

## Flat-headed Cat *Prionailurus planiceps* at Panti Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia

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**Photograph by:** Nick Baker.

**Subject identified by:** Nick Baker, Marcus Chua.

**Location:** Panti Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.

**Habitat:** Lowland dipterocarp forest, near a shallow, swampy, forest stream.

**Date and time:** 17 June 2015, 19:35 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Flat-headed Cat, *Prionailurus planiceps* (Mammalia: Carnivora: Felidae).

**Description of observation:** One active at the edge of the forest reserve at dusk, (Fig. 1).

**Remarks:** The cat in this photograph is identified as *Prionailurus planiceps* based on its size, its flattened rusty-brown forehead and the dark marking behind the eyes. The species is known to occur more frequently in low-lying, forest habitat close to water bodies and to feed mainly on fish (Muul & Lim, 1970; Hunter & Barrett, 2011). The authors are aware of an undocumented roadkill of this species on 9 September 2002 on the Kota Tinggi - Mersing road adjacent to the Panti Forest Reserve. The flat-headed cat is listed as a globally Endangered species (Wilting et al., 2015).



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