

Malayan forest softshell turtle at Sime forest

Subject: Malayan forest softshell turtle, *Dogonia subplana* (Reptilia: Testudines: Trionychidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Sime forest north of MacRitchie Reservoir; 4 December 2013; evening.

Habitat: Shallow freshwater stream in mature secondary forest, with sandy-clay banks, clear flowing water, riparian vegetation and leaf litter.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: A forest softshell turtle of about 30 cm carapace length was observed foraging for food in the shallow part of a stream.

Remarks: *Dogonia subplana* is regarded as a 'critically endangered' species that seems locally restricted to the forest streams in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Lim et al., 2008: 176).

Reference: Lim, K. K. P., N. Baker, R. Teo & T. M. Leong, 2008. Reptiles. In: G. W. H. Davison, G. W. H., P. K. L. Ng & H. C. Ho (eds.). *The Singapore Red Data Book. Threatened Plants & Animals of Singapore*. Second edition. The Nature Society (Singapore). pp. 160-176.



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