

Sarawak Biodiversity Centre to hold webinar on sharks, stingrays on March 23

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KUCHING, March 19: Sarawak Biodiversity Centre (SBC) will hold a webinar entitled 'Sharks and Stingrays of Borneo and their Glorious Biodiversity of Parasites' on March 23.

SBC in a statement today, said the webinar would be hosted via Zoom starting at 10am delivered by international and distinguished marine expert Dr Kirsten Jensen, who is a professor from the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and Senior Curator of the Invertebrate Zoology of the Biodiversity Institute in the University of Kansas.

"The session will also feature a look inside these amazing marine animals' intestines and discover the unexpectedly intriguing realm of parasites and its spectacular diversity, complex life-cycles, and the beneficial nature of the intimate associations between tapeworms and their hosts," it said.

Those interested can register via Zoom at https://bit.ly/3wb00E1.

This talk will also be streamed live on SBC's official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sarawak.biodiversity.centre.

Jensen has published more than 70 papers, books and monographs, and delivered over 115 research presentations nationally and internationally, primarily focused on marine parasite biodiversity.

She is a recipient of the H.B. Ward Medal for outstanding researcher from the American Society of Parasitologists and a recipient of the University of Kansas Scholarly Achievement Award.

Jensen has also made significant contributions to understanding the diversity and evolutionary history of sharks and stingrays. In addition, she was part of a team studying sharks and stingrays of Borneo and their metazoan parasites from 2002 to 2008. — DayakDaily