

## **Slashed-back Frog *Humerana miopus* at Sedili River, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia**

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**Location:** Northern bank of Sedili River, Tanjung Sutura, eastern Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.

**Habitat:** Oil palm plantation adjacent to degraded riverine forest.

**Date and time:** 30 October 2007, 21:15 hrs.

**Identity of subject:** Slashed-back Frog, *Humerana miopus* (Amphibia: Anura: Ranidae).

**Description of observation:** Two adult examples, both of estimated 6 cm snout-vent length (Figs. 1 and 2) were located by flashlight on sparsely vegetated ground in an oil palm plantation, approximately 20 metres from the landward margin of degraded riverine forest bordering tidal (mangrove) habitats of the Sedili River.



Fig. 1. Dorso-lateral view of specimen 1.



Fig. 2. Fronto-lateral view of specimen 2.

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**Remarks:** *Humerana miopus* bears a unique, asymmetric pattern of lines on its dorsum and upper flanks, by which the species is easily identified. In some specimens there may be just three of these lines, but in others, such as the example shown here, the pattern is more complex and includes numerous thin, truncated lines.

In the Malay Peninsula, *Humerana miopus* has been recorded as far south as Bukit Ibam in southeast Pahang (Berry, 1975: 80 as *Rana miopus*) and the Endau-Rompin National Park (Wood et al., 2008: 113). The featured individual appears to represent the southernmost record of its range.

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