

New record of the nudibranch *Tambja sagamiana* in Singapore

Subjects: *Tambja sagamiana* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Polyceridae).

Subjects identified by: Toh Chay Hoon & Jeffrey K. Y. Low.

Location, date and time: Singapore Straits, Pulau Hantu; 21 April 2011 & 23 March 2014.

Habitat: Coral reef, between 10 and 15 m depth.

Observers: Toh Chay Hoon, Jeffrey K. Y. Low and others.

Observation: Three examples, all between 30 and 40 mm total length, were seen on reef substrates off Pulau Hantu. The first two examples (Fig. 1) were encountered on 21 April 2011 by Jeffrey Low. The latest example (Fig. 2) was photographed on 23 March 2014 by Toh Chay Hoon. In addition, a few conspecific individuals were also observed by other divers at Pulau Hantu between 2011 and 2014.

Remarks: The specimens in the accompanying photographs appear identical to *Tambja sagamiana* illustrated by Debelius & Kuitert (2007). This species is not present on the list of Singapore molluscs compiled by Tan & Woo (2010), and the examples featured herein are most likely the first records of this species in Singapore waters.

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Fig. 1. The first two examples on 21 April 2011.
Photograph by Jeffrey K. Y. Low



Fig. 2. The latest example on 23 March 2014.
Photograph by Toh Chay Hoon

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