

## New Singapore record of the sea slug, *Notarchus indicus*

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**Subjects:** *Notarchus indicus* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Aplysiida: Aplysiidae).

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

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, off Pulau Hantu, western reef; 19 April 2019; 1940hrs.

**Observer:** Tan Shiyong Ann.

**Observation:** One individual of about 10 mm was observed on top of a piece of red algae at a depth of around 9.7 m (Fig. 1). A second individual (Fig. 2), of about the same size, was spotted nearby.

**Remarks:** *Notarchus indicus* is widely distributed in the Indo-Pacific and eastern Pacific. This sea slug is greenish or brown with scattered black spots and smaller opaque white and yellow dots, and has a squat body and fused parapodia (Gosliner et al., 2018: 391). As this species is not listed by Tan & Woo (2010), it appears to be a new record for Singapore.

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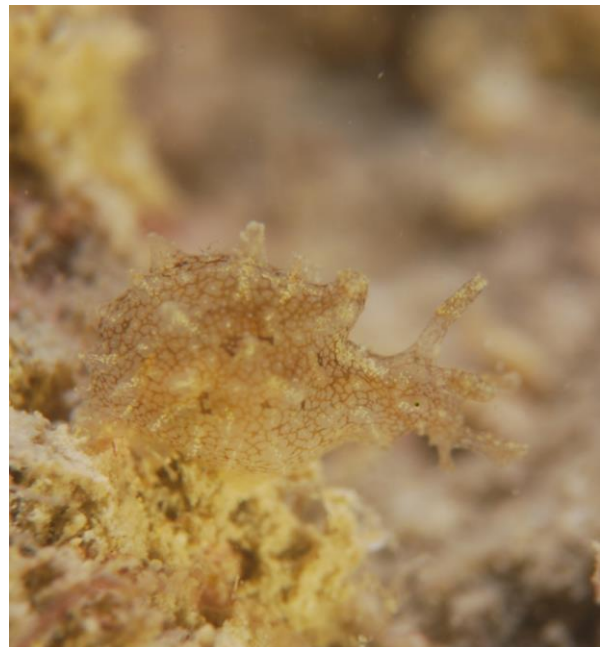


Fig. 1. Dorso-frontal view of an example on red algae. Fig. 2. Lateral view of the second example.

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