



Malaysia is recognized for having the oldest rainforest in the world, developed before the ice age, far earlier than those of Africa and Latin America. This ancient backdrop setting allows nature lovers to experience exotic flora and fauna in their pristine tropical environment that can be found nowhere else in the world.

Malaysia's concern for global conservation led the nation to pledge to retain a minimum of 50% of its forests and tree cover in perpetuity at the Rio Summit in 1992. Therefore it comes to no surprise that nearly 75% of Malaysia's land area remains forested, with approximately 60% of that being virgin rainforest.

As one of the twelve mega-biologically diverse countries in the world, Malaysia is able to boast at least 15,000 species of flowering plants, 286 species of mammals, 150,000 species of invertebrates, and 4,000 species of fishes in addition to the countless microorganisms.

Malaysia has a range of National Parks from tropical rainforests to Marine Parks and even mangrove reserves. Just a few degrees north of the equator, the lush rainforests and the warm oceans set the perfect backdrop to watch wildlife in their natural habitat.

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