

## Malay Civet *Viverra zangalunga* near Jemaluang, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia

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**Location:** East Coast Highway at 257 km from Kuantan and 72 km from Johor Bahru, near Jemaluang, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.

**Habitat:** Metalled road fringed by oil palm plantation and remnant freshwater swamp-forest.

**Date and time:** 21 October 2009, 09:20 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Malay Civet, *Viverra zangalunga* (Mammalia: Carnivora: Viverridae).

**Description of observation:** One example of about 50 cm head-body length was found on the side of the road (Fig.1.), having apparently succumbed from collision with a vehicle. Hair was falling off the carcass, suggesting the animal had been dead for more than a day.



Fig. 1 :

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**Remarks:** The Malay Civet is known to occur in both primary and disturbed forests up to 1100 metres elevation, and is also found in plantations and near villages adjacent to forest. This omnivorous animal is largely terrestrial and generally solitary in habits (Jennings & Veron, 2009: 212).

**Reference:** Jennings, A. P. & Veron, G. (2009). Family Viverridae (civets, genets and oiyans). In: Wilson, D. E. & R. A. Mittermeier (eds.). *Handbook of the Mammals of the World. Vol. 1. Carnivores*. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. Pp. 174-232