

## Stinkhorn fungus, *Dictyophora* sp. at Bukit Batok Nature Park

**Subject:** Stinkhorn fungus, *Dictyophora* sp. (Agaricomycetes: Phallales: Phallaceae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Bukit Batok Nature Park; 16 November 2013; 0943 hrs.

**Habitat:** Parkland at fringe of secondary forest, on leaf litter at the base of a tree.

**Observers:** Contributor, Tan Koh Siang & Simon Morley.

**Observation:** The fruiting body of a stinkhorn fungus, about 10 cm on length, was found beneath a tree at the edge of the quarry lake. It had a pristine white veil, and had attracted many small flies, but the observers did not detect any putrid smell. The damp ground suggested that it had rained the night before.

**Remarks:** A similar, if not conspecific, fungus was reported in September 2008 from the shores of the Upper Peirce Reservoir along with the flies and beetles that were attracted to the fruiting body (Tan, 2008). In Singapore, *Dictyophora* are sometimes seen at forest edges and in gardens, their fruiting bodies last only a few hours (Tham, 2011).

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