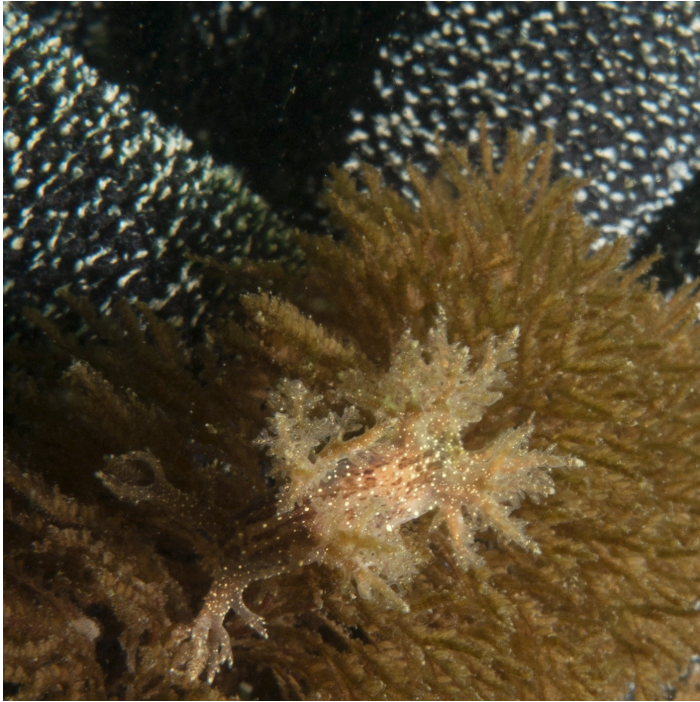


Dendronotus frondosus

Gastropoda (Mollusca:Nudibranchia)



A large nudibranch of up to 10cm in length it is highly variable in colour and may be white, red, orange or brown in colour¹. There are up to 9 pairs of large tree like cerata on the back of this species¹. Found on a variety of hydroids this species occurs on *Obelia*, *Sertularia*, *Tubularia* and *Halecium*¹. This species is sufficiently distinctive to be readily identified in the field and unlikely to be confused with any other species.

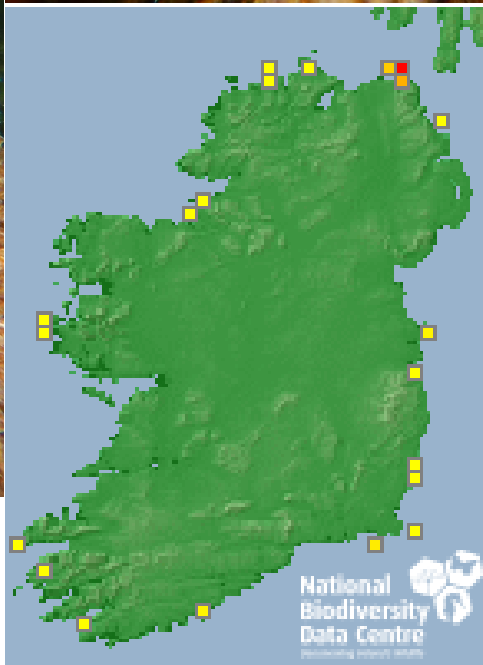
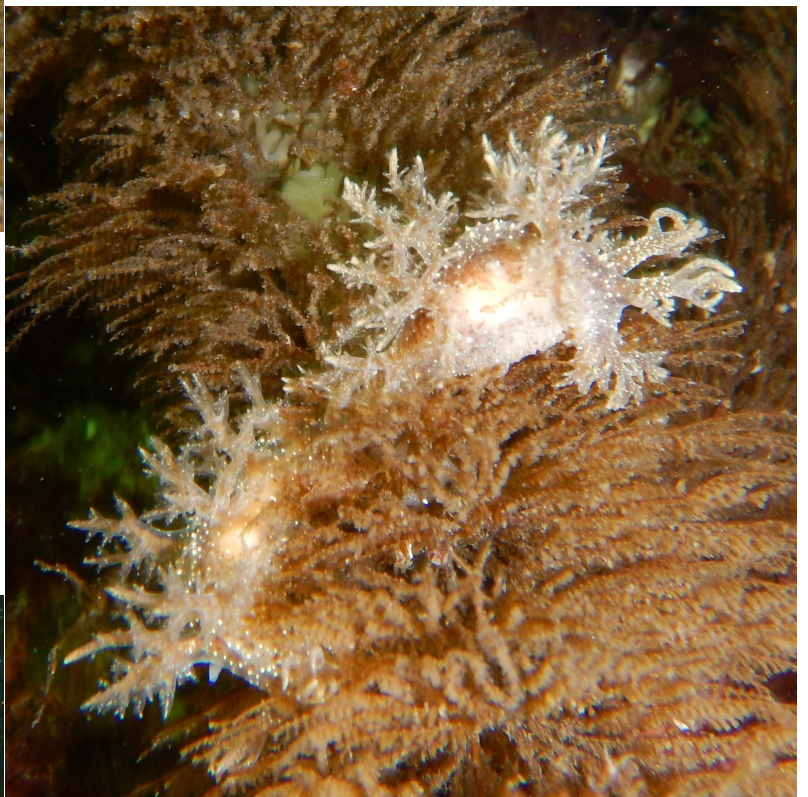


Likely to be found on all Irish coasts, where suitable habitat occurs, based on the distribution of records it is likely under recorded. Locally abundant, where present recorded in large numbers in Spring 2018 in New Quay, Co Clare on *Sertularia*.

Mollusca->Gastropoda->Nudibranchia

IUCN Red List Categorisation: Not Assessed

This species can be found on all British coasts¹ and the distribution on Irish coasts is likely to be similar though it is under recorded. This species is found in Europe, from Norway to France, and on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of Canada¹. There however is some dispute as to the number of *Dendronotus* species and that *Dendronotus frondosus* may be a species complex rather than a single species.



1. Picton, B.E. & Morrow, C.C. (2016). *Dendronotus frondosus* (Ascanius, 1774). [In] *Encyclopedia of Marine Life of Britain and Ireland*. <http://www.habitas.org.uk/marinelife/species.asp?item=w12670>

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