

## Winged argonaut shell at Semakau Landfill

**Subject:** Winged argonaut, *Argonauta hians* (Mollusca: Cephalopoda: Argonautidae).

**Subject identified by:** Tan Siang Kiat.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, Semakau Landfill, western part; 12 November 2015; 1600 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Intertidal zone of mangrove-lined shore.

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**Observation:** As shown in the attached picture, a shell of a female argonaut was found stranded and half-submerged among the roots of a bakau tree (*Rhizophora* sp.). A hole was observed on the lateral side of the thin, boxy shell of about 8 cm.

**Remarks:** This appears to be the second record of an *Argonauta hians* shell found in Singapore. The first record for the country was also at Semakau Landfill (Lee et al., 2015).

**Reference:** Lee B. Y, S. K. Tan & M. E. Y. Low, 2015. Singapore Mollusca: 9. The family Argonautidae, with a new record of *Argonauta hians* (Cephalopoda: Octopoda: Argonautoidea). *Nature in Singapore*. 8: 15-24.



Shell of winged argonaut with aperture facing upwards. Photograph by Letchumi d/o Mani

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