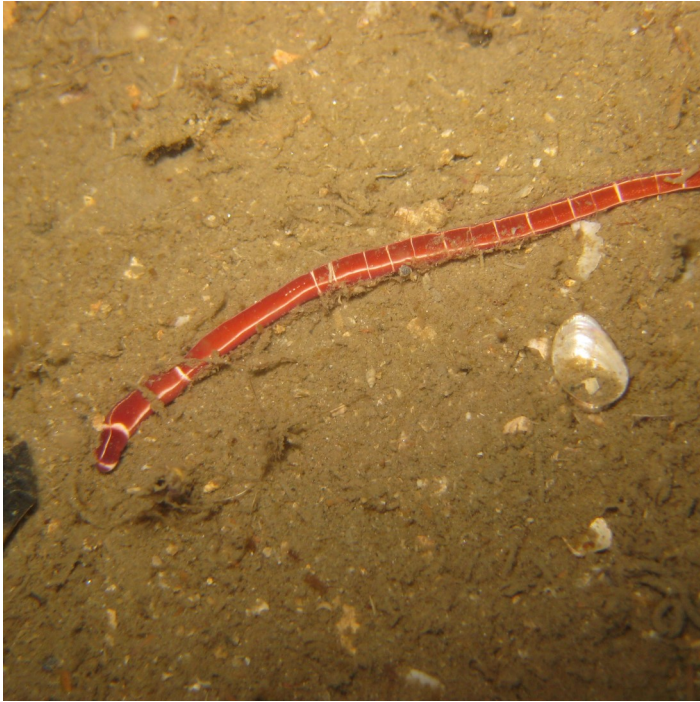


Football jersey worm (*Tubulanus annulatus*)

Palaeonemertea (Nemertea:Tubulanidae)



An extremely distinctive species with 50 transverse white lines with 3 stripes running the length of the body. An unsegmented worm this species is unlikely to be confused with any other species seen by divers in Irish waters. Found from the intertidal to 50m this species is found in a variety of habitats and may be found among kelp holdfasts.

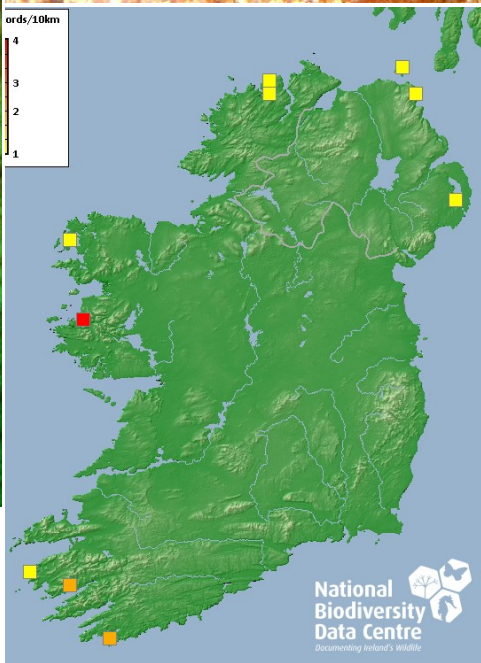
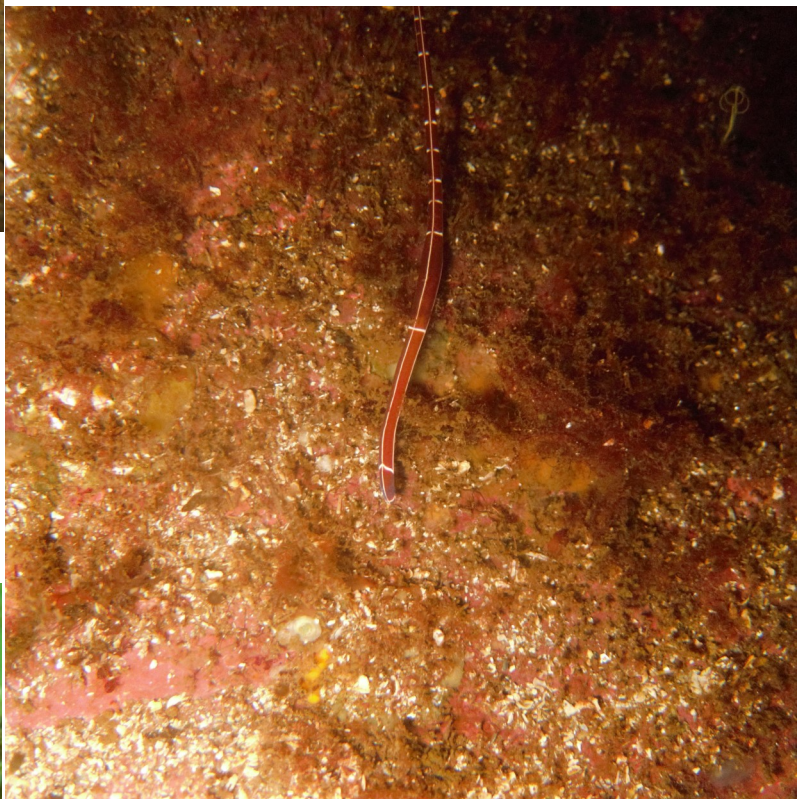


Records of this species in Ireland are sufficiently rare that it is difficult to ascertain the distribution of this species. It may not occur on the east or south coast or the distribution shown may simply be an artefact of recording effort.

Nemertea->Palaeonemertea->Tubulanidae

IUCN Red List Categorisation: Not Assessed

Widespread on both sides of the Atlantic this species is found on the east coast of the United States and in Europe and also occurs in the Pacific Ocean. Records are scattered on Irish coasts which may be the true distribution of this species or it may be an artefact of recording effort. This species can reach over 1m in length but is typically less than 5mm in diameter.



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