



In goli panjang, players try to knock the opponents' marbles out of the circle to claim them. The player who claims the most marbles win

Pesta Ubin 2022 also saw the return of a wide range of exciting on-site activities. Participants enjoyed *kampung* games such as *gasing* (top spinning), *goli panjang* (marbles), hopscotch, and *chapteh* (shuttlecock kicking). They also immersed themselves in Ubin's living heritage through tours and community treks, and attended exhibitions and guided walks that offered a window into Ubin's rich biodiversity. For the organisers, it was a long-awaited opportunity for a homecoming, and to finally meet in person through Pesta Ubin.

Pesta Ubin came to a close with Ubin Day taking place on 25 June 2022. Guest-of-Honour Minister of Community, Culture and Youth Edwin Tong announced several resident initiatives that benefitted the island's villagers. These include personal alert buttons for the elderly, an expanded solar power grid that now supplies 90% of the main village's electricity needs, and firefighting facilities like fire hydrants and hose reels. Minister Edwin Tong also announced breakthroughs in species recovery and habitat enhancement efforts on Pulau Ubin, including the successful nesting of the Blue-throated Bee-eater and the first-ever breeding of the Lesser Whistling Duck on the island being documented.



Ubin Day 2022 graced by Minister Desmond Lee and Guest-of-Honour Minister Edwin Tong

Pesta Ubin 2022

Pesta Ubin returned with a bang this year from 4 to 25 June 2022! Supported by NParks and Friends of Ubin Network (FUN), the month-long celebration involved 22 activities organised by 15 groups comprising 120 volunteers, with over 640 participants taking part in this year's activities.



Participants in front of a house during a guided tour around the Malay kampung



Volunteers from Young Nautilus introducing the different types of marine biodiversity that can be found in Chek Jawa

The host of Ubin Day, Minister for National Development Desmond Lee, took Minister Edwin Tong on a tour of the island. During the tour, they took the opportunity to plant 50 trees with the community as part of the OneMillionTrees movement, visit Ah Ma, the owner of the Ah Ma Drink Stall at her home and her stall, and took in the sights around Chek Jawa Wetlands.

It was inspiring to see everyone enthusiastically contributing to the vibrancy of Pesta Ubin, which bodes well for future editions of the festival!



Families had a great time bonding with one another while looking out for wildlife that comes out in the dark

Ubin Tides



Natural and Cultural Heritage Workshops in Pulau Ubin

In December 2021, the National Parks Board (NParks) held workshops led by Better Trails and Wheelz Future to showcase Pulau Ubin's natural and cultural heritage. Here's a peek at what went on during the workshops.

"Colouring the Coasts of Chek Jawa" Natural Heritage Workshop

The day began with participants of the "Colouring the Coasts of Chek Jawa" workshop arriving at Changi Point Ferry Terminal to meet the facilitators from Better Trails. For many, it was their first time taking a bumboat! Soaking up the sun and enjoying the sea breeze, participants soon arrived at Pulau Ubin and started the tour with a visit to Chek Jawa Wetlands to learn about its inspiring conservation story and rich biodiversity.



Participants excited to take a bumboat for the very first time

To conclude the guided walk, participants translated their trail experience at Chek Jawa Wetlands into a family painting under the guidance of facilitators who also shared new painting techniques using unconventional materials, such as sponges and forks.



(Left) A participant "colouring the coasts of Chek Jawa" with a sponge; (Right) The children painting their experience at Chek Jawa Wetlands

"Hidden Treasure" Cultural Heritage Workshop

On the same afternoon, Wheelz Future conducted a second workshop, "Hidden Treasure", for a new group of excited participants. Facilitators brought the participants on a cycling journey around Pulau Ubin to seek out its historical and cultural treasures.



Participants learning how to map the landmarks of Pulau Ubin

During the workshop, participants visited the Ubin Living Lab where they learnt historical facts relating to Pulau Ubin. Participants also embarked on a group activity to locate some iconic landmarks on a map of Pulau Ubin, and visited Ah Ma Drink Stall and Puaka Hill, the highest point on Pulau Ubin.

The workshop received good feedback from participants. Participants also looked forward to joining future workshops, such as "The Mangrove Art Story", "A Diorama of Ubin's Protected Species" and "My Ubin Sketch".

Want to join us for the workshops too and learn more about Pulau Ubin? Look out for these workshops on the [NParks Events and Activities Page!](#)



Participants visited Ah Ma Drink Stall



Scan this QR code to find out more about upcoming workshops on Pulau Ubin!



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Enhancing Our Habitats with One Million Trees

The One Million Trees (OMT) movement aims to plant a million more trees across Singapore by 2030. As part of NParks' efforts to achieve our City in Nature vision, planting not only restores nature back into our city, but also brings citizens closer to nature through community planting.



Creative O Preschoolers' Bay OMT Planting at Coastal Arboretum

Currently, reforestation efforts and habitat enhancement programmes are ongoing at Pulau Ubin that will see some 30,000 trees of over 200 native species planted from 2020 to 2030 in support of the OMT movement.

In 2022, more than 3,000 trees of over 200 species will be planted across 12 sites on Pulau Ubin. They include the Small-leaved Nutmeg (*Knema corticosa*), Dungun (*Heritiera littoralis*), and Chengal (*Neobalanocarpus heimii*). Most of these tree-planting events are part of reforestation efforts to improve the connectivity and extent of forest habitats within the island.

Community Engagement

Engaging the community is key to the success of the OMT movement. Since 2020, Pulau Ubin has welcomed the contribution of more than 20 community groups towards the efforts for a greener future.



Minister Edwin Tong (left) and Minister Desmond Lee (right) watering the tree they planted during Ubin Day 2022

Habitats for Wildlife

Regularly monitored by NParks, trees planted under OMT provide new habitats and create connectivity between different forest areas.

The reforested areas allow our native wildlife to safely traverse across forest patches to find food or mates, and enjoy larger habitats. Here are some of the magnificent creatures recorded during reforestation monitoring!

NParks staff and volunteers doing reforestation monitoring (Photo credit: Jack Yam)

An elusive mammal, the Greater Mousedeer (*Tragulus napu*) is the only species of mousedeer found on Pulau Ubin. It has been spotted in the understory at reforestation sites around the island. As this mousedeer is not typically found in open areas, restoring canopy cover through the OMT movement will allow it to move around easily and hopefully help to increase its population.



Greater Mousedeer (Photo credit: Mohamad Azlin bin Sani)



White-rumped Shama (Photo credit: Joseph Lin)

The White-rumped Shama (*Copsychus malabaricus*) is a beautiful songbird with a melodious call. This bird is now commonly sighted on Pulau Ubin due to increased connectivity between forest patches from reforestation efforts to link its habitats.



Sumatran Palm Civet (Photo credit: Robert Teo)

Often encountered in reforested areas, the Sumatran Palm Civet (*Paradoxurus musangus*) is a nocturnal omnivore that eats small prey and fruit. It provides an important ecosystem service as a plant disperser, by spreading the seeds from the fruits it eats across its foraging territories.



Join the OMT Movement

If you would like to contribute to our City in Nature and have a meaningful time with your friends and family, keep a lookout for planting opportunities on Pulau Ubin or on mainland Singapore by scanning the QR code!

Scan to find out about One Million Trees movement.