



Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated in the inaugural **Swansea Sea Slug Census**, 14 December 2013, and made the event a huge success. We hope you will be available to participate in future events and build the database further. The census is a great example of how interested **divers and science** can **work together** to further marine species knowledge in our **local area**.

Summary of Results

- **15 participants** - 13 divers & 2 snorkelers
- 3 distinct dive sites
- 41 images submitted
- **15 different species identified**
- **4 buddy pairs found one or more species no other team recorded**

Most species* (1st prize 2 copies of Justin Gilligan's *Port Stephens Naturally*)

Placing	Number of Species	Buddy pair	Dive Site/s
1st	8	Margo Smith / Tom Davis	Swansea Channel, south wall, east of bridge
2nd	7	Di Pacey / Kate Tinson* <i>winner as more species not seen by other divers</i> Margo Smith / Tom Davis	Swansea Channel south wall, east of bridge Lucy's wall
3rd	6	Ian Marriner / Will Owyong	Swansea Channel south wall, east of bridge

Most unusual

Marionia rubra Tom Davis /Margo Smith (**not** *Tritoniopsis elegans* as labelled in Census results)
Not sighted by any other divers, image was sent off for positive identification.

Best Photo (1st prize N. Coleman's *Underwater Naturalist*)

1st Place *Ceratosoma amoenum* laying eggs, William Owyong / Ian Marriner



(L to R) *Marionia rubra* T Davis

Ceratosoma amoenum laying eggs, W Owyong

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