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First Singapore record of the sea slug, Pleurobranchus weberi

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Subject: Pleurobranchus weberi (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Pleurobranchomorpha: Pleurobranchidae).

Subject identified by: Toh Chay Hoon.

Location, date and time: Singapore Strait at Pulau Hantu, western reef; 13th May 2018; around 0415hrs.

Habitat: Marine. Coral reef, on silty substrate at 7m depth.

Observer: Toh Chay Hoon.

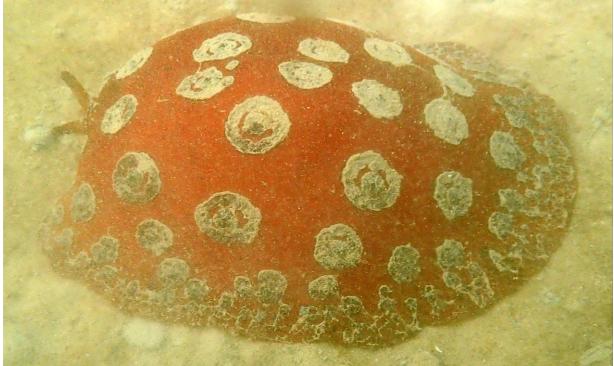
Observation: One example of about 30 cm total length was observed crawling on the substrate. The accompanying picture shows a dorso-lateral view of the animal with the head facing left.

Remarks: The featured example appears very similar to specimens illustrated by Gosliner et al (2008: 99). This species is reddish and has opaque white 'double bull-eyes' pattern on its notum. Since it is not listed by Tan & Woo (2010), *Pleurobranchus weberi* appears to be a new record for Singapore.

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