

**SHORT NOTE ON THE MALAYAN SLUG-EATING SNAKE (*Asthenodipsas malaccanus*) AT KRAU WILDLIFE RESERVE, PAHANG, MALAYSIA**

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**ABSTRACT**

The paper briefly reports the finding of the Malayan Slug-eating Snake in Krau Wildlife Reserve (KWR) during biodiversity inventory programme conducted from Mac-September 2013. Three individuals were obtained through active searching in two different locations, Sungai Teris and Kuala Serluh respectively.

**Keyword:** Pareinae, terrestrial, forest pond, Krau WR

The Malayan Slug-eating Snake, *Asthenodipsas malaccanus* is uncommon. This species was first discovered in Malacca, known as *Pareas malaccanus* (unknown locality nor date). Tweedie (1983) reported that a specimen of each was caught in Asahan, Malacca (Batchelor, 1958), in Gunung Benom, Pahang in 1967 (Grandison, 1972), and the last specimen was caught in Bukit Lanjang Forest Reserve, Selangor in 1975 (Lim and Kamarudin, 1975).

Three more specimens of this snake were recently collected in Sungai Teris and Kuala Serluh during a biodiversity inventory programme conducted from March – September 2013. The recent three specimens were obtained on forest floor close to the forest pond in the lowland dipterocarp forest, at an altitude of approximately 80 m a.s.l. It is interesting to note that out of the seven specimens known to date, five were collected at the general areas of Krau Wildlife Reserve, Pahang. It is also quite possible that this species was recorded elsewhere in Peninsular Malaysia that we are not aware of.

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