

## Small-toothed Palm Civet *Arctogalidia trivirgata* at Panti Forest, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia

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**Location:** Entrance to 'Bunker Trail' leading to Panti Bird Sanctuary, Panti Forest, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.  
**Habitat:** Edge of degraded, lowland, freshwater swamp forest.  
**Date and time:** 22 January 2015, 20:25 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Small-toothed Palm Civet, *Arctogalidia trivirgata* (Mammalia: Carnivora: Viverridae).

**Description of observation:** One adult female was observed traversing an unsealed road by means of a canopy connection, at the edge of an area of freshwater swamp forest (Fig. 1.). It appeared unconcerned by the presence of occasional vehicles from a nearby oil palm plantation passing beneath, and it appeared to be curious at the presence of the observer.

**Remarks :** *Arctogalidia trivirgata* is an agile, mainly arboreal civet inhabiting a variety of forest types and with a widespread distribution on mainland Southeast Asia, Sumatra, Java, Bali and Borneo as well as parts of neighbouring China and India (Francis, 2008). Its arboreal habits may contribute to its ability to survive in freshwater swamp forest.

Despite having been logged, Panti Forest still includes significant areas of freshwater swamp forest. The existence of *Arctogalidia trivirgata* in the area is thus unsurprising, however the species was not included in the mammal list for Panti Forest compiled by Yong (2006).



Fig. 1.

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