

Banded file snakes at Pasir Ris mangroves

Subjects: Banded file snake, *Acrochordus granulatus* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Acrochordidae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Pasir Ris Park, mangrove forest along Sungei Tampines; 26 July 2014; 2346 hrs.

Habitat: Mangrove forest, on sandy substrate in small stream at 2.7 m high tide.

Observers: Contributor with Law Ingg Thong, Ronan Keithly & Jerome Chua.

Observation: Two live adults measuring approximately 78 cm and 82 cm in total length were observed about 5 m apart in the same stream beneath the boardwalk. Both snakes were resting on the sandy substrate with their heads beneath the water surface. They were moved and placed together for record photographs (see accompanying picture).

Remarks: The present examples are further evidence of the presence of banded file snakes at Pasir Ris Park mangroves. The species was first recorded from this locality by Thomas et al. (2014).

Reference: Thomas, N., G. Barnett & A. Zimny, 2014. Banded file snake at Pasir Ris mangroves. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2014: 191.



Photograph by Law Ingg Thong

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