

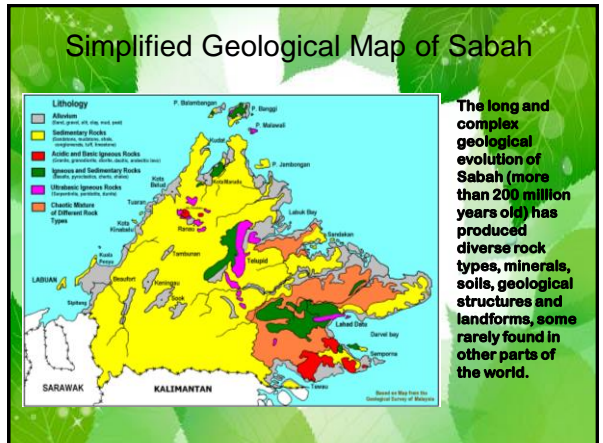
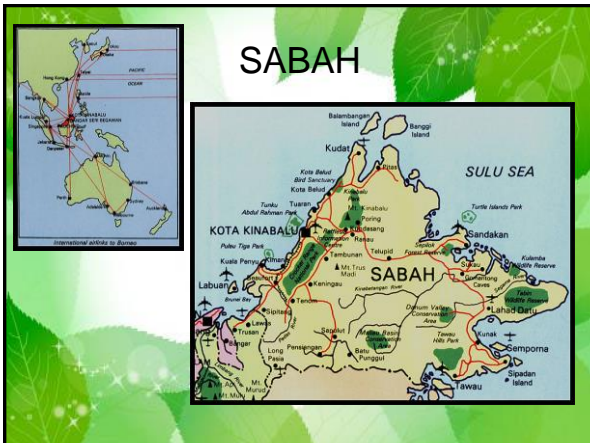
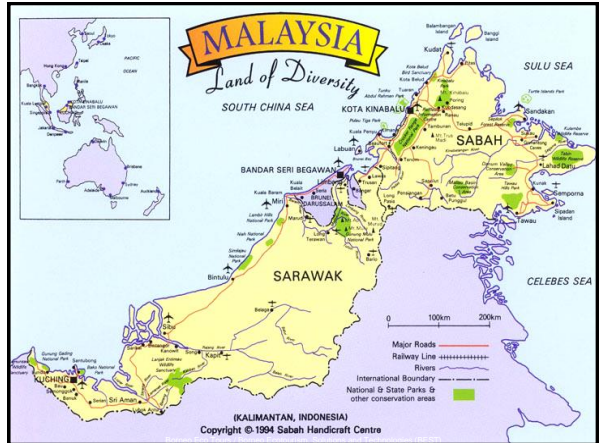
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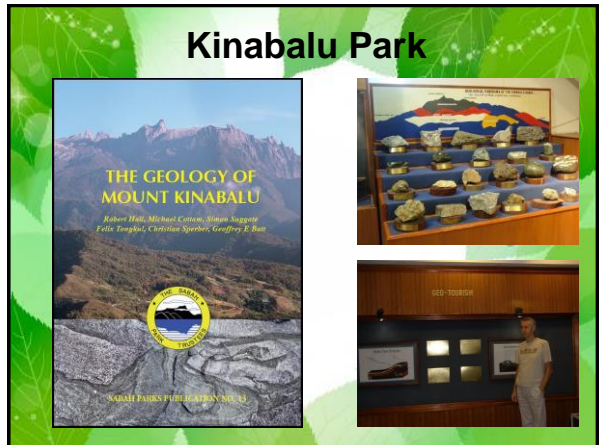
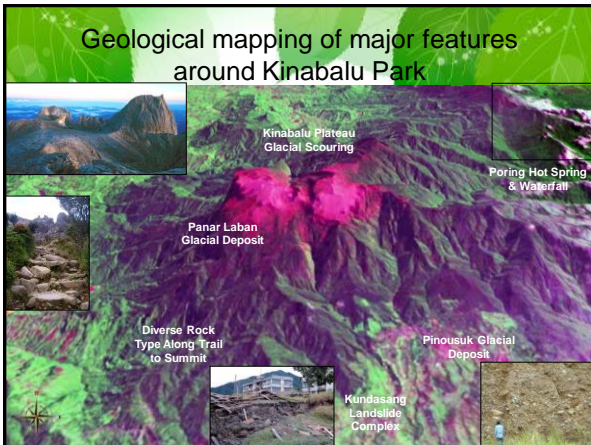
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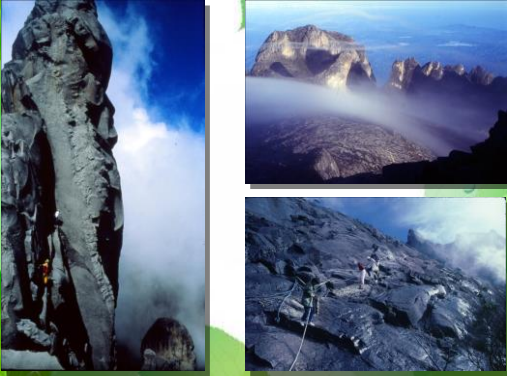
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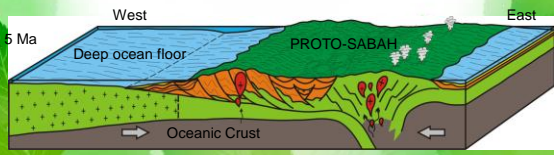
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Camp Lemaing



