

New Singapore record of nudibranch genus *Aegires*

Subject: *Aegires* sp. (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Aegiridae).

Subject identified by: Contributor & Hsini Lin.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait off Pulau Hantu; 20 February 2016; around 1500 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Coral reef, at depth of about 10 m.

Observer: Contributor.

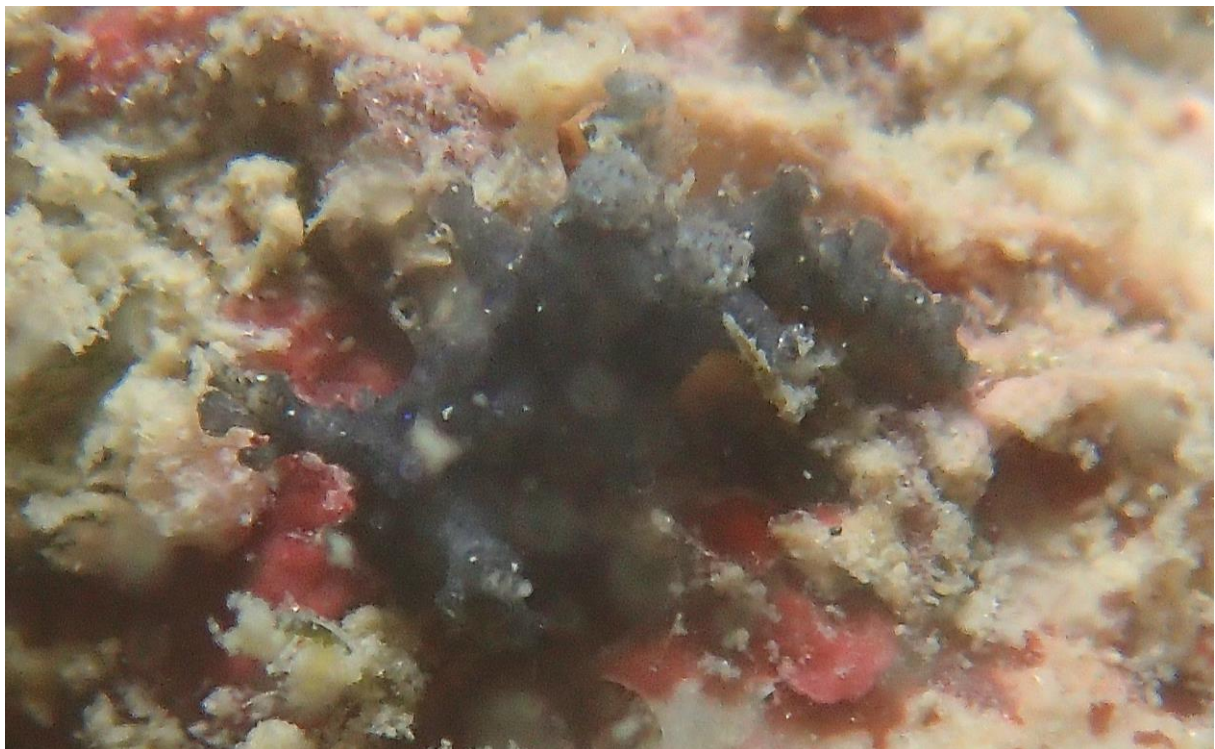
Observation: One example of about 5 mm total length was observed on a piece of coral rubble. Its body is blackish with irregular tubercles and several tiny deep blue spots (see accompanying photograph).

Remarks: This genus *Aegires* does not appear on the checklist of Tan & Woo (2010), and is likely to be new record for Singapore waters. The specimen featured here superficially resembles the '*Aegires* sp. 4' of Gosliner et al. (2015: 147).

References:

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Dorsal view of the example of *Aegires* sp. found off Pulau Hantu. Photograph by Toh Chay Hoon

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