

Sunda pangolin at Mandai

Subject: Sunda pangolin, *Manis javanica* (Mammalia: Pholidota: Manidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, forest west of Mandai Lake Road; 17 March 2012; night.

Habitat: Young secondary forest and scrub vegetation.

Observers: Contributor & Ron K. H. Yeo.

Observation: An adult Sunda pangolin of about 1.2 m total length was seen on the buttress roots of a tree (see accompanying photograph). The animal appeared to be attempting to climb the tree, but eventually descended and moved off into thick vegetation.

Remarks: The Sunda pangolin is internationally endangered (Duckworth et al., 2008). In Singapore, it is found in forest and scrubland on the main island, Pulau Ubin and Pulau Tekong, and is regarded as critically endangered species in Singapore (Lim et al., 2008: 191).

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Sunda pangolin on the night of 17 March 2012. Photograph by Marcus A. H. Chua