

Green iguanas at Kranji Reservoir

Subjects: Green iguana, *Iguana iguana* (Reptilia: Sauria: Iguanidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kranji Reservoir, Sungei Peng Siang off Sungei Tengah Road; 17 November 2016; around 0920 hrs.

Habitat: Freshwater lake adjacent to open farmland, on tree growing out of the water.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: Two adult individuals of around 1.5 m in length (Figs. 1 & 2) were observed basking on the branches of the tree. One of them is apparently a mature male (Fig. 2),

Remarks: The present record is further evidence that there is a feral population of the green iguana in Singapore at the Sungei Tengah area (Ng & Lim, 2015). These large herbivorous lizards, native to tropical Latin America, have been introduced by the pet trade to many places outside their natural range. Feral populations are known to be established in Florida (USA), Hawaii and the Canary Islands (Kraus, 2009: 256-258).

References:

Kraus, F., 2009. *Alien Reptiles and Amphibians. A Scientific Compendium and Analysis*. Springer. xii + 563 pp.
Ng B. C. & K. K. P. Lim, 2015. Green iguana at Sungei Tengah. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2015: 51.



Fig. 1. Side view of an adult iguana on the branches.



Fig. 2. View of underside of apparent male iguana.

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