

## Chinese striped-neck terrapins at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

**Subjects:** Chinese striped-neck terrapin, *Mauremys sinensis*, (Reptilia: Testudines: Geoemydidae).

**Subjects identified by:** Kelvin K. P. Lim.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve; 6 September 2014; 1554 hrs.

**Habitat:** Shallow tidal pond in coastal scrubland and mangrove.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** About five individuals of about 20 cm in carapace length were observed swimming in the pond for several minutes. The head of one of the turtles is featured in the accompanying photograph.

**Remarks:** The presence of the Chinese striped-neck terrapin at the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve has been recorded in December 2014 by Baker (2015). This observation is three months earlier, and has four additional individuals. It is not known if this introduced species is capable of reproducing in Singapore's equatorial climate.

**Reference:** Baker, N., 2015. Chinese striped-neck terrapin at Sungei Buloh. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2015: 25.



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