City of San Diego

PROVISIONAL SPECIES VOUCHER SHEET

Provisional Name: Platyhelminthes sp SD1

Authority:

Common Synonyms:

Taxon: Platyhelminthes

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Specimen(s): STATION DATE DEPTH STORAGE LOCATION VIAL#

ITP Regional 2683 (2) 3Aug00 75 ft

DP ITP

FID #2

Characters:

Specimen size: 6.5mm (L) x 0.8mm (W)

Elongate flatworm without surface or subsurface pigment.

Eyes in two longitudinally oriented cerebral clusters bridged posteriorly by a two-three transverse ocelli. Other eyes absent (i.e., no marginal or tentacular ocelli).

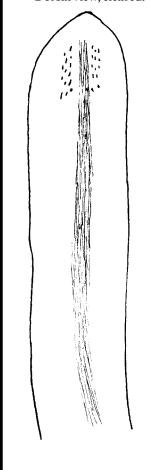
Pharynx (?) elongate, smooth, running length of body.

Tentacles absent.

Intestinal branches absent (or extremely reduced). Copulatory apparatus unobserved.

Illustrations:

Dorsal view, cleared.



Lateral view, cleared showing position of eyes.

Related Species & Other Comments:

This species looks somewhat like Leptoplanidae sp SD2 in its elongate form absent of pigment, however this Platyhelminthes sp SD1 has many more ocelli. Leptoplanidae sp SD2 had only two pairs of small black ocelli. It may be a member of the family Stylochidae

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