

Orange mud-crab at Pasir Ris mangrove

Subject: Orange mud-crab, *Scylla olivacea* (Crustacea: Brachyura: Portunidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Pasir Ris Park, mangrove boardwalk; 26 August 2006; evening.

Habitat: Marine. On the muddy substrate in mangrove forest, in shallow pools of water at low tide.

Observers: Contributor and others.

Observation: One example of about 12 cm carapace width was observed under the boardwalk, scuttling from one tide pool to the next (see accompanying picture).

Remarks: Mudcrabs of the genus *Scylla* are highly esteemed seafood and thus, commercially important. Due to loss of mangrove habitat and harvesting for food, they seem to be uncommon in Singapore. Of the three species recorded there, the orange mud-crab appears to be the most common (Wang & Ng, 2011).

Reference: Wang L. K. & P. K. L. Ng, 2011. Mud crabs. In: Ng, P. K. L., R. T. Corlett & H. T. W. Tan (eds.). *Singapore Biodiversity. An Encyclopedia of the Natural Environment and Sustainable Development*. Editions Didier Millet and the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, Singapore. p. 386.



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