

## Indian star tortoise at Bukit Batok Nature Park

**Subject:** Indian star tortoise, *Geochelone elegans* (Reptilia: Testudines: Testudinidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributors.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Bukit Batok Nature Park, near carpark; 29 January 2014; 1330 hrs.

**Habitat:** Secondary forest and parkland.

**Observers:** Seah Wei Wei & Terence Lim.

**Observation:** An individual with carapace 18 cm long and 13 cm wide was found on the forest floor.

**Remarks:** The featured example is most likely an abandoned pet as this species is native to the dry areas of Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka (Bonin et al., 2006). The animal has been handed to the local wildlife rescue centre run by the Animal Concerns Research & Education Society (ACRES).

**Reference:** Bonin, F., B. Devaux & A. Dupré, 2006. *Turtles of the World*. English edition. A & C Black Publishers Ltd., London. 416 pp.



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