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# Recent record of a flat-headed cat from a rural area in Sarawak, Malaysia

**A trapped flat-headed cat was surrendered to the authorities in late 2011. This cat was held in captivity for observation, health screening, treatment of injury and habitat assessment at point of capture to determine if it was suitable for immediate release. The cat was examined and identified positive for feline panleukopenia and later died despite treatment. Here we report the cause of death and information on the locality.**

Two of the five Bornean felids are considered endangered: the Bornean bay cat *Catopuma badia* and the flat-headed cat *Prionailurus planiceps*. The flat-headed cat is one of the least studied felids and

its special habitat requirements make it difficult to study (Payne et al. 1985, [Wilting et al. 2010](#)). Scarcity of information has encouraged predictive modelling studies which showed that Borneo covers the lar-

gest part of the range of the flat-headed cat and holds most of the potentially suitable habitats ([Wilting et al. 2010](#)). Recent observations of the flat-headed cat from Sarawak were in two protected areas: Loagan Bunut National Park and Maludam National Park (Gumal et al. 2010). Here we report an additional distribution record of the flat-headed cat from Kampung Buntal, Kuching and its susceptibility to feline panleukopenia virus.

Kampung Buntal (1°44.00'N/110°25.00'E) is a coastal fishermen's village approximately 27 km away from Kuching. This little village is adjacent to small patches of degraded isolated mangroves heavily utilized by the local people for aquaculture, fishing activities and crabbing. Traditional fishing methods are currently being practiced, including the use of baited crab pots to trap mud crabs.