

## 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; 13<sup>th</sup> 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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Photograph by Toh Chay Hoon