

Brock's pipefish at Little Sister Island

Subject: Brock's pipefish, *Halicampus brocki* (Teleostei: Syngnathidae).

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Straits, off Little Sister Island; 15 October 2013; 1100 hrs.

Habitat: Marine, coral reef, at about 6m depth.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: The pipefish of about 5cm total length was seen moving on coral substrate.

Remarks: This is the second species of *Halicampus* recorded from Singapore waters, the first being the black-and-white banded glittering pipefish (*Halicampus nitidus*) from Pulau Hantu (Lim & Low, 1998). Brock's pipefish (see: Kuiter, 2009), also known as tasseled pipefish (see: Allen & Erdmann, 2012), has a short snout, branched filaments on the head and prominent skin flaps along the body.

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