

New Singapore record of the nudibranch genus *Godiva*

Subjects: *Godiva* sp. (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Facelinidae).

Subjects identified by: Toh Chay Hoon.

Location, date and time: Singapore Straits off Pulau Hantu; 20 March 2016; around 1018 hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Coral reef, at depth of about 12 m.

Observer: Ng Boon Leong.

Observation: Two examples of about 5 cm and 1 cm total length were observed, about 10 cm apart, crawling on the substrate. The larger individual is herein shown in the attached photographs.

Remarks: The specimens come closest in appearance to members of the genus *Godiva*, in particular, *Godiva rachelae* as illustrated by Gosliner et al. (2015: 369). However, the featured individual does not have a series of opaque white diamond markings on the medial region of the notum. *Godiva* does not appear on the checklist of Tan & Woo (2010), and the taxon is likely to be new record for Singapore waters.

References:

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Dorso-lateral (left) and dorsal (right) views of *Godiva* sp. off Pulau Hantu. Photographs by Ng Boon Leong

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