

## **Juvenile Asian arowana at Lower Peirce**

**Subject:** Asian arowana, *Scleropages formosus* (Teleostei: Osteoglossidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, forest stream draining into Lower Peirce Reservoir; 3 October 2013; 1445-1455 hrs.

**Habitat:** Small freshwater stream flowing through secondary forest. In shallow pool with muddy substrate and leaf-litter. The pool was relatively sunlit, not overshadowed by dense vegetation.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** Two juvenile specimens, each of about 10 cm total length (Fig. 1), were seen in the same pool, alongside the native fighting fish, *Betta pugnax* (Fig. 2).

**Remarks:** The Asian arowana is an introduced species that is believed to be breeding in the MacRitchie and Upper Peirce Reservoirs (Ng & Tan, 2010). The present sighting strongly suggests that this fish is also breeding in the Lower Peirce Reservoir.

**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.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2 Photographs by Nick Baker

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