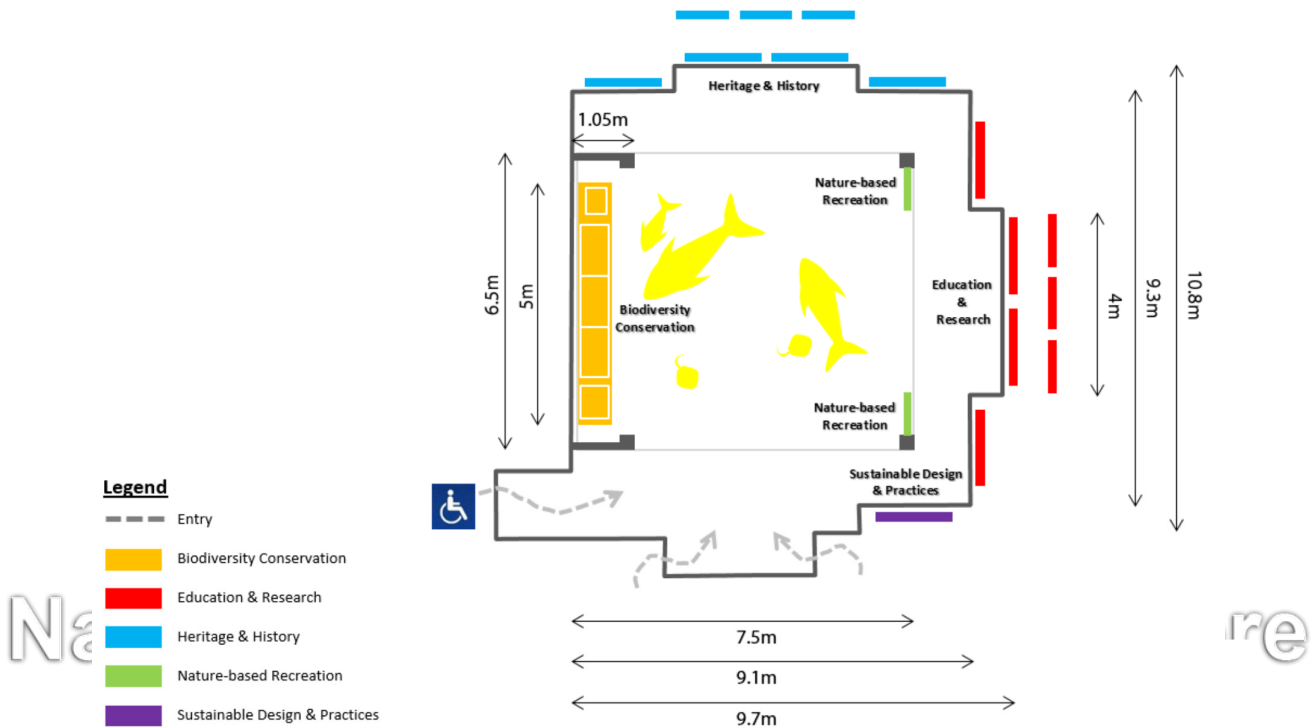


MEDIA FACTSHEET A

Nature Gallery by HSBC

The Nature Gallery by HSBC on Pulau Ubin has been revamped to enhance visitors' experience through updated exhibition content and displays. The refreshed content will highlight the biodiversity and cultural heritage of Pulau Ubin as well as the National Parks Board's (NParks) efforts in conservation, education, research and recreation. The Nature Gallery is supported by a S\$100,000 donation from HSBC through the Garden City Fund.



Floorplan of the Nature Gallery (credit: National Parks Board)

The 105sqm Nature Gallery comprises information panels, 3D displays and an interactive touchscreen. The exhibition is divided into five main sections:

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Education and Research
- Heritage and History
- Nature-based Recreation
- Sustainable Design and Practices

Biodiversity Conservation

This section highlights Pulau Ubin's rich biodiversity, including species that are only found on the island and not the mainland. Visitors can learn more about NParks' habitat enhancement and species recovery programmes. They will also have the opportunity to see life-sized models of animals found on and around Pulau Ubin up close. These models include the Oriental Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*), Straw-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus zeylanicus*), Asian Small-clawed Otter (*Aonyx cinereus*), and Red Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*) as well as the Blue-spotted Fantail Ray (*Taeniura lymma*) and Dugong (*Dugong dugon*) models which are suspended from the ceiling.

In addition, visitors can view the nature conservation masterplan for Pulau Ubin on the interactive touchscreen, including maps highlighting its biodiversity areas, habitat enhancement efforts, species recovery and recreational sites. The touchscreen also features bird calls of the following 10 species that call the island home:

- Oriental Pied Hornbill (*Anthracoceros albirostris*)
- White-rumped Shama (*Copsychus malabaricus*)
- White-bellied Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)
- Straw-headed Bulbul (*Pycnonotus zeylanicus*)
- Red Junglefowl (*Gallus gallus*)
- Collared Kingfisher (*Todiramphus chloris*)
- Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)
- Oriental Magpie Robin (*Copsychus saularis*)
- Ashy Tailorbird (*Orthotomus ruficeps*)
- Brown-throated Sunbird (*Anthreptes malacensis*)

Education and research

Visitors can find out more about the efforts to engage the community through The Ubin Project, public outreach and other initiatives in this section. They can also learn about the Ubin Living Lab, an integrated facility for field studies, education and research, and community outreach. This section also showcases the research conducted at Pulau Ubin such as biodiversity surveys and field studies.

Heritage and History

In this section, visitors get a glimpse into Pulau Ubin's history which can be traced back to 1824 and how granite mining was a major activity which defined the island. It also highlights other economic activities which took place on Pulau Ubin such as rubber tapping and prawn farming.

Nature-based Recreation

This section features the nature-based activities that Pulau Ubin offers including guided tours, camping and interesting places to visit such as the Sensory Trail and Chek Jawa Wetlands.

Sustainable Design and Practices

The interpretive panel introduces visitors to the Ubin Way, a code of conduct guiding ecologically and socially responsible behaviour on Pulau Ubin so that the island can continue to be enjoyed by all. Visitors can also find out more about the Pulau Ubin micro-grid test-bed.

Other contributions to biodiversity conservation

In line with HSBC's corporate social responsibility direction, the bank has supported education, conservation and research programmes in our City in a Garden since 1989. To date, they have contributed funds and volunteers in many areas, for example:

- Supported the development of Pulau Ubin Volunteers Hub, the exhibition gallery at Chek Jawa, educational signs at the Chek Jawa Boardwalk and research projects on Pulau Ubin. In addition, HSBC staff have been volunteering as nature guides for tours of Chek Jawa since 2004.
- Sponsored a children's book titled "The Hunt for the Green Boomerang" through the Garden City Fund. Authored by Neil Humphreys and illustrated by Cheng Puay Koon, it introduces readers to Pulau Ubin's fascinating flora, fauna and heritage sites. The book was launched at Ubin Day 2016.
- Sponsored public education projects which actively involve the community in nature appreciation activities at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, through the Sungei Buloh Education Fund set up in 1997. Projects organised under this fund included the Young Naturalist Passport programme (for primary and secondary schools since 2001 to present) and the Photography and Journal competitions in 2003.
- Supported the maintenance of TreeTop Walk and also educational and research programmes.

These programmes and projects enabled NParks to connect people of all ages to have a better appreciation of our natural heritage.