

Getting to know ...

Don't Subterranean Termites Fight Shy of Sunlight?

Business Development Manager Pierce Chan was puzzled when he saw these subterranean termites during a survey at the Sentosa Boardwalk.

They were pressed in between 2 glass panels and were happily searching for their food, the cellulose found in timber structures.

The question he posed to Technical Manager Dr Jerry Hu was "Aren't these subterranean termites supposed to be fighting shy of the sunlight?"



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Dr Hu's answer: "Contrary to common belief, they are actually sensitive to the dehydrating atmosphere. So if they find protection in-between these glass panels they will continue to forage for food. Remember termites are practically blind."

Thanks, Doctor. You made it sound so easy.

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