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**Penan and Pulong Tau National Park: Historical Links and Contemporary Life**

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**Introduction**

A number of people live adjacent to the PTNP: the Lun Bawang in the north, the Kelabit in the east and south, the Sa'ben in the southeast, and the Penan in the west and south. This paper is a general description of the seven groups of Penan, four settled and three semi-settled found around the Park. Basically the paper looks at Penan historical links to the general area of the PTNP, and their contemporary life style. It takes account of their social structure, livelihood, daily activities and dependence on the forest and its resources in and around the respective areas they occupy. It looks at migration history, contact with outsiders, and relationships with their non-Penan neighbours. Penan interactions with, and perceptions of, their surroundings as well as their views of the Park are also described. An earlier and slightly different version of this paper was prepared for the International Tropical Timber Organization in Kuching as a source of socio-economic data on the people adjacent to the Park.

The four settled group are located at Long Sabai on the Tutoh, Long Lobang, Ba' Tik "A", and Ba' Tik "B" on the Nyela, tributary of Kubaan which in turn is a tributary of the Tutoh. The three semi-settled group are located at Long Anying<sup>1</sup> on the Tutoh, Long Tah and Ba' Ba' Medamut on the Kubaan.

Information on the seven groups was obtained through interviews with groups and individuals in settlements visited. I visited Long Sabai in March 28-31, 2007, Long Lobang, Ba' Tik "A", and Ba' Tik "B" in April 28-May 2, 2007, and the semi-settled group at Long Anying in July 3-6, 2007. I also visited the same semi-settled group twice in 2008, in April 15-17, and June 14-17 at their new location of Long Taha, not far downriver to Long Anying. I was not able to visit Long Tah and Ba' Medamut, but information concerning them was obtained through interviews with the Penan of Long Lobang, Ba' Tik "A", and Ba' Tik "B".

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<sup>1</sup> The Penan of Long Anying have moved to a new location called Long Taha about 1 kilometre downriver, on the Tutoh.