



First Record of Siebold’s Watersnake, *Ferania sieboldii* (Schlegel 1837), from Tripura, India

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In India, Siebold’s Watersnake, *Ferania sieboldii* (Schlegel 1837), has been recorded from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Nagaland, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Assam, Delhi, Mizoram, and Kerala (Smith 1943; Sharma 2003; Whitaker and Captain 2004; Thakur and Watve 2009; Lalremsangaet al. 2011; Srivastava et al. 2020).

Herein we record *F. sieboldii* from the state of Tripura. Around 1020 h on 21 November 2021, we encountered a *F. sieboldii* on the bank of the River Gomati (Fig. 1) in the Chanban area of Udaipur Town in the State of Tripura, India (23.54527 N, 91.48472 E). The snake, approximately 850 mm in total length, was preying on a Bata Fish (*Labeo bata*).



Figure 1. Siebold’s Watersnake (*Ferania sieboldii*) preying on a Bata Fish (*Labeo bata*) in the Chanban area of Udaipur Town in the State of Tripura, India. Photograph by Aditya Karmakar.

A photographic voucher was deposited at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum, National University of Singapore ZRC(IMG) 2.594. Unfortunately, due to circumstances and the lack of a permit, no further data were collected.

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