

## A HINT OF SARAWAK: The 2016 Pre-Tour

by David Tanswell

David Tanswell, together with palm adventurers Philip Arrowsmith, Rudy Meyer, and Michael Gray, set off on a reconnoitre for the IPS 2016 pre-tour. What a great excuse to go back to Sarawak, the east Malaysian state on the island of Borneo, and check out its National Parks from Mulu in the north east to Kuching in the south west. Philip, Rudy, David and Michael didn't take much convincing, all are Sarawak veterans having had many off track Sarawak adventures together over the last 20 years.

Clockwise from top left: *Caryota no* at the entrance to Mulu Caves; *Pinanga rivularis*; *Arenga undulatifolia*; *Salacca rupicola* at the headwaters of the Sungei Melanau; longboats required to access some national parks; *Areca dayung* in Lambir Hills NP.



All up we saw over 70 species of Sarawak palms on this trip. Unlike many palm habitats, most Sarawak palms are understory and many are diminutive, so unless you know exactly where to find them you can be within a few meters and will miss them. Some are too off the beaten track to include for 2016 but with the help of some of us as volunteer palm guides to share our knowledge and Sarawak experience, attendees will see most of these species.

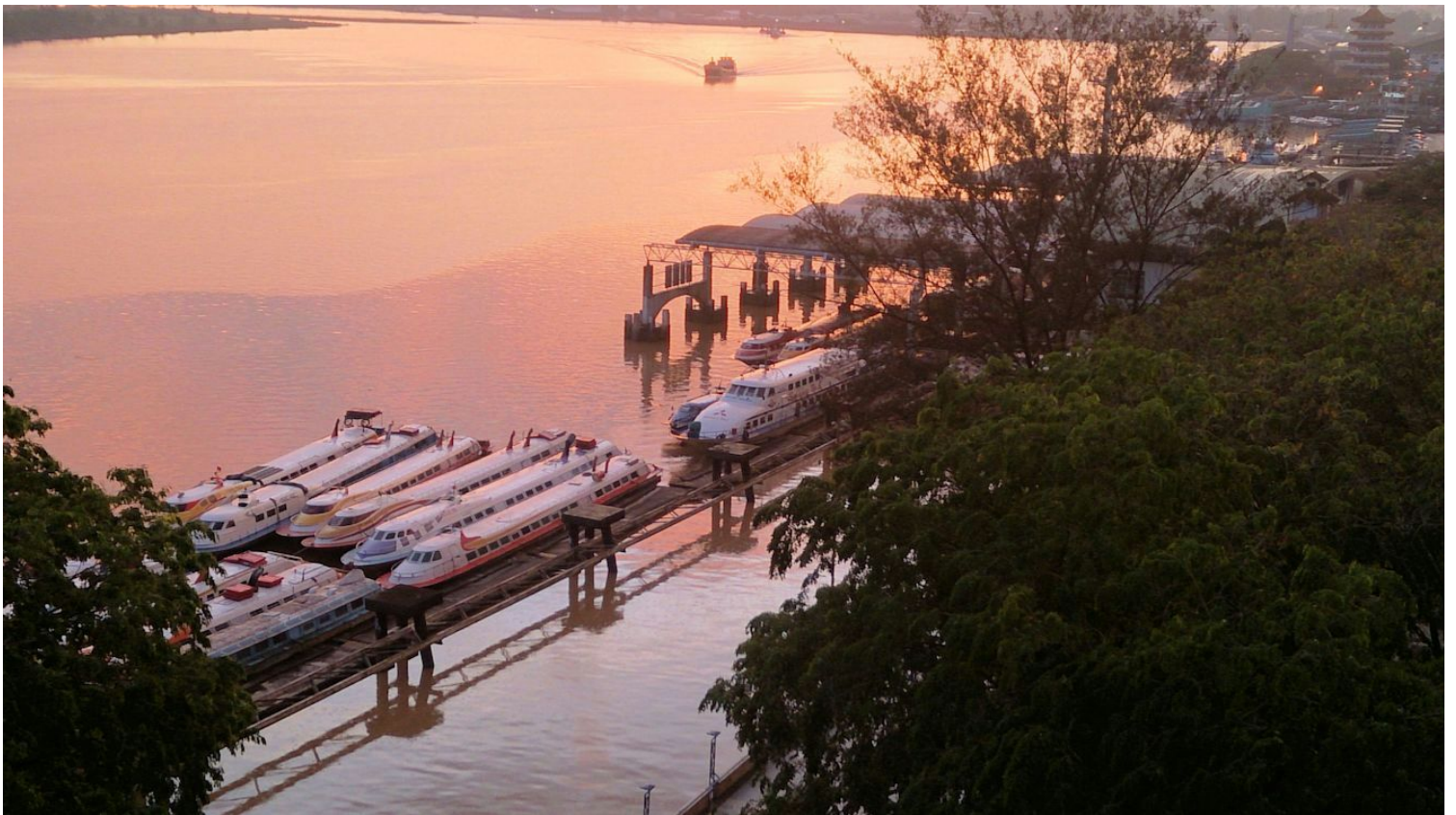
The 2016 tour will be 13 days, from Monday, May 30 in Miri, Sarawak, Malaysia, and concluding Saturday, June 11 in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. The tour is operated by Borneo Adventure, and local guides will accompany the group at every habitat venue. The pre-tour is priced at \$2,430/double, with registration closing on February 29. The tour will be available for booking soon through the IPS website along with Biennial registration. It will be available only to IPS members, and preference will initially be given to members attending the Biennial. Numbers will be limited.



This page clockwise from upper left: *Licuala* sp. in Lambir Hills; stunning *Cyrtostachys renda*; *Pinanga crassipes*, Borneo Highlands; *Pinanga mooreana* fruit; *Nenga pumila* flowers; *Pinanga aristata* mottled leaf.

Next page photos clockwise from top left: *Eugeissona utilis*; *Licuala maculata* at Batang Ai; Sunset on the Rajang

Photos by David Tanswell and Michael Green



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Watch [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) for Biennial and Pre-Tour Registration, coming soon!

You must be a paid member of the International Palm Society to register.

# News of the Society

## Call for Nominations for IPS Board of Directors for 2016–2020 Term of Office

If you know anyone who can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and is willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please submit his/her name for nomination to Administrative Secretary Larry Noblick by the deadline of October 31, 2015.

Nominating requirements: A candidate must have been a Member of the Society for two years before being nominated as a Director. Any IPS Member may propose a candidate for nomination by writing an email or letter to the Administrative Secretary. A second nomination in writing from another Member is also required. The proposed candidate must submit to the Secretary a written consent of willingness to serve if elected.

Duties and expectations of the IPS Directors: The IPS Board of Directors has general charge of the affairs and business of the Society including the management of the Society's funds. Directors are expected to take an active role in Board activities by serving on appropriate committees. The Board meets once a year, at the Biennial meeting or at an Interim Meeting. An ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) of the annual Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting candidates.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Kathryn Morgan, IPS Nominating Committee Chair, at [KathrynMorganIPS@yahoo.com](mailto:KathrynMorganIPS@yahoo.com); or Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary at [larryn@montgomerybotanical.org](mailto:larryn@montgomerybotanical.org).

The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election comprises Faith Bishock, Horace Hobbs, Julie Cleaver Malzoni, Kathryn Morgan, and Lee Tracy.

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