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## On the Cover: *Varanus obor*

*Varanus obor* is the most recent species of monitor lizard to be described from Indonesia. Discovered by Weijola and Sweet (2010. A new melanistic species of monitor [Reptilia: Squamata: Varanidae] from Sanana Island, Indonesia. *Zootaxa* 2434: 17-32.), *V. obor* also represents the most recently described member of the *V. indicus* complex. Data and observations on its natural history and ecology are included within the species description.

The specimens depicted on the cover and inset of this issue were photographed by **Valter Weijola** on Sanana Island, Maluku, Indonesia on 28 March and 3 April 2009. The specimen depicted on the cover and to the left was observed around 1600 h in a coastal Sago area of northeastern Sanana. The specimen depicted below was first observed foraging in coastal vegetation, but ascended a coconut palm when it noticed the observer.

