

NOTES ON CHECKLIST OF REPTILES IN ULU MUDA FOREST RESERVE, KEDAH

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Abstract – Information on reptiles in Ulu Muda is scarce and less information is gathered from this site. This present study aimed to provide a checklist of reptiles in Ulu Muda Forest Reserve, Kedah based on five sampling sessions that were carried out from April 2021 until March 2022, where two days of active searches were carried out for each session. The active sampling was done in potential habitats such as rivers/tributaries, water paddles, wetlands, and swamps in the study sites. All individuals collected were examined and measured to identify and record. The results of the survey showed that a total of 16 species of reptiles belonging to 7 families were found in the study area. This checklist showed that the most abundant reptiles were from the family Agamidae. With this little information, it is hoped that a long-term study can be carried out and an effective management plan can be formulated to conserve this forest reserve.

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