

SOILS 2008  
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- I wish to attend the post-conference tour
- Please book my accommodation for single/  
twin-sharing (\_\_\_ person)
- I enclose a cheque / money order / postal order/bank  
draft (No.: .....) of RM ..... made  
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The title of my oral/poster paper is (please attach the  
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Soil Science  
Conference of  
Malaysia 2008SUSTAINING SOIL ECOSYSTEMS  
WITH EMPHASIS ON  
COASTAL SOILS

15-17 April 2008

IMPIANA CASUARINA HOTEL  
IPOH, PERAKJointly organized by  
MSSS and FRIM

## INTRODUCTION

The Malaysian Society of Soil Science (MSSS) and the Forest Research Institute of Malaysia (FRIM) will hold the SOILS 2008 Conference in conjunction with the MSSS Annual General Meeting on April 15-17, 2008 in Ipoh, Perak.

The theme of the conference is **Sustaining Soil Ecosystems with Emphasis on Coastal Soils**. The soil is a thriving ecosystem of flora and fauna that plays an important role in changing the composition and structure of soils. Soils are also essential for the management and protection of coastal ecosystems. Coastal soil regions are formed during and following sea-level inundation when seawater or brackish waters containing dissolved sulfate cover organic-rich environments such as swamps, mangroves and salt marshes. Other types of coastal soil include Beach Ridges Integrated with Swales (BRIS) soil, peat swamps and acid sulfate soils.

Our knowledge of coastal soil and their abiotic and biotic interactions is scarce to date. We also know very little about the cumulative effects of a wide range of stresses that affects the coastal soil ecosystem. This conference provides an ideal platform to discuss issues on various aspects of sustaining soil ecosystem for future generation. It is hoped that this conference will also act as a forum to promote and strengthen cooperation and networking amongst the researchers and experts for the sustainable development and conservation of coastal soils.

## OBJECTIVES

- To provide a forum for discussion and to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information on the latest development and findings towards sustaining soil ecosystems.
- To discuss issues in sustaining and promoting socio-economic activities without compromising the soil ecosystems.
- To provide direction for organized research activities on soil, and promote inter-disciplinary and inter-agency networking towards sustaining the soil ecosystems.
- To disseminate information on activities carried out to sustain coastal soil ecosystems.

## SCOPE

The scope of this conference includes:

- Issues and challenges in sustaining soil ecosystems
- New developments in soil management
- Rehabilitation of degraded soil ecosystems
- Pollution and toxicology of soil ecosystems
- Issues pertaining to protecting the coastal soil ecosystems
- Socio-economic activities on coastal soil ecosystems
- Impact of natural disaster on coastal soils
- Any research related to sustainable soil ecosystems

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is intended for researchers, academicians and students with interest on studies in soil ecosystems; plantation and forest managers, stakeholders; economists and policy makers, and any parties from relevant government/non-government agencies.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

In conjunction with the SOILS 2008 theme, papers of relevant topics are invited for oral and poster presentation. Intending authors must send their completed registration forms with titles of the papers and a 300-500 word abstract before the deadline directly to the secretary. Authors are requested to submit an extended abstract not exceeding four (4) pages of both hard and soft copy. The full paper must include the title, author(s), introduction, materials and methods, results and discussion, conclusion and references. Manuscripts should be prepared on an A4-sized paper, typed with single spacing using Times New Roman font with 12 size points, and paged with 25 mm margins on all four sides. All illustrations must be prepared on separate pages outside of the main text. Suitable papers for the conference will be considered for publication in the Malaysian Journal of Soil Science (MJSS). There will also be an award for the best poster presentation in various categories.

## Deadlines for the submission of:

Abstract 30 November 2007  
Extended abstract 29 February 2008

## LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference is English

## REGISTRATION FEE

Non-MSSS member	RM 550.00
Members	RM 500.00
Students	RM 150.00

The registration fee includes the conference bag, proceedings, lunch and refreshments. Additional payment will be required for those attending the conference tour and dinner.

Please submit payment enclosed with the completed SOILS 2008 registration form. All payments should be in the form of a crossed cheque or money order made payable to "SOILS 2008".

## VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

The conference will be held at Impiana Casuarina Hotel, Ipoh, Perak. All enquiries regarding hotel should be directed to:

Impiana Casuarina Hotel, Ipoh, Perak  
Tel: +605 - 255 5555  
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## POST CONFERENCE TOUR

In line with the conference theme, a one day post conference tour to Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve, Perak will be arranged for registered participants on the 17th of April 2008.

## Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve, Perak



Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve comprising 40,000 hectares area is the largest tract of mangrove forests in Peninsular Malaysia. The whole area of this forest reserve is internationally renowned as one of the best managed sustainable mangrove forest in the world. It is also well recognised for conservation and management efforts of the rich diversity of wildlife and habitats that thrive throughout the mangrove and mudflat ecosystems. Mangrove forests are one of the earth's most rapidly disappearing ecosystems. These coastal forests, with trees adapted to grow in saline soil and water, protects coastlines from erosion and functions as a natural barrier to strong coastal storms like hurricanes.

