



BANGKARU

One of the Last Wild Islands in Sumatra



Bangkaru is an uninhabited island located in the Pulau Banyak archipelago. The island is covered with untouched primary rainforest and is home to many species of fauna and flora including critically endangered birds such as the Silvery pigeon and the Nias hill myna. Moreover, the Bangkaru's beaches are nesting sites for green and leatherback sea turtles of global importance.

Bangkaru is protected thanks to the Ranger program under the EcosystemImpact Foundation and Nature Conservation Agency of Indonesia (BKSDA). Rangers regularly monitor the beach and forest to collect data on sea turtle activity and rare bird species occurrence.



Everyone who loves and respects nature is welcome to visit Bangkaru. A trip to Bangkaru represents a unique opportunity to encounter sea turtles and other wildlife in their natural environment. If you are interested in visiting Bangkaru, please, ask your resort or your guide for help to book the trip.



On behalf of EcosystemImpact Foundation, we aim to promote a sustainable and responsible approach to ecotourism. Such approach can help us secure that all conservation activities run in Bangkaru smoothly, while guests can safely enjoy their stay on the island. We kindly ask all guests who visit Bangkaru to follow the rules we have developed. By following these rules, you will help us to protect the nature and to support local communities.

We wish you a wonderful stay in Bangkaru!

Rules for guests visiting Bangkaru

- All tourists are obliged to follow instructions of the rangers and guide.
- The date of arrival and departure is upon the decision of rangers and guide. In the case of bad weather, it is strictly forbidden to arrive to or to depart from Bangkaru, no exceptions!
- It is forbidden to do any damage to the environment, wildlife or to litter (including throwing away cigarettes on the beach).
- It is also strictly forbidden to take any wildlife species or specimen out of Bangkaru.
- Maximum capacity of tourists in basecamp is 10 persons. Maximum capacity of tourists joining a patrol is 5 persons.
- Morning patrols are from 6AM, evening patrols from 9PM, or depending on the decision of the rangers. It is not allowed to enter Amandangan beach out of the patrol time schedule.
- It is recommended for the tourists to wear shoes/high boots and long trousers in the forest or when joining the patrol. Rangers can lend to tourists high boots.
- When on patrol, tourists are always walking in the middle. Tourists are not allowed to walk first or last.
- When walking in the forest, tourists are highly advised to carefully watch the path, and always double look down and up to check for snakes, spiders, and other wildlife.
- The use of white light is allowed in the forest. The usage of white light on the beach is prohibited, it is allowed to use only red light. The only exception is the usage of the white light in river and swamp area on the beach. However, on the beach it is recommended to walk without any light.
- Tourists are not allowed to encounter sea turtles without prior permission of the ranger. The close encounter to turtle is allowed only when turtle is already laying eggs or after the turtle finishes egg laying.
- It is allowed to photograph turtles only without flash. Tourists are advised to always ask guide or ranger for permission to photographs sea turtles.
- Tourists will not follow SOPs and instructions of the rangers on turtle patrol will return back to the basecamp.
- Tourists are only allowed to sleep in the basecamp (room, tent), tourists are not allowed to sleep on the beach. If tourists want to sleep in small station in Amandangan beach, they have to discuss it with rangers first who will decide whether it is possible or not.
- Tourists must report if they want to go for individual walk and inform for how long time they plan to go. The rangers and guide will decide whether someone will accompany them.
- Tourists are not allowed to walk outside of the walking paths and to bathe in the rivers.
- All tourists entering Bangkaru agree with the SOPs and conditions above and agree that they enter Bangkaru on their own risk.



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