

Dog-toothed cat snake at Ulu Sembawang

Subject: Dog-toothed cat snake, *Boiga cynodon* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Colubridae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Ulu Sembawang, Ulu Sembawang Park Connector; 24 December 2010; 2208 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One example of about 1.4 m total length was observed crossing the sandy path after a period of rain. The accompanying picture shows a lateral view of the head and anterior part of the body.

Remarks: The dog-toothed cat snake appears to be rare in Singapore where it occurs mainly in mature forest. It is known from the Central Catchment Nature Reserve, and on the islands of Ubin and Tekong (Baker & Lim, 2012: 94). One individual was recently found being swallowed by a black spitting cobra (*Naja sumatrana*) at the edge of the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (Leong & Mishak, 2010).

References:

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- Leong T. M. & S. Mishak, 2010. Attempted predation on a dog-toothed cat snake, *Boiga cynodon* by a black spitting cobra, *Naja sumatrana* in Singapore (Reptilia: Squamata). *Nature in Singapore*. 3: 269-271.



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