

New record of nudibranch *Odontoglaja guamensis* in Singapore

Subject: *Odontoglaja guamensis* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Aglajidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Straits, off Pulau Biola; 16 March 2014; 1130 hrs.

Habitat: Coral reef, at 6 m depth.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One example of 5 mm total length was found gliding on the substrate upon which it is superbly camouflaged (Fig. 1). Fig. 2 shows the entire animal not obscured by natural backdrop.

Remarks: *Odontoglaja guamensis* preys on mobile invertebrates such as polychaete worms and other opisthobranch molluscs (Rudman, 1998). The species is herein recorded for the first time in Singapore waters. It is not included on the list of Singapore molluscs compiled by Tan & Woo (2010).

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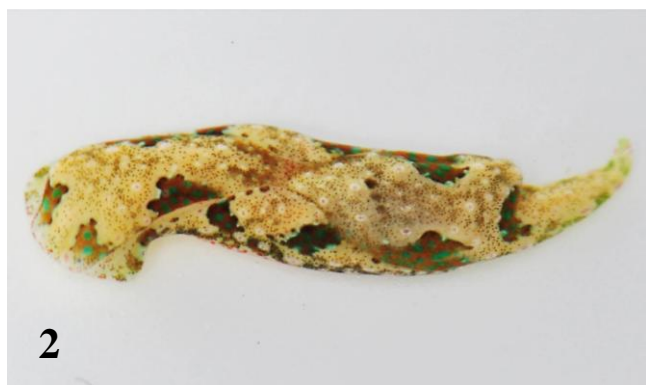
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Fig. 1. *Odontoglaja guamensis* specimen on the reef. Head of the animal pointing towards lower right corner.

Fig. 2. Dorsal view of *Odontoglaja guamensis* specimen ex-situ, showing general appearance of animal.

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