



Ventral view showing eggs being laid

## **Phyllodesmium magnum** **Rudman, 1991**

Maximum size: 124 mm

This very large nudibranch is recognised by its large, smooth, flattened and recurved cerata. The body is translucent white. The long, white tail is pointed. The oral tentacles and rhinophores are long and smooth and white or cream in colour, their tips rounded. The head is usually purple. The ceratal colour varies from white, to pale brown, to cream, to purple. When the animal is crawling the cerata uncurl (inset photo above). Juveniles can be very white. The cerata are easily autotomised. It can usually be found on its food, the soft coral *Sinularia* sp., against which is very well camouflaged.

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