

Jasper cat snake roadkill at Upper Seletar

Subject: Jasper cat snake, *Boiga jaspidea*
(Reptilia: Serpentes: Colubridae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Upper Seletar area;
13 March 2013; 1150 hrs.

Habitat: On road along freshwater swamp forest.

Observers: Tay Soon Lian & Ryuta Teo.

Observation: A female measuring 120 cm total length was found on the road, freshly killed by a vehicle (Fig. 1). It had sustained fatal injuries to the anterior portion of the body which was flattened.

Remarks: The specimen was collected by the contributor who then deposited it in the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research at the National University of Singapore under the catalogue number ZRC 2.7020 (see Fig. 2 and 3).

In Singapore, the jasper cat snake occurs in mature forest in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve and on Pulau Tekong (Baker & Lim, 2012: 95). As it is rarely seen, it is regarded as a 'critically endangered' species within Singapore (Lim et al., 2008: 162).

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Fig. 1. Photograph by Tay Soon Lian



Fig. 2. Dorsal view of roadkill jasper cat snake (ZRC 2.7020).



Fig. 3. Ventral view of roadkill jasper cat snake (ZRC 2.7020).

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