

American bull frogs at inlet of Upper Seletar Reservoir

Subjects: American bull frog, *Lithobates catesbeianus* (Amphibia: Anura: Ranidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Seletar Reservoir, inlet adjacent to Mandai Lake Road; 27 March 2014; 0810-0830 hrs.

Habitat: Artificial body of freshwater with grassy banks, riparian vegetation and murky water.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: Five adult American bull frogs of about 20 cm snout-vent length (one of them illustrated below) were observed on the grass banks of the reservoir, three in dense riparian vegetation. One or two individuals were actively calling from among the vegetation. The call resembles the bellowing of cattle.

Remarks: The frogs seemed to be intentionally released by members of the public. They appeared stressed and disoriented, and could be approached to within 2 metres. The American bull frog is often released in the wild for religious purposes, and has been recorded from other reservoirs in Singapore (Ng & Lim, 2010).

Reference: Ng T. H. & K. K. P. Lim, 2010. Introduced aquatic herpetofauna of Singapore's reservoirs. *COSMOS*. 6 (1): 117-127.



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