

## **Red giant gouramy at Singapore Quarry**

**Subject:** Red giant gouramy, *Osphronemus laticlavius* (Teleostei: Osphronemidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Singapore Quarry at Dairy Farm Nature Park, at northern edge of Bukit Timah Nature Reserve; 23 October 2010; 1130 hrs.

**Habitat:** Freshwater pond formed in flooded disused granite quarry surrounded by forest and scrub vegetation.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** An individual of about 30 cm total length was observed in the water below the viewing platform. The photograph shows the dorsal aspect of the fish with the distinctive bright red fins.

**Remarks:** The red giant gouramy is native to north Borneo (Kottelat & Whitten, 1993). This popular ornamental fish grows to a large size and can be expensive to house and feed. The present example is believed to be an abandoned pet. No other individual was seen at the site.

**Reference:** Kottelat, M. & A. J. Whitten, 1993. *Freshwater Fishes of Western Indonesia and Sulawesi*. Periplus Editions Limited, Jakarta, Indonesia. xxxviii + 221 pp., 84 colour plates.



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