Globe urchin in the Singapore Strait


Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, off Pulau Satumu; 10 April 2015; around 2000 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Fringing coral reef, on coral rubble, at about 5 m depth.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An example of about 8 cm diameter was observed on the substrate. It was carrying pieces of macroalgae and debris, possibly to conceal itself (see accompanying picture).

Remarks: *Mespilia globulus* occurs in shallow water coral rubble and patch reefs, from the Bay of Bengal, through Indonesia, the Philippines and tropical Australia, to the Marshall Islands (Gosliner et al., 1996: 273). This species is not mentioned by Lane & Vandenspiegal (2003) as occurring in Singapore.

References: