

**A Possible Record of the Javan or Lesser One-horned  
Rhinoceros in Malaya.**

I have no literature on the subject available, but I believe that the existence of the One-horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*) in Malaya at present is under a certain amount of doubt.

In this connexion the following notes may be of interest. While on a reconnaissance trip in Ulu Sungei Seduli in November, 1949, about 9 miles from the Jemaluang to Kota Tinggi road, I came across three-toed tracks at least 9 inches across, dung smaller than that of an elephant, and three piles of *palas* leaves, each pile about 2 ft by 5 ft and 1½ ft high. The *palas* (a small palm of the genus *Licuala*) had been chewed off about 2 ft above the ground. The forest was flat and swampy for many miles around.

According to Peacock (A Game Book for Burma) the tracks of the Two-horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sumatrensis*) do not normally exceed 7½ in. in diameter, and this animal is rarely found in flat swampy forest, so it seems unlikely that the traces which I saw were of this species.

I should be glad of the opinion of more experienced observers on this subject.

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[The last summary of the status of *R. sondaicus* in Malaya seems to be that of Loch 1937 *J. Malay. Br. Asiat. Soc.* 15 130-149. He estimates that at that time there were perhaps six animals of this species in the Federated Malay States (Perak and Selangor), and perhaps 66 in the world. He has no definite record of its ever occurring in Johore or on the east side of the Peninsula, but he quotes a visual record from Pahang—*Editor*].

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