



# CITY OF SAN DIEGO VOUCHER SHEET

**Species:** *Nephasoma diaphanes*

**Authority:** (Sluiter 1886)

**Common Synonyms:**

*Golfingia minuta* (Keferstein, 1863)

**Taxon:** Sipunculida: Golfingiidae

**Date:** November 15, 1995

**By:** Elizabeth McNamara

**Voucher Specimen(s):**

**Station**  
B-5

**Date**  
1/22/88

**Storage Location**  
Main

**Voucher#**  
X-65

## Characters:

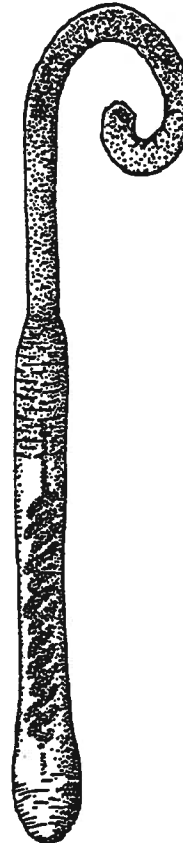
1. 2 introvert retractor muscles often partially fused from head to anterior trunk
2. 2 simple sac-like nephridia
3. Trunk length exceeds width by more than 8x, slender cylinder shape, posterior end rounded or bluntly pointed
4. Tentacles reduced to lobes
5. Longitudinal musculature of body wall is continuous with no bands

## Full Description: (Cutler, 1994)

Overall size is small; typically <10 mm in length. Hooks, if present, do not form rings & are w/o basal filaments. Contractile vessels without villi. Papillae rare in mid-trunk; may be pigmented & raised in hemispherical shape on trunk.

## Illustration: (Cutler, 1994)

\*Fig. 1



\*additional illustrations on p. 2

## Related Species:

Differs from *Golfingia margaritacea*, another small golfingiid (see Fig. 3), which has 2 pairs of retractor muscles not 1. *Nephasoma (diaphanes) diaphanes*. *N. minutum* & *N. lilljeborgi* are similar in structure, but generally smaller.

## Comments:

A small species which inhabits foraminiferan tests.

## References:

- Cutler, Edward Bayler. The Sipuncula: their systematics, biology and evolution. Ithaca: Comstock Publishing Associates, 1994.
- Stephen, A.C. & S.J. Edmonds. The Phyla Sipuncula and Echiura. London: The British Museum (Natural History), 1972.

(over)

Species: *Nephasoma diaphanes*

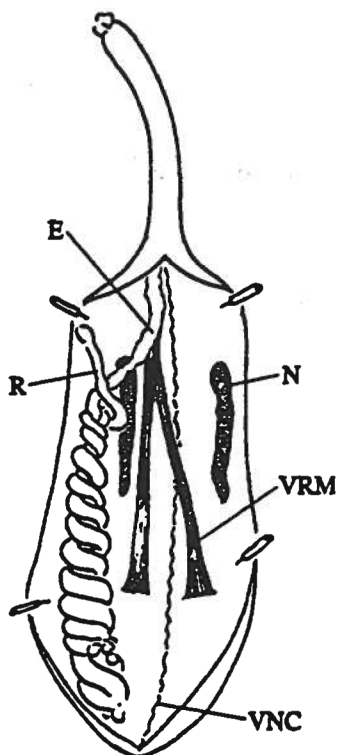
Taxon: Sipunculida: Golfingiidae

Date: November 15, 1995

Additional Illustrations: (Cutler, 1994)

Fig. 2

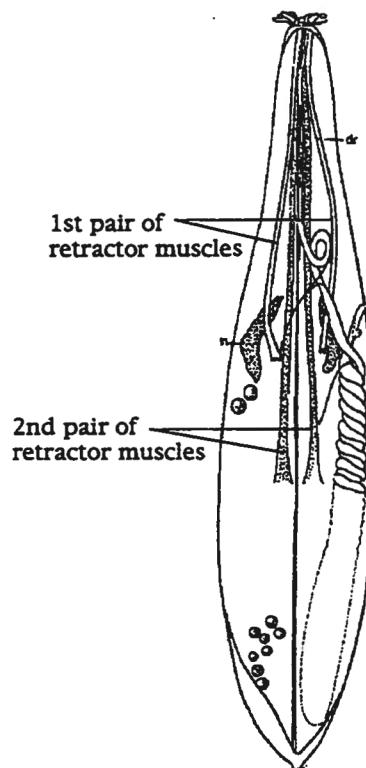
Internal anatomy of trunk.



E, esophagus; N, nephridia; R, rectum; VNC, ventral nerve cord; VRM, ventral retractor muscle.

Fig. 3

*Golfingia (Golfingia) margaritacea californiensis* Fisher, 1952



dr, dorsal retractor; n, nephridia.

Distribution— (Cutler, 1994)

Pt. Loma: ~ 200 ft.

Geographic: Pacific, Atlantic & Indian Oceans

Habitat: Mostly in deep-sea communities; often live in foraminiferan tests, small polychaete tubes or scaphopod shells; found in 10->2000 m water.

