New record of nudibranch *Dermatobranchus fortunatus* in Singapore

**Subject:** *Dermatobranchus fortunatus* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Arminidae).

**Subject identified by:** Toh Chay Hoon.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, off Pulau Subar Darat; 29 July 2015; 1130 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Coral reef at between 4 and 6 m depth.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A small sea slug of 9 mm total length (ex-situ measurement, Fig. 1) was found gliding on the silty substrate of a coral reef. This specimen has a white body with a series of dark brown patches, each fusing with an orange band along the margins of the mantle. Bulbous rhinophores with orange-and-black apical bands and white tips are present. The oral veil is white with a single orange patch on the anterior end (Fig. 2). There is a hidden gill between the foot and the mantle (Fig. 3).

**Remarks:** *Dermatobranchus fortunatus* (Bergh, 1888) is absent on the list of Singapore molluscs compiled by Tan & Woo (2010). Although examples have previously been noted by other observers in Singapore waters, the one featured here appears to be the first published record of this species there.

**References:**

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![Fig. 1. Dorsal view of 9 mm (total length) *Dermatobranchus fortunatus* from off Pulau Subar Darat. Distance between each black bar 1 mm. Photograph by Tan Yee Keat](image-url)
Fig. 2. Dorsal view of *Dermatobranchus fortunatus* from Pulau Subar Darat showing (a) white oral veil with single orange patch on the anterior end; and (b) bulbous rhinophores with orange-and-black apical bands and white tips.

Fig 3. Ventral view of *Dermatobranchus fortunatus* from Pulau Subar Darat. The gill is hidden between the foot and the mantle.

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