

Results - Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census III Saturday 14th June 2014

Thank you to everyone who participated in Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census III on 14 June 2014, and made the event a huge success. The census is a great example of how interested divers can work together to further marine species knowledge in an area.

Thanks to the following people for contributing photos to the census!

Bob Edgar, Cath Shorthouse, Di Pacey, Edi Payrleitner, Greg Shanahan, Ian Marriner, Ian Medcalf, Ian Shaw, Jim Dodd, Kate Tinson, Kim Ainsworth, Matt Nimbs, Meryl Larkin, Michael Mears, Nicola Davis, Paul McKay, Peter Davey, Ron Bowditch, Steve Smith, and Tom Davis

Your involvement directly contributed to the ongoing documentation of Port Stephens' amazing variety of sea slug species.

Summary of Results

- 23 participants - 22 Divers & 1 Intertidal
- 3 sites surveyed
- 48 different species identified
- 2 'new' species for the area i.e. not listed in available records for Port Stephens
Discodoris mauritiana and *Spurilla brasiliiana*



Goniobranchus collingwoodi
by Jim Dodd



New Species! *Spurilla brasiliiana*
by Steve Smith



Trinchisia sibogae
by Kate Tinson

The highest number of species found while diving was 20 species, by Matt Nimbs and Greg Shanahan, who were rewarded for their efforts with a copy of "Undersea Jewels - A Colour Guide to Nudibranchs" by Gary Cobb and Richard C. Willan.

**The next two censuses will be;
13th September 2014, and 13th December 2014.
Put these dates in your diaries!**

Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census III was a joint partnership between Southern Cross University (SCU) <http://scu.edu.au/>, Underwater Volunteers NSW (UVNSW) <http://www.uvnsw.net.au/>, and the Combined Hunter Underwater Group (CHUG) <http://combinedhunterunderwatergroup.weebly.com>

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