

African sharp-toothed walking catfish at Lower Peirce Reservoir

Subject: African sharp-toothed walking catfish, *Clarias gariepinus* (Teleostei: Clariidae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Lower Peirce Reservoir above the dam; 7 November 2013; 1950 hrs.

Habitat: Open freshwater lake, rocky substrate.

Observers: Nick & Sophia Baker.

Observation: An individual of about 30 cm total length was observed lying motionless on rocky substrate at the edge of the reservoir at night.

Remarks: Examples of this introduced catfish have recently been seen below the Lower Peirce dam in the Kallang River flowing through Bishan Park (Yeo, 2013: fig. 6), but there appears to be no previous record from Lower Peirce Reservoir (Ng & Tan, 2010: 104).

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