

**A SECOND SPECIMEN OF THE MATANNA WATER  
SNAKE, *ENHYDRIS MATANNENSIS* (BLGR.), FROM RAHA,  
MUNA ISLAND, INDONESIA**

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The matanna water snake, *Enhydris matannensis* (Boulenger) is known only from a single specimen, an immature male, obtained from Matanna Lake (altitude approximately 415 m), Central Celebes. This specimen was collected by P. & F. Sarasin around 1893-1896 (Boulenger, 1897) and the holotype is deposited in the National Museum, Basel (NMB, 1735). Until now it is the only known example of the species.

In early January 1977, a female specimen (485 mm, tail 78 mm) was collected by Mr Gregori G. Hambali from a fish pond in Raha, Muna Island, southeast Celebes. This specimen matches well with the descriptions given by Boulenger, de Rooij (1917) and Ko Ko Gyi (1970) except for some minor features. It has a single internasal, one right and two left postoculars. Only the fourth upper labial enters the orbit and the fifth left upper labial forms a suture with the eye. The single loreal is nearly as long as high, in contact with the second and third upper labial, forming a suture with the first left upper labial. There are nine right and ten left lower labials; the fifth right and sixth left lower labials are the largest; the first four right and five left lower labials are in contact with the first pair of chinshields. It has 134 ventral and 47 subcaudal scales; the seventh ventral is incomplete. The scale reduction in this specimen according to Dowling's formula is:

$$21 \frac{3 + 4 (114)}{2 + 3 (113)} 19 (134)$$

It has 4-5 gular scales and two incomplete ventrals.

The colour matches very well with the illustration in Boulenger (1897) except that the ventral scales of this specimen have less conspicuous greyish brown spots.

The freshwater fish pond where the snake was found lies about 100 m from the coast, which is separated from the pond by the main road which leads to the harbour. The nearest river lies about 2000 m from the place where this specimen was obtained. The snake was caught at 20.00 hr while it was resting.

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