

Tokay at Mandai

Subject: Tokay, *Gekko gecko* (Reptilia: Sauria: Gekkonidae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Mandai Lake Road, compound of Singapore Zoo; 26 August 2006; afternoon.

Habitat: Parkland with concrete buildings.

Observers: Contributor and others.

Observation: Two examples, each around 20 cm in total length, were observed on wooden beams supporting the roof of a gazebo. The accompanying photograph shows one of the two lizards.

Remarks: In Singapore, the tokay has been recorded from Pulau Senang in the Singapore Straits (Grismer, 2011: 463). This large gecko appears to be very rare, and is listed as a 'critically endangered' species there (Lim, 2008: 265). However, the population in the grounds of the Singapore Zoo does not seem to be native, and is most likely descended from escaped captive animals imported by the zoo.

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