

## New Singapore record of nudibranch *Trapania caerulea*

**Subject:** *Trapania caerulea* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Goniodorididae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, off Pulau Hantu; 29 March 2015; around 1530 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Coral reef at depth of about 13 m.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** One example of about 7 mm total length was observed crawling on the silty substrate (see accompanying picture).

**Remarks:** This nudibranch, not recorded by Tan & Woo (2010), is likely to be new record for Singapore waters. The featured individual closely resembles the example of *Trapania caerulea* illustrated by Gosliner et al. (2015: 141).

### References:

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Dorsal view of *Trapania caerulea* off Pulau Hantu. Photograph by Toh Chay Hoon

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