

Hasselt's bony-lipped barb at Lorong Banir

Subject: Hasselt's bony-lipped barb, *Osteochilus vittatus* (Teleostei: Cyprinidae).

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Lorong Banir, stream between Upper Thomson Road and Nee Soon flyover; 24 September 2013; 2030 hrs.

Habitat: Freshwater stream flowing through secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor and Noel Thomas.

Observation: Estimated 18 cm in total length. Motionless in the shallow margins of slow-flowing stream. Other fishes in the immediate environs included two spot rasbora (*Rasbora elegans*) and pygmy halfbeak (*Dermogenys collettei*).

Remarks: Apparently an introduced species that could have been carried over to Singapore via raw water piped in from Johor (Ng & Tan, 2010). This fish, previously known as *Osteochilus hasselti*, is a common species in large river basins throughout Southeast Asia.

Reference: Ng H. H. & H. H. Tan, 2010. An annotated checklist of the non-native freshwater fish species in the reservoirs of Singapore. *Cosmos*. 6(1): 95-116.



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