

Malayan porcupine in Western Catchment Area

Subject: Malayan porcupine, *Hystrix brachyura* (Mammalia: Rodentia: Hystricidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Western Catchment Area, south of Poyan Reservoir; 20 July 2012; 2347 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor, with camera trap.

Observation: An example measuring approximately 60 cm in total length was recorded on camera trap as it passed by along a secondary forest trail (see accompanying photographs).

Remarks: This is the first published record of this species in the Western Catchment Area. The Malayan porcupine is known to be present on Pulau Tekong, Pulau Ubin and the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Baker & Lim, 2012; Robert Teo, personal communication).

Reference: Baker, N. & K. K. P. Lim, 2012. *Wild Animals of Singapore. A Photographic Guide to Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Freshwater Fishes*. Updated edition. Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte. Ltd. and Nature Society (Singapore). 180 pp.



Camera trap photographs by Marcus A. H. Chua

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