass of wine and a personalised certificate to take home.

*\*Prices are subject to 10% service charge*

# Fundraising Auction

13 - 30 April

Bid in our Silent Auction for a chance to multiply your impact – every lot a genuinely special experience or object, every bid going to the conservation and communities your generosity supports.



*Two nights in a six-bedroom Ocean Villa for up to 12 persons at Amanpuri, Thailand*



*Three nights in a luxurious State Cabin aboard Eastern & Oriental Express, a Belmond Train*

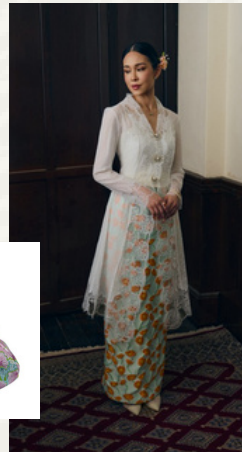


*Three nights in a Tented Beach Suite at Bawah Reserve, Indonesia*



*Three nights in a one-bedroom Jungle Villa at Song Saa Private Island, Cambodia*

*Khoon Hooi's Gold Eryna Kebaya, Chiyoko Pearl Handle Bag*



*Self-portrait Pleated Crochet Floral Maxi Dress (made famous by Kate Middleton)*



*Pulau Tuba and Malayan Tiger Photographs by SC Shekar*



*La Putri's Malayan Tiger Cufflink*

# Performers



## *Alena Murang*

The first professional female sape player, Alena Murang sings in the endangered Kenyah and Kelabit languages – original songs alongside those passed down through generations. Rooted in Sarawak and shaped by rock and folk, her performances trace the Baram River from Borneo's coast to its highlands, through the world's oldest rainforest. A journey through past and present, carried by a voice determined to keep her people's stories alive.

*Finale Night*

## *Batteryheadz*

Batteryheadz Percussion is a Malaysia-based ensemble specialising in marching and performance percussion, known for its innovative approach to rhythm and dynamic stage presence. The group is celebrated for its high-energy, captivating performances across festivals, competitions, and various events. At The Datai Pledge Festival, the ensemble brings a unique sustainable twist – transforming discarded materials from the resort into striking instruments, creating rhythms and performances like no other.



*Finale Night*

# Performers

## *Meruked*

Six musicians from Kuching, Sarawak, Meruked take the ancient sounds of Borneo and wrap them in atmospheric texture – something that feels both deeply rooted in place and impossible to pin down.

*Taste of The Rainforest*



## *Fusion Wayang Kulit*

*Wayang Kulit* – the ancient Malaysian art of shadow puppetry – might seem an unlikely home for Star Wars, DC superheroes and Japanese mecha anime. But that collision of tradition and pop culture is precisely what makes this award-winning team so compelling. By bringing modern icons into an ancient form, Fusion Wayang Kulit keeps the craft alive and relevant – and holds the distinction of creating the world's first transformable wayang kulit, inspired by *Macross*, the Japanese sci-fi franchise.

*Mystical Night*



# Local Partners and Artisans

*You will meet at the Welcome Cocktail Reception*



## **The Kanshalife Project**

A pillar partner under Pure For The Future, this local social enterprise aims to be a sustainable hotspot that combines entrepreneurship, sustainability and art. Founded by surreal artist Skaii de Vega, its mission is to spark change through holistic learning – growing together as an island community while developing new skill sets and gaining knowledge towards a purpose-driven, sustainable, and self-sufficient lifestyle.



## **Kak Liza**

Old bedsheets become something vibrant and beautiful in Kak Liza's hands. Through tie-dye batik classes, she guides guests in creating intricate patterns on discarded linen – a small act of transformation with surprisingly striking results.



## **Haji Non**

Glass doesn't have to end in landfill. Haji Non ensures it doesn't – handling the glass waste stream that feeds directly into the resort's upcycling initiatives.



## **SURI Lifestyle**

Founded by single mother Sally Ahmad and her son, Amer Asyraf, SURI is a community hub built around fabric and possibility. SURI helps single mothers and underprivileged youth in Langkawi with sewing and textile upcycling skills – turning discarded material into income, and shared knowledge into something lasting.



## **Faizy Crystal**

Crafted from sand and metallic oxides, the pieces made at Faizy Crystal begin with founder Kamarul Faizy Roslan, art graduate of MARA Technology University who studied hot glass in New Zealand before relocating to Langkawi. His workshop on the island's north coast hosts a furnace where 1,400°C makes molten glass, which is then transformed into the award-winning studio's perfume flacons, jewellery and paperweights.



