## MATA KUCING BATAM FOREST



Mata Kucing Batam, in English, it would be translate to "Cat's Eye". Hearing its name is certainly a bit strange, why are named Cat's Eye Forest? Based on the story or fairy tales, in ancient times, this place is a forest which is just can be passable on foot and cannot be completely passed by the vehicle. While the people living in this area at night often see the bright lights from inside the forest and look at them, and it is said that they are the eyes of a tiger. However, the people of Batam called "Tiger" as "Cat" to smooth-less the meaning. That's why this forest called as Cat's Eye Forest.

## What can be seen in Mata Kucing Batam

The forest of Mata Kucing Batam is located in Sekupang – Batu Aji. Precisely at Jalan Lt. R. Soeprapto, only 10 minutes away from Sekupang International Ferry Terminal. As you enter this forest will find a lot of animals in a cage. Yes, it's a jungle tours zoo in the

middle of the forest. In contrast to the generally zoos in other areas. You will feel the zoo in Mata Kucing Batam is more natural.

There are various types of animal collections at Mata Kucing Batam. Some of them are crocodiles, snakes, turtles, several species of primates; monkeys, apes, brown gibbons and black gibbon. There are several species of birds such as Eagles, Cranes and Bird turtledove whose voice blared mutually to one another so as to create a melodious harmony of nature.



Mata Kucing Batam - Mini Zoo

You also can see a fairly large fish pond and a favorite in the pool pegunjung because there are dozens of giant fish tail like Gold Arowana that her body size reaches 1 meter, catfish jumbo unusually large size and Arapaima gigas is length of 2 meters.

## Other activities in Mata Kucing forest

Mata Kucing Forest Area is attractive landscaped with a variety of beauty that can be enjoyed by visitors. In addition to the diversity of wildlife that have animal collections, the area also has a kind of sports game. There is an outbound activity which is very challenging.



Mata Kucing Batam - Hiking

Flying fox also available here which will get your adrenaline pumped when gliding from a height using rope. For those who love hiking, Mata Kucing forest also have a hiking track, since this area is part of the Tiban Hills, a hilly area that has a rising contour of the land. It is challenge for the visitors who discover any trace of nature in this region.

## **Mata Kucing Batam Forest Facilities**

Here also available gazebos which can be used by visitors to rest while opening meal and mingle with the family or friends. But it is good to visitors who visited to bring a mat or pad if inevitably have to enjoy a meal under the trees as an alternative to rest because of the gazebo are limited in number.



Mata Kucing Batam - Gazebo

If you want to feel the freshness of Mata Kucing forest, you could swim in the pool which is also available at this place. Visitors can feel the sensation of bathing, water play and refresh for a while in the forest area accompanied by a variety of forest vegetation and wildlife sound replication. This sensation will never be found in nature tourism in any area.



Mata Kucing Batam – Swimming area

Besides its use as one of the natural attractions, the area of Mata Kucing Forest Tourism is also an option for visitors to hold various activities and events. Because in this area has a place provided with a quite extensive and can be used to carry out various events or activities.