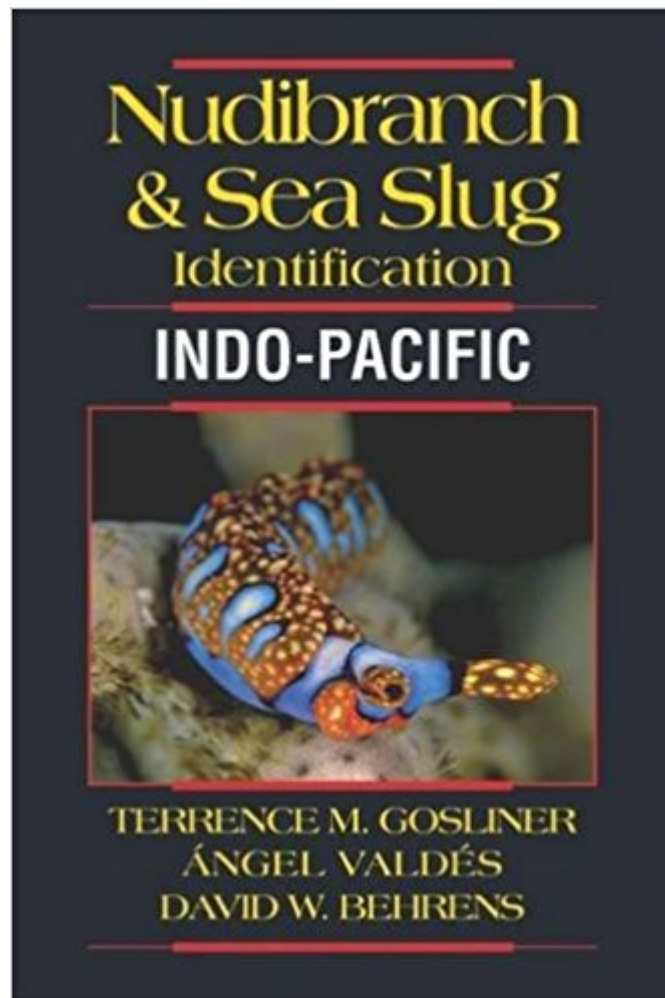




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# Nudibranch & Sea Slug Identification



## Synopsis

Three leading scientific experts on nudibranchs and sea slugs collaborate to produce a comprehensive guide for divers to the Indo-Pacific region. Terrence Gosliner, Ángel Valdés and David Behrens previously worked together on the 2008 publication of *Indo-Pacific Nudibranchs and Sea Slugs*. The new book *Nudibranch and Sea Slug Identification - Indo-Pacific* is an improved version of that work, including more than 500 additional photos and species. The Indo-Pacific represents the largest expanse of tropical ocean in the world, stretching from the Indian Ocean coast of southern Africa and the Red Sea to the central Pacific of the Hawaiian Islands, Easter Island and the Marquesas. This region supports the most diverse marine fauna of any place in the world for most groups of organisms. The opisthobranchs (nudibranchs and other sea slugs) are no exception to this rule. There are about 3,000 described species of opisthobranchs in the world and at least 40% of these have been found exclusively in the Indo-Pacific tropics. This book illustrates 1,953 Indo-Pacific opisthobranchs, including many undescribed species. With the evolution of chemical defenses and the loss of the shell, came the evolution of the bright color patterns that are the signature of nudibranch diversity; vivid colors advertise the presence of toxicity or distastefulness. Other species went down the track of being cryptic, blending in with their surroundings and some evolved amazing strategies of resembling their specific prey. All of this beauty and color is on full display in 2,248 photographs on 408 pages.

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New World Publications has just announced a stunning new publication, *Nudibranch and Sea Slug Identification Indo-Pacific* written by Terry Gosliner, Ángel Valdés and Dave Behrens. Their new book includes identification of almost 2000 species of sea slugs from around the tropics of the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Of course, much of this diversity is centered in the Coral Triangle in biodiversity hotspots like the Bird's Head Seascape, Sulawesi (Lembeh Strait) and Bali in Indonesia and the Anilao region of the Philippines. In compiling the book, Terry Gosliner accompanied Mark Erdmann, Conservation International's Vice President for Asia Pacific Marine Programs, on two trips to Raja Ampat and documented many new records from the region that are included in the new book. All species are richly illustrated with photos from some of the world's best underwater photographers and includes new information about the biology, name changes and distribution of all species. The concise introduction provides the most current information about the ecology, evolution and conservation biology of these stunningly beautiful creatures. This is a must have for the library of shelf of anyone who even remotely loves nudis. --Burt Jones and Maurine Shimlock, Bird's Head Seascape

Do your underwater image captions read *Nudibranch* or *Tritonia hombergii* ? Whether you're a bonofied nudi nerd or looking to bone up on your species identification, the new book *Nudibranch & Sea Slug Identification Indo-Pacific*

The most comprehensive guide to the tropical Indo-Pacific nudibranchs and sea slugs available. Provides up-to-date identifications of nearly 2,000 species, including illustrations and descriptions of distinctive characteristics, size and geographic distribution. Range covers from South Africa to Easter Island and from southern Japan to northern Australia.

It's no surprise that Terrence Gosliner is the world's leading authority on Indo-Pacific sea slugs, just as John E. Randall is the leading authority on Indo-Pacific fishes. In keeping with the latest taxonomic revisions, this book greatly updates the taxonomy of Indo-Pacific sea slugs and adds new species, including reversing the placement of the Jolly Green Giant in *Ceratosoma* as *Ceratosoma sinuata*. Interestingly, the unnamed species of *Goniobranchus* from Midway reminds me of *Goniobranchus petechialis*, especially the mantle coloration pattern. If anyone is interested in shellless gastropods, I recommend this lavish field guide.

Like Neville Coleman's revised nudibranch book I purchased this to take to Indonesia and leave at the dive center we frequent. The previous edition of this book published by Sea Challenger was fantastic but no longer in print and the used versions, if available, were unbelievably expensive. I am

so happy this is out in this form. The information and photos are excellent. I like this format as it is smaller and easier to pack for dive trips.

Okay. For those that need the definitive ID book here it is. I photographed a nudi in Indonesia but couldn't find it in any of my ID books. A friend pointed me to this book where my little guy was identified as a type and species number. No name but still there.

Awesome book with great illustrations

Bought all three for Christmas gift for my diving partner who is an underwater photographer. We can identify everything from our dives in Indonesia. Thanks so much.

To me this is the best book on the market for nudibranch and sea slug identification. Very well organized and presented.

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