

# LONG LELLANG GATEWAY TO PULONG TAU NP



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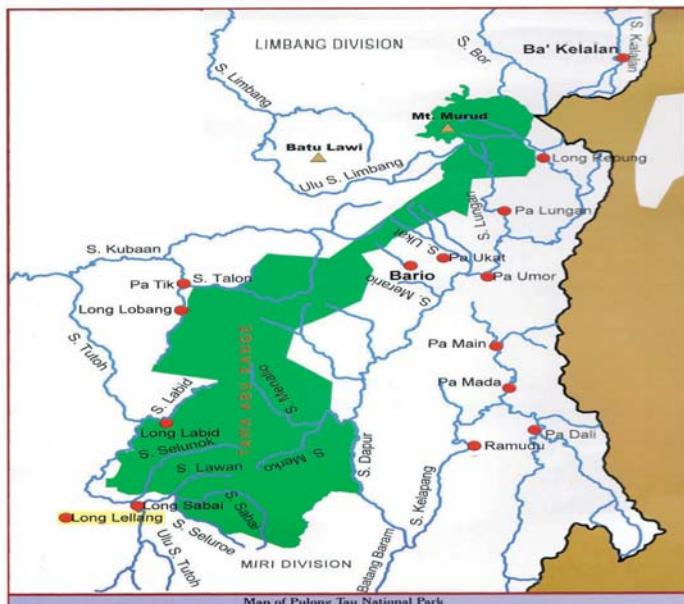
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### LEGEND

- Pulong Tau National Park
- Settlement
- Kayan Mentarang National Park
- River (S.)

# Long Lellang

## Gateway to Pulong Tau NP

Long Lellang is settled by the Kelabits. The Kelabit Community used to be a stratified society. Their adherence to the ethics of the Borneo Evangelical Mission (SIB) has now discouraged stratification and, instead egalitarianism is emphasized.

Long Lellang is situated between 3° 25' Latitude and 115° 9' Longitude. It is accessible by rural air services. Nevertheless, the principles underlying the Kelabit society relate to features of aristocracy still remains i.e. the stride for good characters and to avoid situation of embarrassment, in short to maintain one's status as an (even though the person may not be one by birth). The spirit of neighbour-liness and sense of belonging is evident by the good fellowship among the Kelabits of Long Lellang and the Penans from the surrounding settlements i.e. Long Benalih, Long Main, Long Kepang, Long Sabai, Ba Keramok and Pengarans.

The local community consists of settlements on both bank of Long Akah river. They are linked by a hanging bridge which is as old as the settlement. Several unique cultural features dances, rattan weaving, wet paddy planting, traditional fishing methods and blow pipe demonstration of the Kelabits and the Penans can be experienced at Long Lellang.

For those visitors who are adventures, white water rafting and jungle trekking can be taken up along Long Akah river and venturing into Pulong Tau NP respectively. In Kelabit dialect, "Pulong Tau" means "Our Forest" which shows the local people are proud of their forest heritage. Pulong Tau NP is an important area of conservation of unique landscapes, water catchments, wildlife and its habitats. It is designated as an ITTO project.

