

## Black marsh terrapin at Mandai

**Subjects:** Black marsh terrapin, *Siebenrockiella crassicollis* (Reptilia: Testudines: Geoemydidae).

**Subjects identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, forest west of Mandai Lake Road; 17 March 2012; night.

**Habitat:** Young secondary forest and scrub vegetation.

**Observers:** Contributor & Ron K. H. Yeo.

**Observation:** A female example of about 12 cm carapace length was seen on the ground near a ponded area. The accompanying photographs show the dorso-lateral view of the carapace (top), the fronto-ventral view with the turtle turned on her back to show the slightly convex plastron (middle), and the rear end of the plastron and the short tail characteristic of female turtles (bottom).

**Remarks:** The black marsh terrapin is believed to be introduced to Singapore. It is frequently released as a religious merit-making offering, and the species was not recorded in Singapore before the 1980s (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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