

## **White-spotted slug snake on Punggol Island**

**Subject:** White-spotted slug snake, *Pareas margaritophorus* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Pareatidae).

**Subject identified by:** Kelvin K. P. Lim.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Pulau Punggol Barat; 18 August 2013; morning.

**Habitat:** Reclaimed land with scrub vegetation.

**Observer:** Tan Siong Kiat.

**Observation:** A freshly dead example of about 30 cm total length was found on concrete pavement along scrub vegetation.

**Remarks:** The specimen appears to have been run over by a bicycle. It was collected and deposited at the Zoological Reference of the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research at the National University of Singapore, under the catalogue number ZRC 2.7018. An introduced species in Singapore, it feeds on terrestrial mollusks and frequents exposed vegetated habitats (Baker & Lim, 2008).

**Reference:** Baker, N. & K. K. P. Lim, 2008. *Wild Animals of Singapore. A Photographic Guide to Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Freshwater Fishes*. Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte. Ltd. and Nature Society (Singapore). 180 pp.



Photograph by Tan Siong Kiat.

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