

Black marsh terrapin on Pulau Ubin

Subject: Black marsh terrapin, *Siebenrockiella crassicollis* (Reptilia: Testudines: Geoemydidae).

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Pulau Ubin, north-western part; 18 January 2014; around 2130 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest, on muddy ground next to a small stream.

Observers: Contributors and others.

Observation: An individual of about 20 cm carapace length was found on the forest floor (Fig. 1, 2 & 3).

Remarks: The black marsh terrapin is one of several species of turtles that are often released into the wild as religious merit-making offerings, and may not be native to Singapore (Baker & Lim, 2012: 124). There appears to be no previous published record of this species from Pulau Ubin (see: Subaraj, 2000).

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Fig. 1. Fronto-lateral view with head and limbs extended. Photograph by Marcus A. H. Chua



Fig. 2. View of carapace. Photograph by Noel Thomas



Fig. 3. View of plastron. Photograph by Noel Thomas

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