

Sabah Wildlife Dept seeks DNA samples

KOTA KINABALU — Authorities want samples from the eight tonnes of pangolin scales seized last month to conduct DNA tests to determine their origin. Sabah Wildlife Department director Augustine Tuuga said that while they knew about the seizure, they had no part in the investigations. "As such we do not know where the scales came from. We will not know unless there is DNA analysis," he told Malay Mail Online. He said that there was a possibility the scales came from Africa, as there was a similar seizure of pangolin scales and ivory tusks during the same period as at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA). experts say that the scales could have come from eight species.