

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Proposed Bukit Panchor State Park was declared as a State Park by the Penang State Government in 2008. It is expected that the park would be gazetted as a State Park under the National Forestry Enactment (Amendment) 2007. Currently the park is a Forest Reserve gazetted under the National Forestry Enactment 1984 and is being managed by the State Forestry Department.

BPSP comprise an area of 445ha located in the extreme southeastern corner of the state. It includes a water body called Tasik Panchor. Tasik Panchor currently supplies water for the PBAPP water treatment plant located just outside the park. The highest point in the park is Bukit Panchor at 416m. Both the southern and eastern boundary of the Park is the Penang state boundary with Kedah. Beyond the park's border, the land use is agriculture comprising mainly of secondary forest, rubber, dusuns and oil palm. The oil palm and rubber are small holdings.

Outside the western border is rubber, oil palm and dusuns while beyond the northern boundary are the PBAPP treatment plant, the PERDA Training Institute and the village of Kampung Sungai Buaya.

This management plan should be seen as a preliminary planning document prepared to provide interim management interventions to address important issues.

Thus, the objectives of the preliminary management plan are:

- to provide a basic framework for an effective management system
- to provide better protection and to ensure the long-term sustainability
- to ensure continued promotion of biological and economic resources by scientific means
- to engage with the local community and promote their involvement

Apart from several threatened species and an endemic palm, BPSP is important as a recreational area that serves a tri-state area of Penang, Southern Kedah and Northern Perak. This plan suggests that BPSP be developed into the premier environmental education center for the area to help increase awareness of the importance of biodiversity, environmental protection and conservation.