

Janss' pipefish at Pulau Pawai

Subjects: Janss' pipefish, *Doryramphus janssi* (Teleostei: Syngnathidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, Pulau Pawai; 29 November 2014; 1530 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Coral reef, under a coral overhang near the reef crest, at 6 m depth.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: While conducting a safety stop at the conclusion of a dive, the contributor obtained a photograph from under a narrow coral overhang by inserting his hand holding the camera into the crevice. The resulting picture, although out-of-focus, clearly shows two examples of the Janss' pipefish (indicated by arrows in the attached photograph).

Remarks: The Janss' pipefish was first recorded in Singapore based on examples photographed off Pulau Hantu (Low et al., 2009). This species grows to 13 cm in total length, and inhabits reef crevices, either individually or in pairs. It is distributed from the Andaman Sea through Indonesia and tropical Australia to the Philippines, Palau and the Solomon Islands (Allen & Erdmann, 2012: 192).

References:

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Photograph by Tan Heok Hui

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