

Rainbow mud snakes at Kranji Marsh

Subjects: Rainbow mud snake, *Enhydryis enhydryis* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Homalopsidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kranji Marshes; 22 October 2013; 2045-2115 hrs.

Habitat: Open freshwater marshland.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: Three examples of this aquatic snake of between 40 and 50 cm total length were observed (one of which is figured herein). The illustrated specimen was found fully submerged in a concrete connecting channel between two water bodies. The other two examples were observed in a shallow pond, actively exploring amongst aquatic vegetation.

Remarks: The rainbow water snake was rediscovered in Singapore in 2009 from the Kranji and Sungei Buloh area, but the local population is believed to be introduced (Lim & D’Rozario, 2009). Its presence in the Kranji Marsh was expected, and is confirmed by the present record.

Reference: Lim, K. K. P. & V. D’Rozario, 2009. The rainbow mud snake, *Enhydryis enhydryis* (Schneider) [Reptilia: Squamata: Homalopsidae] in Singapore. *Nature in Singapore*. 2: 9-12.



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