

Biodiversity Record: A Sunda slow loris at Upper Thomson

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Subject: Sunda slow loris, *Nycticebus coucang* (Mammalia: Primates: Lorisidae).

Subject identified by: James Chua.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Old Upper Thomson Road; 1 July 2021; 2312 hrs.

Habitat: Edge of secondary forest.

Observers: James Chua, Woon Siew Yan, Lee Jing Yi and Angeline Ho.

Observation: An individual of around 20–30 cm in body length, probably a male, was briefly seen foraging in the trees at a height of about 6–8 m (Fig. 1). It subsequently climbed further up with great speed and moved into the forest.

Remarks: In Singapore, the Sunda slow loris inhabits the forests of the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves, as well as Pulau Tekong, and is locally regarded as a ‘critically endangered’ species (Lim et al., 2008: 198).

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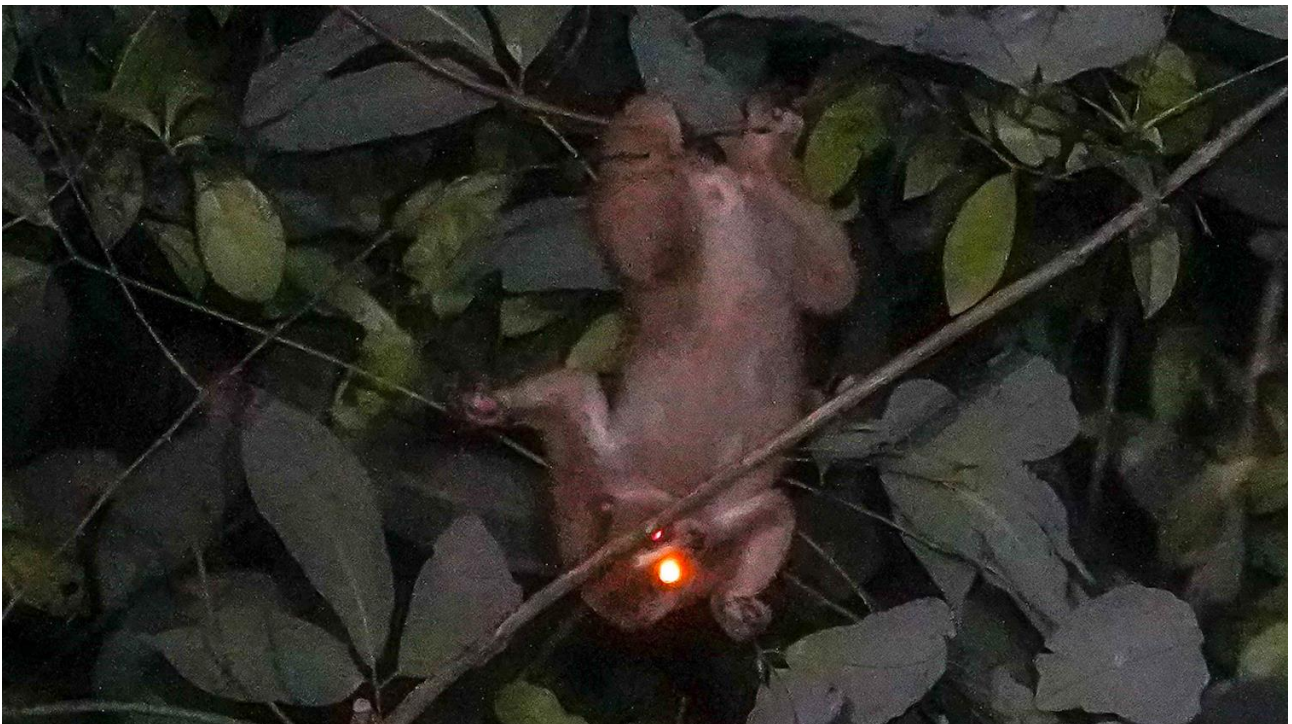


Fig. 1. Frontal view of Sunda slow loris suspending from the branches by its hind limbs. (Photograph by: James Chua).