

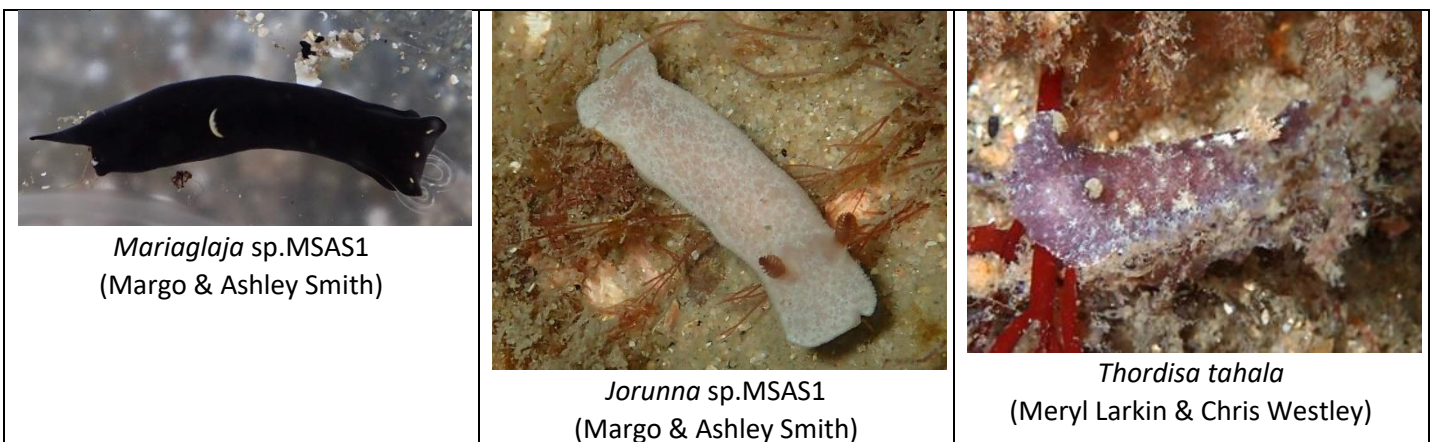
32nd Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census Results

1st – 10th September 2023

The 32nd Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census weekend was a great success!
28 people took part, with excellent diving conditions and plenty of sea slugs about.

293 photos were sent in, showing **94 different species** (see album).

This included **3 new species** for the census!



New species found on the 32nd Sea Slug census

Thanks to the divers and intertidal searchers that took part:

Alex Bartlett, Alison Taylor, Ashley Smith, Bill Kuiper, Cath Shorthouse, Chris Lenton, Chris Westley, Geoff Chisholm, Gitanjali Katrak, Hans Staub, Ian Marriner, John Clarke, Julie Coombe, Julie Jones, Karen Diehl, Kate Tinson, Kelsey Brooks, Lea Stewart-Clarke, Margo Smith, Meryl Larkin, Nichole Lenton, Nicola Davis, Peter Davey, Renae Moth, Robert Olive, Tom Davis, Trudie Campey, Zara Boyce.

The census reached a major milestone with over **1000 participants** having taken part in Nelson Bay censuses since they started in December 2013.

The next census will be a week-long extravaganza (24th November-3rd December 2023) to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Nelson Bay Sea Slug Census!

It will overlap with the Great Southern BioBlitz (24-27th Nov.) and the 40th Anniversary celebrations for the Fly Pt-Halifax Park Aquatic Reserve (3rd Dec.).

Fun Fact: The first ever sea slug census was held in Nelson Bay in December 2013. The concept has spread from this original idea and censuses have now been held throughout NSW and in Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Vanuatu and Bali!

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The following pages shows all the species found on the census in order from most to least common. Numbers in brackets refer to the number of team sightings. All photos were taken by the participants.



Coryphellina cf. lotos (12)



Goniobranchus splendidus (12)



Hypselodoris bennetti (12)



Ceratosoma amoenum (11)



Phyllodesmium poindimiei (10)



Polycera capensis (10)



Pteraeolidia ianthina (10)



Doriprismatica atromarginata (9)



Aphelodoris varia (8)



Dendrodoris krusensternii (8)



Goniobranchus daphne (8)



Goniobranchus aureopurpureus (7)

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Hypselodoris obscura (7)



Caloria indica (6)



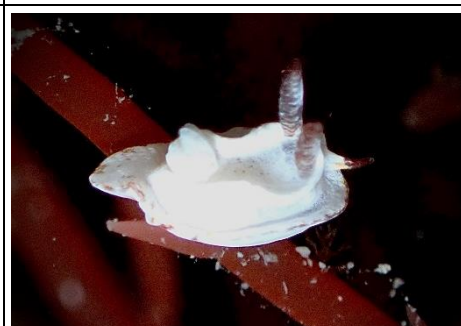
Aplysia extraordinaria (5)



Coryphellina poenicia (5)