Pinousuk Gravel Glacial deposit



Kinabalu Park Botanique



Mesilau Trail- poor soil



Kinabalu Park- poor soil



PORING HOT SPRINGS



Pulau Tiga- volcanic



Selingan Island



Gomantong Caves-limestone



Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary- wetlands



Kinabatangan Wildlife Sanctuary

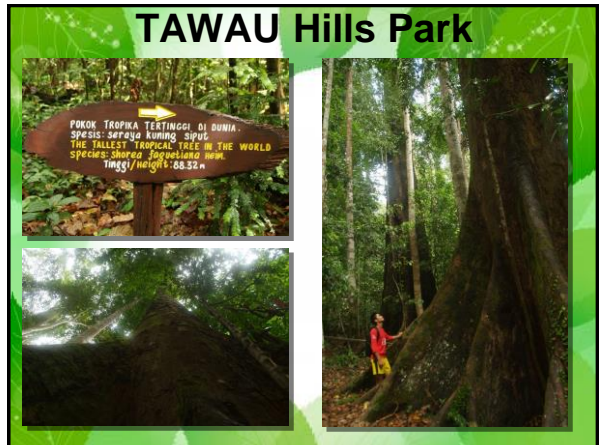
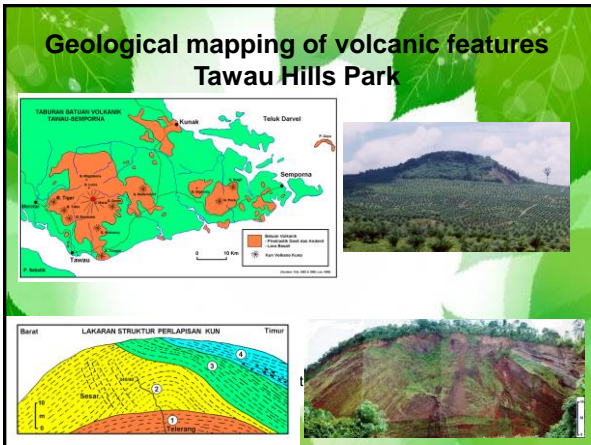
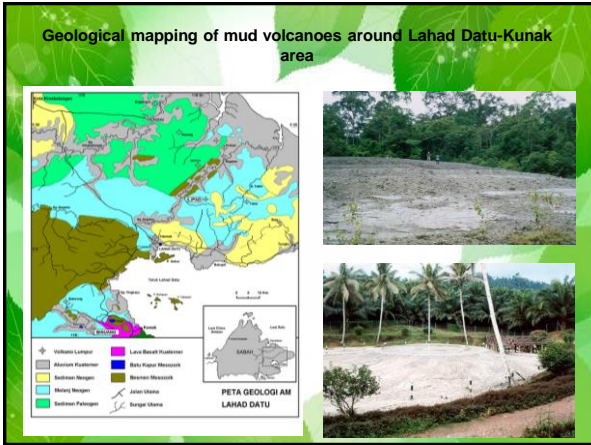


