

Beaded sea-snake at Changi Beach

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

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Changi Beach; 26 May 2013; 0720 hrs.

Habitat: Sandy beach at estuarine location.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An adult example of about 90 cm total length was found at the water's edge, crawling away from the water onto the sand. When the observer used a long stick to guide it back into the sea, it swam back and crawled onto the sand again.

Remarks: The present record, along with the dead example from Pulau Ubin in January the same year (Thomas & Lim, 2014), suggest the strong preference of beaded sea-snakes for the estuarine environment. The persistence of this snake to beach itself appears abnormal for this fully marine reptile.

Reference: Thomas, N. & F. L. K. Lim, 2014. Beaded sea-snake at Pulau Ubin. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2014: 38-39.



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