

Asian arowana at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

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

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, freshwater pond by the outdoor classroom; 11 January 2014; 1618 hrs.

Habitat: Artificial freshwater mud pond among back mangrove and scrub vegetation.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An adult fish of about 50 cm total length was seen cruising at the surface of the water.

Remarks: The Asian arowana is an introduced species that is believed to be breeding in some local reservoirs (Ng & Tan, 2010). The present example appears to be a domesticated variety with golden scales. It is a more colourful fish compared to the specimen obtained at Pangsua pond (Tan, 2014).

References:

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.

Tan H. H., 2014. Asian arowana in Pangsua pond. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2014: 15.



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