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Kuala Gula-Matang wetlands to be preserved

IPOH: After being put on hold for almost 20 years, the proposal to make the Kuala Gula-Matang wetlands as the eighth Ramsar site in the country has been raised once again, especially among nature lovers and environmentalists.

The objective is to protect biodiversity, especially to ensure that marine life will continue to be preserved and protected from any development activities that will

damage the habitat and natural beauty.

The proposal, which was earlier raised by former Perak menteri besar Tan Sri Tajol Rosli sometime in 2002, is still relevant as this area meets the criteria set for a site of international importance for ecotourism and education.

After several areas in the country have been declared as Ramsar sites since 1994, with the first in Tasik Bera, Pahang, efforts to

include Kuala Gula-Matang must be made a reality for the sake of environmental sustainability, said Malaysian Nature Society president Prof Dr Ahmad Ismail.

"If this is realised, the Kuala Gula-Matang area will be able to increase the biological diversity of the coastal ecosystem as well as improve the income of locals, who are mostly fishermen," he told Bernama.