

## Kusu rock crabs at Pulau Senang

**Subjects:** Kusu rock crab, *Lithoselatium kusu* (Crustacea: Brachyura: Sesarmidae).

**Subjects identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, Pulau Senang, along southwestern shore; 29 November 2014; around 1600 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Intertidal zone, among rocks along the shoreline.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** Examples were sighted underwater when rocks were overturned by the observer while snorkeling. Some crabs were obtained along the shore, also while overturning rocks. Two examples, a male of 16.1 mm carapace width, and a female of 17.9 mm carapace width, are illustrated in the accompanying picture.

**Remarks:** The Kusu rock crab was recently described from specimens collected from Singapore at Kusu Island, Sentosa, Pulau Satumu and Labrador Beach (Schubart et al., 2009). This species is typically found among rocks in the intertidal areas (personal observation).

This is the first record of *Lithoselatium kusu* from Pulau Senang. Voucher specimens are deposited in the Zoological Reference Collection of the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum at the National University of Singapore.

**Reference:** Schubart, C. D., H.-C. Liu & P. K. L. Ng, 2009. Revision of *Selatium* Serène & Soh, 1970 (Crustacea: Brachyura: Sesarmidae), with description of a new genus and two new species. *Zootaxa*. 2154: 1-29.



Dorsal views of *Lithoselatium kusu* specimens from Pulau Senang  
- male above, female below. Photograph by Tan Heok Hui

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