

Department of Biological Sciences
Seminar Announcement
(Biodiversity and Ecology Journal Club)

A large, detailed photograph of several white orchid flowers with yellow and orange centers, set against a light grey background. The flowers are arranged in a cluster, with some in full bloom and others as buds.

Sulawesi - Straddling East and West

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The Herbarium, Singapore Botanic Gardens
National Parks Board

Date: 11 March 2003, Tuesday
Time: 4 - 5pm
Venue: SR 4, Blk S2 Level 2,
Department of Biological
Sciences
Host: A/P Benito Tan

Visitors may park at Carpark 10
See map: <http://rmbn.nus.edu.sg/RMBR.JPG>

The archipelago between Asia and Australia is a geologically active area, where islands slowly moving along Australia in a north-westerly direction meet islands that form the frontier of the Asian continent. Sulawesi lies exactly in between, and this is reflected in its flora and fauna. For instance, its orchid flora includes elements from both the southeast (New Guinea) and the northwest (Sunda Shelf: Sumatra, Java and Borneo). It is also the home of many endemic orchid species. Unfortunately, the role of Sulawesi as a key component in the strategy to preserve the biodiversity of SE Asia is not sufficiently recognised.

All are welcome