## **Pak Long**

From a long line of fisherfolk, Pak Long turned to the trees when the sea stopped providing – and found his calling in the stingless bee, native to Langkawi's rainforest and producer of *Madu Kelulut*, a honey prized for its healing qualities. The only stingless bee breeder recognised by UNESCO Langkawi, he demonstrates soap-making using propolis from our stingless bee hives during his special visits.

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**Harith – Green Carpenter**

Founder of The Green Factory, Harith works with timber in ways that are as considered as they are creative – green design and sustainability education running through everything that comes out of his workshop.



**Pak Cik Othman**

Keeping food waste out of landfill and in the loop – Pak Cik Othman plays a quiet but essential role in the resort's closed-loop waste story.



**Gangga Ayu**

Artist Khatijah Mohamad has been exploring batik through a sustainable lens since 2021 – working across Alternative Batik Ecoprint, Batik Clay and classic Batik Lilin, frequently on discarded fabrics such as linen. Her label, Gangga Ayu, sits at the meeting point of tradition, innovation and conscious creativity.



**DESA**

The Disabled Entrepreneur Skills Association is a Langkawi-based NGO with a clear conviction: that creativity and craftsmanship belong to everyone. DESA works to empower people with disabilities through hands-on making, turning skill into livelihood and livelihood into independence.



**Beatrice Hew**

Penang-based artist Beatrice Hew began working with discarded glass in 2020, recognising creative potential in a material often destined for landfill. Aligned with the principles of The Datai Pledge, she frequently hosts workshops at the resort, where crushed glass from daily operations is repurposed into distinctive, handcrafted works.



**Very Green Ventures (VGV)**

Led by Paul Dass and a team of agricultural experts, VGV is at the forefront of ethical food systems that guides local farming partners through sustainable agriculture and regenerative practices.

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## *Along*

Muhammad Suhail Amzar tends to 3.9-acres of land where he grows okra, long beans, ridge gourd, cucumbers, winged beans, calamansi lime, bananas, and pineapples. Despite challenges from extreme weather, soil-borne diseases and wildlife intrusions, his determination has built a reliable presence at local markets.



## *Pak Yusup*

Yusup bin Abdullah has been working this land for more than 30 years, evolving from vegetable grower to trusted producer of pandan coconuts and papayas across a thriving 6-acre farm. Unhurried and resilient, he navigates unpredictable weather the way seasoned farmers do – with patience and an unwavering eye for quality.



## *Mahyudi*

Five years into farming and still expanding, Mahyudi manages a 3.2-acre rubber plantation alongside a free-range chicken farm housing up to 500 birds. Recommended by the Langkawi Veterinary Department, he is steadily developing more sustainable, humane practices – a small operation with serious ambitions.



## *Saiful*

Saiful's journey as a poultry farmer began in his backyard. Started as a modest hobby, it has grown into a thriving operation of up to 200 birds. As part of the community farming initiative, Saiful aims to establish Langkawi's benchmark free-range, pasture-raised egg farm—blending traditional values with disciplined commercial practices.

# Partner Profiles



## *Juliet Kinsman*

After three decades as a journalist, Juliet Kinsman especially loves celebrating the travel experiences that go the extra mile for people and planet. The founding editor of Mr & Mrs Smith, Condé Nast Traveller's first Sustainability Editor, author and lecturer in regenerative hospitality, she is The Datai Pledge's Ambassador – and one of its most vocal, solutions-led storytellers.

Follow her at [@JulietKinsman](#)

## *Peter Ong*

A Master's in International Law from London might have led Peter Ong anywhere – until a meeting with conservationist Dr Jane Goodall redirected everything towards wildlife photography and conservation advocacy. His most recent work documents the biodiversity and cultural heritage of Malaysia's smallest, most overlooked state: a book and short film both titled 'Wang Kelian, Perlis – The Forgotten Valley', shining a long-overdue light on a place most maps barely pause at.



## *S.C. Shekar*

The Datai Pledge's official photographer – contributing his work pro bono – Shekar brings the same eye to our Pledge imagery that has earned him solo exhibitions at Malaysia's National Art Gallery and more than two dozen published books spanning architecture, food, culture, portraiture and indigenous life. Here, he turns that lens on a subject close to all of our hearts: the plight of Malaysia's orang asli.



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