

Beaded sea-snake at Pulau Ubin

Subject: Beaded sea-snake, *Aipysurus eydouxii* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Elapidae).

Subject identified by: Noel Thomas.

Location, date and time: Pulau Ubin, Noordin beach at mouth of Johor River; 9 January 2013; 1115 hrs.

Habitat: Sandy beach at estuarine location.

Observers: Joseph Lai and contributors.

Observation: An individual of 62 cm total length (54 cm snout-vent length) was found stranded on the beach. It appeared to be freshly dead and showed signs of bleeding from the mouth and nostrils (Fig. 1).

Remarks: The specimen (Fig. 2) was preserved and deposited in the Zoological Reference Collection of the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research at the National University of Singapore under the catalogue number ZRC 2.7002. The beaded sea-snake is a fully aquatic marine reptile which apparently lives on a specialized diet of fish eggs that are laid on the substrate (Das, 2010: 318).

Reference: Das, I., 2010. *A Field Guide to the Reptiles of South-east Asia*. New Holland Publishers (UK) Ltd. 376 pp.



Fig. 1. Lateral view of head showing bleeding from mouth and nostrils. Photograph by Noel Thomas



Fig. 2. View of the entire freshly dead sea-snake. Photograph by Francis L. K. Lim

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