

New location record for the recently described *Liophidium pattoni* Vieites Ratsoavina, Randrianiaina, Nagy, Glaw & Vences 2010

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An exceptionally colourful snake (Serpentes: Lamprophiidae: Pseudoxyrhophiinae) was recently found in Madagascar and described as *Liophidium pattoni* (Vieites et al. 2010). This species has been recorded in the Makira forest (type locality) and the Masoala National Park in northeast Madagascar in high

elevation rainforest (Vieites et al. 2010). I report here a new sighting of *L. pattoni* in the Anjanaharibe-Sud Special Reserve, which is located north of the Makira forest and the Masoala NP (Fig.1). Previously, three other species of *Liophidium* have been recorded from the Anjanaharibe-Sud SR (Raxworthy et al. 1998; Andreone et al. 2000).

Liophidium pattoni was photographed at 1000 m elevation on 2 December 2008, at 11 am, while crossing a small road (Fig. 2). GPS coordinates for the location are 14.75375S 49.48618E. Weather was sunny and temperature was +27°C. The surrounding habitat consists of primary mid-elevation rainforest and some open areas and secondary vegetation next to the road. Species identification was confirmed based on a photograph by Miguel Vences (pers.com. 27.09.2010).



Figure 1. The new location for *Liophidium pattoni* in the Anjanaharibe-Sud SR is marked with a red spot.

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Figure 2. *Liophidium pattoni* was photographed in Anjanaharibe-Sud on 2 December 2008.