

KKEF Young Environmentalist Internship Award 2011 Recipient

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Suzanne Mathan is a Project Consultant with ERM's Impact Assessment and Planning Team in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia and has five years' experience in environmental impact assessments, environmental management plans, environmental baseline and monitoring surveys, soil and groundwater investigation and regulatory reviews. Graduating with a degree in Marine Science from Kolej Universiti Sains dan Teknologi Malaysia (KUSTEM), now known as University Malaysia Terengganu, and a marine scientist by training, Suzanne specialises in studies focused on the marine environment, in particular for the oil and gas and petrochemical sectors. Suzanne has coordinated and led numerous marine environmental baseline and monitoring surveys and sampling programmes including the preparation of survey plans, sampling programmes, health and safety arrangements and logistics and has successfully complete surveys offshore Malaysia, Brunei and Thailand. Suzanne has also contributed to the preparation of environmental impact assessments and scoping studies, environmental management plans and handling of baseline and monitoring surveys particularly for various activities offshore including installation of offshore structures, production and exploration drilling, controlled source electromagnetic surveys, seismic surveys, development of jetties, etc.

Suzanne is a highly capable individual with a strong desire to make a difference where she can. She is passionate about giving back to the environment and community. Within ERM, Suzanne is actively involved in the ERM Foundation, where she currently holds the post of Secretary, and plays a major role in organising environmental awareness and conservation activities to educated fellow colleagues on environmental issues and encourages their involvement in curbing these issues. Through the ERM Foundation, Suzanne had organised a children's environmental awareness program, Earth Hour within the office, coastal clean-up, etc. She also supports various environmental NGOs and environmental groups in their efforts to create awareness on environmental issues. Amongst them, she is the Assistant Coordinator of the MNS Marine Special Interest Group, whose key role is to create awareness of the importance of the marine environment and marine conservation. Suzanne is also involved in various other activities organised by MNS.