

Asian arowana in Pangsua pond

Subject: Asian arowana, *Scleropages formosus* (Teleostei: Osteoglossidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bukit Panjang housing estate, Pangsua pond; 27 December 2011; ca. 1100 hrs.

Habitat: Artificial freshwater impoundment in an urban area, fed mainly by rainwater runoff from surrounding public housing estate.

Observers: Contributor and others.

Observation: A sub-adult example of 31.5 cm standard length (tip of snout to base of tail) was obtained with a cast net during a fish survey conducted at the pond. It was seen earlier swimming at the surface near the banks beneath over-hanging tree branches.

Remarks: The Asian arowana has been recorded as a non-native species in Singapore's reservoirs (Ng & Tan, 2010). The present observation is listed in a report on the fish fauna of urban storm-water ponds (Kwik et al., 2013), and the fish in question is most likely an abandoned pet.

References:

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