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Conservation Efforts at Gunung Stong State Park

- The Kelantan State Forestry Department has organised scientific expeditions to GSSP in collaboration with other agencies.
- Capacity-building programmes for park staff will be carried out.
- WWF-Malaysia is producing a Preliminary Management Plan for the Gunung Stong State Park in collaboration with the Kelantan State Forestry Department.

How to Get There

Road

From Kuala Lumpur (KL), take the North-South Expressway heading north and exit at Kuala Kangsar. From the exit, head towards Gerik and then proceed along the East-West highway towards Jeli. At Jeli town, follow Route 66 leading to Dabong. Alternately, take the East Coast Expressway from KL towards Bentong. From there, follow Route 8 to Gua Musang, and then get on Route D29 to Dabong.

Rail

From the KL Sentral Station, the north-bound express train to Kota Bharu will take you through several small settlements including Dabong. From there, you'll need to cross Sungei Galas and head to Jelawang which is only 3km away.

Boat

Take a boat at Kuala Krai to Dabong/Jelawang. The boat ride takes about an hour costing RM10.

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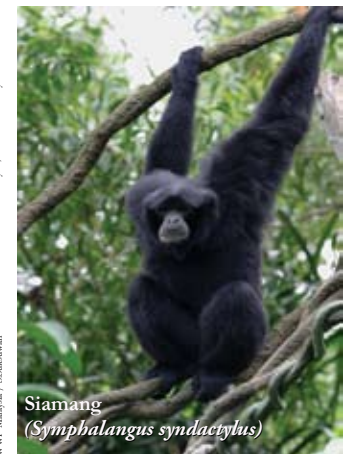
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Gunung Stong State Park

Kelantan Darul Naim, Malaysia



Gunung Stong State Park: An Introduction

The Gunung (Mount) Stong State Park (GSSP), located in the state of Kelantan, is listed in the National Ecotourism Plan as one of the top 10 special places for ecotourism.

GSSP is a forested area, totaling 21,950ha with several prominent mountain peaks. The area is of outstanding beauty and is home to one of the highest waterfalls in Malaysia, Jelawang Waterfall.



Malayan tiger
(*Panthera tigris jacksoni*)

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The rugged landscape of GSSP offers many exciting adventures for anyone who loves nature and the great outdoors. GSSP not only has important eco-tourism values but also serves as a significant conservation area with rich flora and fauna diversity.

Animals such as the Asian elephant, seladang, great argus pheasant, Malayan tiger, serow and tapir are known to roam the forest in Stong. With the assistance of a qualified and knowledgeable trekking guide, your exploration of GSSP will be made more meaningful as interesting aspects about the biodiversity of the area are pointed out.

Gunung Stong State Park is a destination that has a variety of attractions that would appeal to both nature-lovers and adventure seekers alike.



Malayan tapir (*Tapirus indicus*)

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Conservation Value

- GSSP is an **important wildlife habitat** which is linked to the Main Range. Wildlife recorded in the area includes elephants, tigers, tapirs and hornbills.
- It is a **water catchment area** for the Kelantan River and plays an important role in flood and drought regulation.
- South Kelantan where Stong is located, is an area **rich in wild plants**, many of which can only be found in this part of the world including the limestone-loving *Didymocarpus calcareous*, *Licuala stongensis* (a fan palm found only on Mount Stong), and a rare bamboo, *Holtiumochloa pubescens* (found only on Mount Stong).
- *Rafflesia kerrii*, one of the largest flowers in the world, is also found in GSSP.
- GSSP also harbours a diverse range of wild ginger species. Gingers are widely used in local cooking, health beverages and herbal remedies, and as ornamental plants.



Wild gingers of Stong

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Places of Interest



Jelawang Waterfall

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The Jelawang Waterfall, an impressive seven-tier waterfall is one of the highest waterfalls in Malaysia.

Bogo Rock Shelter, a cave-like formation, is a suitable resting point on the way to the summit of Gunung Stong, which can be reached within four hours of trekking.

Gunung Ayam, the highest peak in the area, standing at 1,504m is the ideal spot to watch both sunset and sunrise. A campsite is available for overnight stays.



Dabong Limestone Formation

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Visit the breathtaking 225 million year-old limestone caves at Dabong that house several bat species and rare flora, including an endemic balsam.