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***Didemnum vexillum* - New Zealand Coast Occurrences and Images**

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First documented occurrence

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Taxonomic reference

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Evaluation of methods for managing *Didemnum vexillum* in New Zealand.

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**Sea Squirt Conference,
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New Zealand Diving and Salvage Limited; barge infestation and cleanup procedure; *D. vexillum* image on barge bottom. ([PDF format](#))

New Zealand Diving and Salvage Limited (NZDS); barge infestation and cleanup procedure; same as report on the Cawthron website; (*D. vexillum* images; all are not identical to those in Cawthron Report No. 755). ([PDF format](#))

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