

# Larger Mammals

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**B**orneo Highlands lies in the Penrissen Range, straddling the borders of Kalimantan, Indonesia and Sarawak, Malaysia. The Range provides contiguous forests, the Penrissen summit reaching 1,350 m above sea level, its elevational gradient supporting an array of habitats, ranging from mixed dipterocarp forest to submontane cloud forest, which harbour a number of larger mammal species.

We categorize the medium and large mammals based on their morphology and body size. Medium-sized mammals here refer to species that range from 0.6 to 4 kilos in body mass, while larger mammals are those that weigh over 4 kilos. Larger mammals, on account of their sensitivity to habitat change and vulnerability to anthropogenic activities are often used as indicator for monitoring intensity of poaching and human activities. Many large mammals (such as the Bearded Pig, Sambar Deer and the Muntjacs) are hunted for food by the locals. With a long history of hunting, these mammals avoid humans, but can often be detected with the use of infrared sensor cameras, by track identification, and sometimes, by chance onfoot.



**Fig. 1.** The Marbled Cat is typically solitary, predominantly arboreal cat, rarely encountered in the wild owing much to its secretive habits. This image was recorded at 976 m above sea level.