

**Kumpol's Tree Gecko, *Cnemaspis kumpoli* (Sauria: Gekkonidae)
Preyed upon by the White-Spotted Cat Snake, *Boiga drapezeii*
(Serpentes: Colubridae)**

On 19 June 1997, at about 1800 h, along a trail in evergreen forest at Ton Nga-Chang Waterfall, Hat Yai District, Songkhla Province in southern Thailand, we collected two white-spotted cat snakes, *Boiga drapezeii* within 1 m of each other. One of the snakes was positioned on top of a large boulder and had its head and forebody in overhanging vegetation, about 2 m above the ground. This snake held a Kumpol's tree gecko, *Cnemaspis kumpoli* in its mouth (Figure 1). Upon inspection the gecko was dead and showed discoloration from envenomation by the snake. The 14 g snake had a SVL (snout-vent length) of 62.5 cm and an 18.8 cm tail. The 0.9 g gecko had a 3.2 cm SVL and a broken tail. The second snake had a mass of 9.3 g, a 57.3 cm SVL and a 17.2 cm tail. Previous reports have suggested that this snake feeds on frogs, birds and their eggs, lizards, and other snakes (COX, 1991; LIM & LEE, 1989; MURPHY ET AL., 1994) but have lacked data from stomach contents or observations in nature. *B. drapezeii* is a widespread species in Southeast Asia, ranging from southern Thailand southward through West Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, and Borneo. *C. kumpoli* is restricted to southern Thailand and the Malaysian peninsula. Figure 2 illustrates the extremely gracile morphology of this interesting arboreal snake.



Figure 1. A *Boiga drapezeii* envenomating a *Cnemaspis kumpoli*. John C. Murphy.



Figure 2. *Boiga drapezeii* from Ton-Nga-Chang Waterfall, Hatyai District, Songkhla Province. John C. Murphy.

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