

## INFORMATION ON THE TRIP TO LEPO' BADENG SUNGAI KOYAN, BELAGA.

This village is inhabited by the Kenyah Badeng ethnic group. The village is inhabited by about 3000 people and consists of about 300 family units. The distance from Bintulu to Lepo' Badeng Sungai Koyan, Belaga is about 130km. The people of this village are Christians. They are members of the Roman Catholic Borneo Evangelical Mission/Sidang Injil Borneo (S.I.B). The community leaders i.e. the Headman and the Village Chief.



The Kenyah Badeng are a sub-ethnic group of the Kenyah people who are very industrious and creative in many ways. Most of the population is engaged in agricultural activities as a source of income. The Kenyah Badeng were among the first to promote 'sape' music as a musical instrument and it has become well known all over the world. dunia. Sape music is also used in various Kenyah Badeng cultural activities including important cultural festivals and ceremonies to greet guests to the longhouse.



The Kenyah Badeng are very skilful at handicraft. Among the handicraft items produced are items made out of beads, rattan, bamboo, wood and many more. The uniqueness of Kenyah Badeng handicraft compared to handicraft produced by other ethnic groups lies in the attention to detail and fine quality of the handicraft, which make them a firm favourite by visitors to the longhouse.

The importance of the heritage of producing handicraft is clearly demonstrated in the lives of the Kenyah Badeng community and is displayed in the items used from the cradle to grave.

The main economic activity among the Kenyah Badeng is agriculture. Most of the villagers in Uma Badeng plant hill paddy as well as other cash crops such as pepper and oil palm.







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