Sukau Wildlife - alluvial



Sukau Wildlife Safari-alluvial





TAWAU – volcanic soil



Alocasia robusta Yam

Kapalai

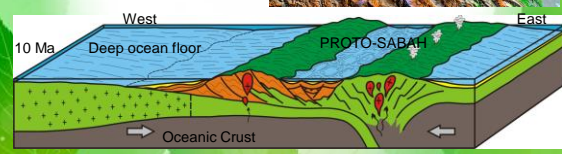
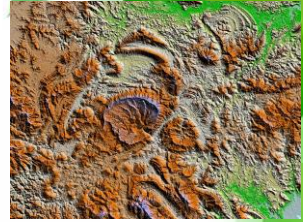


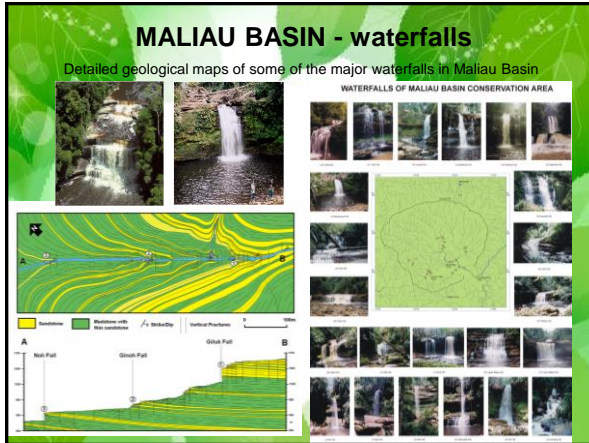
SIPADAN Island - oceanic



MALIAU BASIN

The coastal sediments were subsequently deformed into spectacular circular basins, such as the Maliau Basin, unique to Sabah.





Challenges

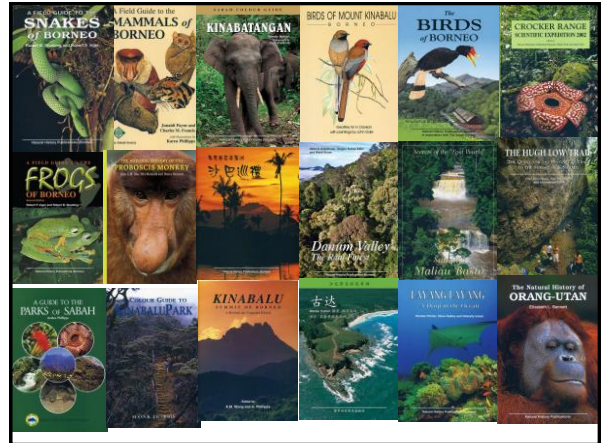
1. Accessibility, evacuation and safety issues on remote areas.
2. Different skills of guides – birding, botanical, wildlife, trekking, diving, whitewater rafting, river boat operations.
3. Physical fitness of guides.
4. Different weather conditions- underwater, lowland rainforest, alpine weather, fluctuating water level for river crossing.
5. Different road conditions and driving skills (4WD). High cost of maintenance for facilities and roads.
6. Carrying capacity limit at key attractions.
Eg. Mt. Kinabalu summit trek, Sepilok orang utan rehabilitation centre, Selangan turtle island, Sipadan island.

Proposals

1. Develop hybrid tour combining and leveraging biotic components with abiotic elements.
2. Develop abiotic elements using recreational activities. Eg. Whitewater rafting, via ferrata, abseiling, kayaking, trekking, river rambling.
3. Develop education and interpretation and incorporate into the guide training programs to relate how geology affects flora and fauna and why unique flora and fauna are found in certain areas only.

Proposals

4. Incorporate Geology 101 in the tour itinerary.
Connect symbiotic relationship between plant life with wildlife and geology.
5. Develop smart partnerships between tour companies in Hong Kong and Sabah. Eg. Geopark areas, alpine club, cycling clubs, birding clubs, etc.
6. Combine two cities promotions.
Eg. Hong Kong and Sabah Geotours capitalising on Sabah unique flora and fauna.



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