

New Singapore record of nudibranch, *Doto ussi*

Subjects: *Doto ussi* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Dotidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor, Gary Cobb & Hsini Lin.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait, off Pulau Hantu; 26 February 2017; around 1100 hrs.

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

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: Two *Doto ussi*, each individual around 10 mm total length, were observed at the base of a hydroid. The accompanying picture shows a dorsal view of the the two individuals in-situ, one in front of the other, with an egg ribbon above them. The dorsal surfaces of the slugs are covered with numerous round tubercles.

Remarks: This nudibranch is not on the list of Singapore molluscan fauna compiled by Tan & Woo (2010). Species identification is based on Gosliner et al. (2015). This is likely to be new record for Singapore waters.

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