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PATRON: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE SULTAN OF SELANGOR DARUL EHSAN

SPECIAL POSTCARD ISSUED FOR WORLD TURTLE DAY (23 MAY 2020) Indraneil Das

On 23 May 2020, recognised as 'World Turtle Day', the Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, issued a printed postcard that was cancelled with a matching stamp. The postcard features a classic Sarawak stamp from 1955, which is part of the Queen Elizabeth II Definitive Series, a 15-cent value in ultramarine, showing a Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) printed on the obverse (Stanley Gibbons, SG 195). On the reverse of the postcard is a short conservation message. The card, along with a matching postage stamp, was mailed to conservation partners of the Institute.

Turtles are one of the most threatened animal groups, with over half the species in danger of extinction. Yet, these are proverbially the longest-lived species on earth, in addition to being the symbol of patience and good luck in many Asian cultures.



Figure 1. Printed postcard issued for World Turtle Day, 23 May 2020, based on the design from SG 195 (issued in 1955), affixed with a \$1 stamp depicting an Olive Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*, SG 453 (issued 1990)).

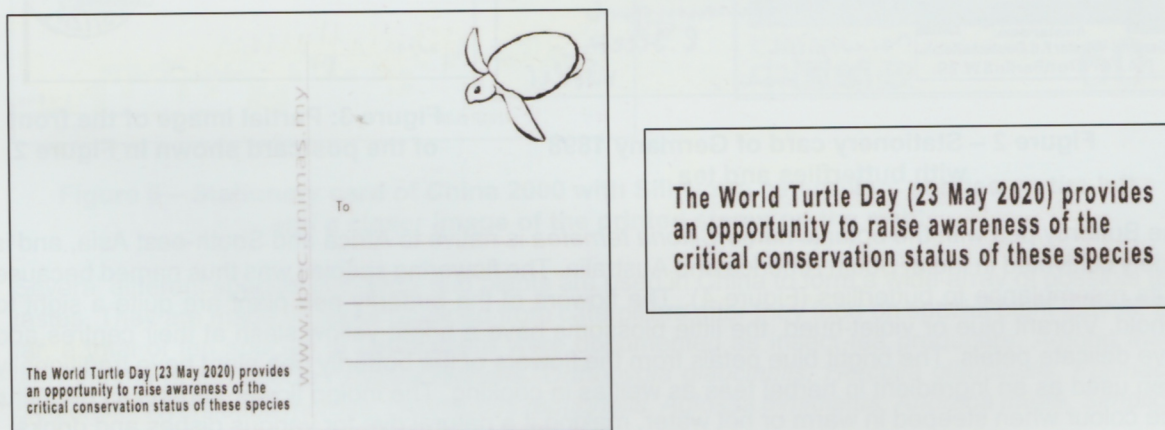


Figure 2. Reverse of postcard, with conservation message.

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