

## **Malaysia's Mangrove Forest Rapidly Depleted and Degraded** *[Bernama 4 September 2013]*

LABUAN (Bernama) – Mangrove forests in Peninsula, and Sabah and Sarawak are being rapidly cleared due to the pressures from growing populations in coastal areas.

The ever changing population dynamics has led to changes in land use and over-utilization of resources.

The mangrove depletion is further exacerbated by rapid economic development in the coastal areas apart from unsustainable forest practices, land conversion/reclamation for agriculture, aquaculture, mining, industrial, port expansion, urbanisation, tourism, infrastructure development.

The news article further discuss on current trend of mangroves ecosystem in Malaysia, their threat, the implications. The author also uses Matang mangrove forest in Perak to illustrate the ingredients for successful mangrove management program.