

## Biodiversity Record: New Singapore record of the nudibranch, *Trapania miltabranca*

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**Subjects:** *Trapania miltabranca* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Nudibranchia: Goniodorididae).

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

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait, off Pulau Hantu; 8 April 2023; around 1840 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Coral reef. Sandy bottom at about 12 m depth.

**Observers:** Wong Minn Xuan and Tay Xue Fen.

**Observations:** Two examples, each of about 1 cm total length, were observed with rhinophores and gills extended, holding their positions on the substrate against a slight current. One of the animals is illustrated in Figs. 1 & 2.

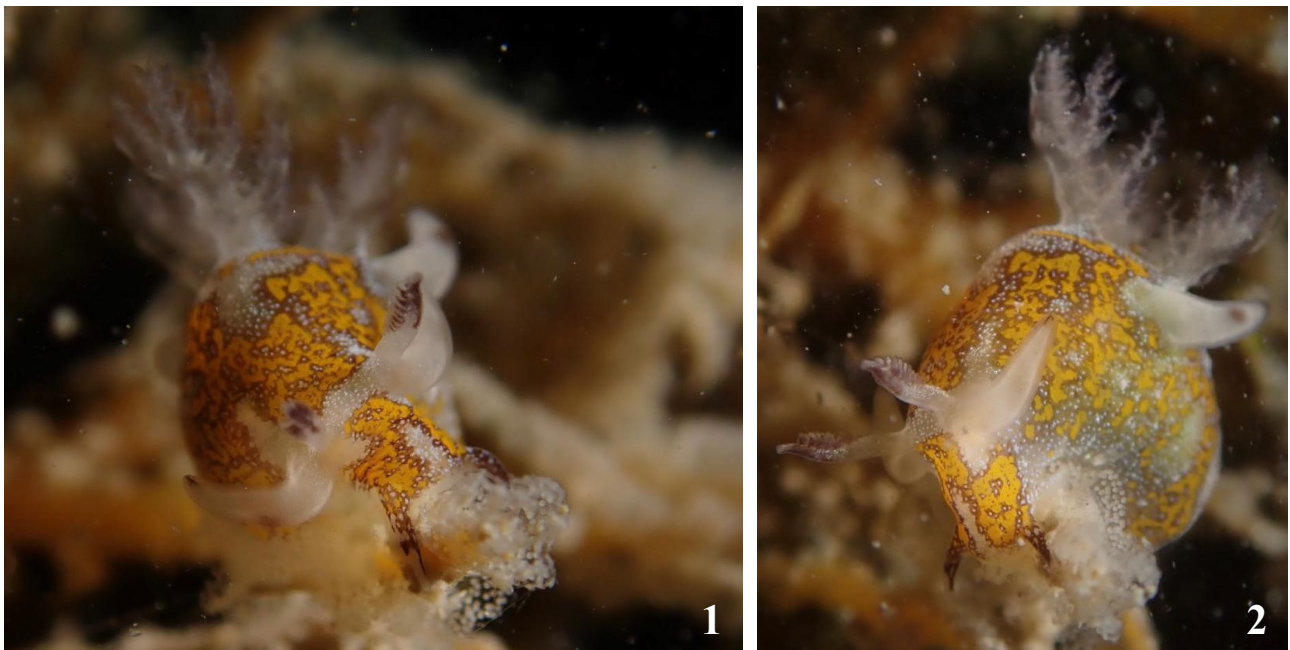


Fig. 1. Frontal view of one of the *Trapania miltabranca*. Fig. 2. Fronto-lateral view of the same animal. (Photographs by: Wong Minn Xuan)

**Remarks:** The featured nudibranchs resemble *Trapania miltabranca* illustrated in Gosliner et al. (2008). As this species is not listed by Tan & Woo (2010), it is likely to be a new record for Singapore.

### Literature cited:

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