

Dicranoloma havilandii

An endemic moss to Mt. Kinabalu

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Dicranoloma havilandii Broth. is one of the seven species of *Dicranoloma* known to occur in Sabah. The type locality of this species is Mt. Kinabalu. It grows on tree bases, rocks, rotten logs and soil in subalpine forest, 2400m – 3500 m a.s.l.

This species is the only endemic *Dicranoloma* in Mt. Kinabalu. It is quite rare and seldom found growing in large population. It's whitish colour makes it easy to spot in the field, a feature shared by the White Moss or *Lumut Putih*, *Leucobryum*. Its smooth and inrolled leaf margins and erect-spreading leaves distinguish it from other members of the *Dicranoloma*. However, it can be confused with *Braunfelsia edentula* when not fruiting. The later species can be distinguished from the former by its weak costa (leaf mid-rib) and unbordered leaf margins.



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Dicranoloma assimile



Leucobryum javense



Dicranoloma braunii



Dicranoloma blumei