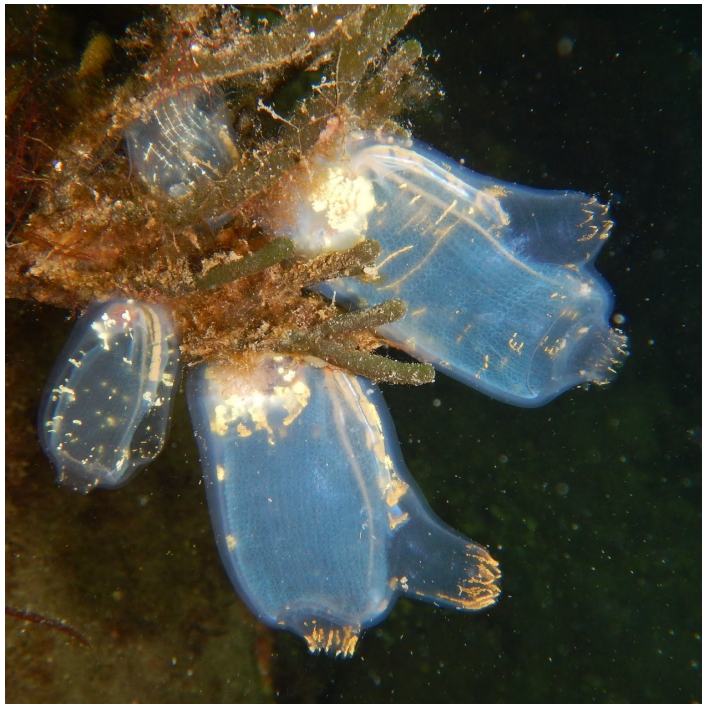


Gas mantle sea squirt (*Corella parallelogramma*)

Ascidiacea (Chordata:Phlebobranchia)



Easily distinguished due to its transparent appearance and roughly rectangular shaped and attached at the base. Intestine can be seen as a grey tube running through the body (right). This species is unlikely to be confused with any other species due to its distinctive shape and transparent appearance.



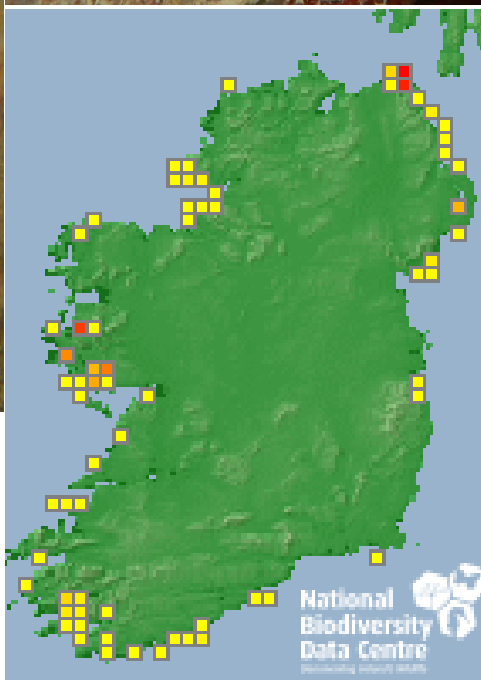
Where?

Found on all Irish coasts where suitable habitat occurs this species is likely to be under recorded. While it has been suggested that this species favours sites with a reasonable amount of water movement they have been observed in sheltered sites on the west coast of Ireland.

Chordata->Tunicata->Ascidiacea->Phlebobranchia

IUCN Red List Categorisation: Not assessed

Occurring on hard substrate this species occurs on all Irish coasts and from Norway to the Mediterranean. As with a number of sea squirts *C. parallelogramma* has a number of species of commensal copepods associated with it, though due to the transparent nature of this species they are easier to observe in *C. parallelogramma*. Infestation of *C. parallelogramma* peaks in autumn and winter.



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