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In April 2000, the Sarawak Biodiversity Centre organized a workshop to systematically divide Sarawak into ecologically and biologically distinct regions. The output of the Workshop was a preliminary *Biodistrict Map of Sarawak* showing 71 biodistricts which were subsequently described based on geomorphology, soils, flora and fauna. It was intended for the Biodistrict Map to be used as a tool for planning and implementing biodiversity surveys and inventory.

Of the 71 biodistricts, six are limestone areas: Bau Limestones, Tatau Limestones, Bukit Sarang Limestones, Baram Limestones, Gunung Api