

## Results - Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census IV Saturday 13th September 2014

Thank you to everyone who participated in Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census IV on 13 September 2014, and made the event a huge success. We had a record number of participants this time (38), and have had 56 different people taking part in the censuses since they started. We now have a full year's worth of data which will provide interesting insights into seasonal variations in species presence and abundance.

### Results:

- 38 participants - 37 Divers & 1 Intertidal
- 5 sites surveyed
- 51 different species identified
- 2 'new' species for the area which have been sent off for expert identification.

The highest number of species found while diving was 15.5 species, by Kate Tinson and Cath Shorthouse (Note: the 0.5 was being eaten by an octopus!) For their efforts they will receive a copy of the "Wild Guide to Moreton Bay and Adjacent Coasts" from the Queensland Museum.

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*Rostanga arbutus*  
(Intertidal) by Ron Bowditch



**New Species!** *Kaloplocamus* sp.  
by Kate Tinson



**New Species!** *Phidiana* sp.  
by Kate Tinson

**The next census will be on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014, and will be the first "Nelson Bay Nudi Festival" with lots of events and talks so put the date in your diaries!**

Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census IV 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>