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Two arrested for stealing mangrove bark

KOTA KINABALU: Two foreigners were caught stealing mangrove tree bark at Sungai Togob in the Terusan Kinabatangan forest reserve here.

The duo, aged 34 and 55, were caught by a joint patrol conducted by the police's General Operations Force (GOF) and Sabah Forestry Department rangers on Saturday.

GOF Battalion 15 commander Supt Toipi Lamat said the suspects, who could not produce any identity documents, were believed to be from a neighbouring country.

He said GOF personnel and rangers from the department's Kelumba station, found freshly cut mangrove trees and their bark when they reached the Sungai Togob-Sungai Pitas area of the forest reserve.

The team also recovered two axes and two parang among the tools used to steal the mangrove tree bark at the suspects' campsite.