

Biodiversity Record: Beaded sea-snake at Changi Beach

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Subject: Beaded sea-snake, *Aipysurus eydouxii* (Reptilia: Squamata: Elapidae).

Subject identified by: Yu Fei Ng.

Location, date and time: Johor Strait, Changi Beach by carpark 7; 3 April 2021; around 0859 hrs.

Habitat: Estuarine shore, on seagrass (predominantly *Halodule* sp.) meadow with sandy substrate.

Observers: Ng Yu Fei Ng, Zick Shun-Hua Soh and Xavier Zi-Xun Wong.

Observation: A beaded sea-snake of about 25 cm total length (Fig. 1) was observed submerged in shallow water among seagrasses during low tide. For about 10 to 20 minutes, it stayed relatively still despite the presence of the observers. Then, it started to move about, presumably foraging for food.



Fig. 1. Dorsal view of beaded sea-snake in-situ (Photograph by: Yu Fei Ng).

Remarks: In Singapore, *Aipysurus eydouxii* is regarded as locally endangered (Thomas et al., 2024) as there have been few sightings. The most recent records were from Changi (Yeo, 2014) and Pulau Ubin (Thomas & Lim, 2014) in 2014, and Chek Jawa in 2015 (Figueroa et al., 2023).

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