

## First Singapore record of the nudibranch, *Polycera risbeci*

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**Subject:** *Polycera risbeci* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Nudibranchia: Polyceridae).

**Subject identified by:** Toh Chay Hoon.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait off Pulau Hantu, western reef; 15 April 2018; around 0850 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Coral reef, on bryozoan and on sand, at 12 m depth.

**Observer:** Katherine Lu.

**Observation:** One example, about 2mm in total length, was observed on bryozoan, presumably feeding (see accompanying picture for a dorso-lateral view). The nudibranch dropped onto the sand when the observer approached it for a closer observation.

**Remarks:** The featured nudibranch appears very similar to specimens illustrated by Gosliner et al (2015: 113). This species is brownish and has a series of fine dark brown transverse lines across its body surface. It is not listed by Tan & Woo (2010), and appears to be a new record for Singapore.

### References:

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Photograph by Katherine Lu