The Tatau-Belaga Formations of North Central Sarawak: New findings and regional implications

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The relationship between the Tatau and Belaga Formations which form part of the Eocene-Oligocene sequence in north central Sarawak is still poorly understood. Their boundary has been inferred as an unconformity.

Recent fieldwork has shown that: (a) Most of the area mapped as the Tatau Formation in the Arip-Pelagau anticline is indistinguishable from the Belaga Formation; (b) A major angular unconformity is exposed at the NE and SW flanks of the Tatau Horst. The observed unconformity is believed to be the contact between the two formations.

Integration of present observations with published data enables a reinterpretation of the boundary of the Tatau and Belaga Formations, and of the geological history of north central Sarawak.

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