

New record of the nudibranch *Trapania vitta* in Singapore

Subjects: *Trapania vitta* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Goniodorididae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Straits, north of Pulau Hantu Kechil; 23 March 2014; 1130-1135hrs.

Habitat: Coral reef, at 10 m depth.

Observers: Contributor and others.

Observation: Two examples, each about 5 mm total length, were observed. The first example (Fig.1) was encountered on the reef substrate at 1130 hrs. The second individual (Fig. 2) was photographed crawling on a sponge at 1135 hrs, about 2 m away from the first.

Remarks: *Trapania vitta* is not present in the list of Singapore molluscs compiled by Tan & Woo (2010). The examples featured herein are likely to be the first records of this species in Singapore waters.

Reference: Tan S. K. & H. P. M. Woo, 2010. *A Preliminary Checklist of the Molluscs of Singapore*. Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, National University of Singapore. 72pp.



Fig. 1. The first example of *Trapania vitta*.



Fig. 2. The second example on a sponge.

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