Nembrotha purpureolineata (5)



Pelagella longicornis (5)



Plocamopherus imperialis (5)



Thecacera pennigera (5)



Aplysia concava (4)



Aplysia sydneyensis (4)



Bulbaeolidia alba (4)



Favorinus tsuruganus (4)

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Goniobranchus geometricus (4)



Pleurobranchus peronii (4)



Trapania brunnea (4)



Dermatobranchus cf dendronephthiphagus (3)



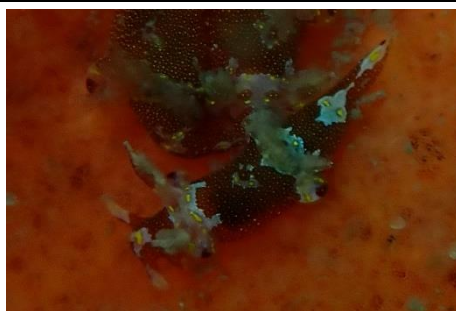
Elysia tomentosa (3)



Goniodoridella savignyi (3)



Jorunna ramicola (3)



Trapania benni (3)



Tritonia sp. 1 (*Carijoa*) (3)



Aplysia juliana (2)



Ceratosoma brevicaudatum (2)



Dendrodoris arborescens (2)



Dendrodoris fumata (2)



Dermatobranchus sp. 1 (2)



Doris cameroni (2)

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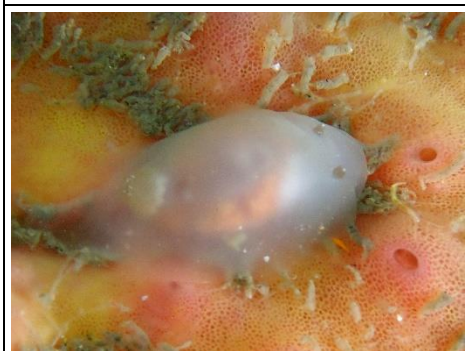
Elysia maoria (2)



Goniobranchus collingwoodi (2)



Gymnodoris alba (2)



Hallaxa michaeli (2)



Janolus sp. 1 (orange) (2)



Okenia harastii (2)



Tayuva lilacina (2)



Trinchesia sibogae (2)



Tularia bractea (2)



Verconia haliclona (2)



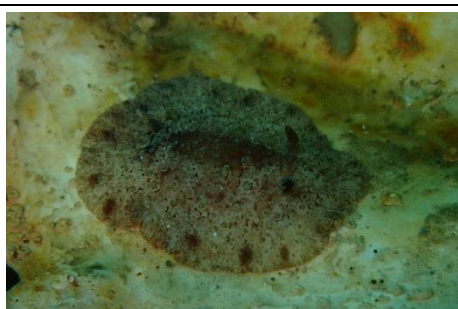
Anteaeolidiella cacaotica (1)



Austreaolis ornata (1)



Berthellina citrina (1)



Carminodoris nodulosa (1)



Cratena lineata (1)

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Crosslandia viridis (1)



Dendrodoris nigra (1)



Dermatobranchus primus (1)



Discodoris sp TRD1 (1)



Doriopsilla carneola (1)



Doriopsilla peculiaris (1)



Eubranthus ocellatus (1)



Glossodoris angasi (1)



Goniobranchus albonares (1)



Goniobranchus verrieri (1)



Hancockia burni (1)



Jorunna pantherina (1)



Jorunna sp. MSAS1 (1)

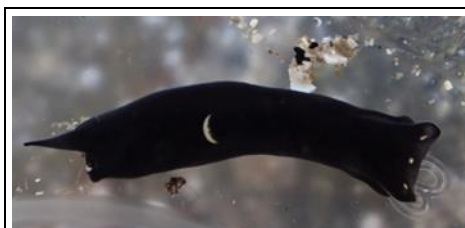


Kaloplocamus acutus (1)



Kaloplocamus ramosus (1)

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Mariaglaja sp. MSAS1 (1)



Melanochlamys queritor (1)



Okenia mija (1)



Okenia pellucida (1)



Onchidoris sp. 1 (1)



Oxynoe viridis (1)



Petalifera ramosa (1)



Phyllodesmium sp. 1 (apricot) (1)



Pleurobranchaea brockii (1)



Pleurobranchaea maculata (1)



Plocamopherus tilesii (1)



Polycera sp. 1 (1)



Rostanga arbutus (1)



Rostanga crawfordi (1)



Spurilla braziliana (1)

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Stylocheilus striatus (1)



Thordisa tahala (1)



Tubulophilinopsis lineolata (1)



Trinchesia kuiteri (1)



Trinchesia thelmae (1)



Vayssierea felis (1)

Bubble and Umbrella shells



Bullina lineata (6)



Umbraculum umbraculum (4)



Bulla sp. (2)



Hydatina physis (1)