

Asian leaf terrapin at Lower Peirce

Subject: Asian leaf terrapin, *Cyclemys dentata* (Reptilia: Testudines: Geoemydidae).

Subject identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Lower Peirce forest; 1 June 2014; 0654 hrs.

Habitat: Small stream in mature secondary forest, with shallow, clear freshwater, silty substrate and leaf litter.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: An example of about 25 cm carapace length was observed submerged in the stream (see attached photographs).

Remarks: *Cyclemys dentata* is regarded as a ‘critically endangered’ native turtle in Singapore with only two other recent records. One in the Western Catchment Area in 2006 and the other from the Central Catchment Nature Reserve in 2007 (Lim et al., 2008: 174).

Reference: Lim, K. K. P., N. Baker, R. Teo & T. M. Leong, 2008. Reptiles. In: 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.



Dorso-frontal view. Photograph by Noel Thomas



Dorso-lateral view of head showing markings.
Photograph by Nick Baker

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