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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade's inquiry into Australia's relationship with Malaysia.

The Western Australian Museum has had cultural relations with Malaysia in the field of maritime archaeology:

In 1985 the Museum was asked by the Museum Negara, Kuala Lumpur to assist in surveying the wreck of the VOC ship Risdam.

The Museum has hosted a number of Southeast Asian maritime archaeological seminars at the Western Australian Maritime Museum in Fremantle, where Malaysian maritime archaeologists have given papers.

The Museum is working in conjunction with Malaysia and other Southeast Asian countries to establish regional training programs. The Museum will provide opportunities for internships for Malaysian maritime archaeologists.

Regional training programs have also been conducted with Malaysian maritime archaeologists under the Southeast Asian Ministers Organisation Project in Archaeology and Fine Arts (SEAMO-SPAFA). These initiatives follow on from the UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage recommendations for regional workshops.

Yours sincerely

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