

***VARANUS RUDICOLLIS* (Rough-necked monitor)**

OCCURRENCE

At 0615 h on 4 May 2008, an adult *Varanus rudicollis* (ca. 1.2-1.5 m in total length) was observed resting in a tree (Figure 1) along a forest edge between an oil palm plantation and a forest reserve (Figure 2) in Tawau, Sabah, Borneo (4°17'53"N ; 117°52'59"E). The *V. rudicollis* was seen resting vertically on the trunk of a tree at a height of ca. 6 m. The monitor was observed for 10-15 min from a distance of ca. 100 m, and did not seem to react to the author's presence. No other varanid lizards were seen in the area.



Figure 1. Adult *Varanus rudicollis* resting in tree.



Figure 2. Habitat of *V. rudicollis*.

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