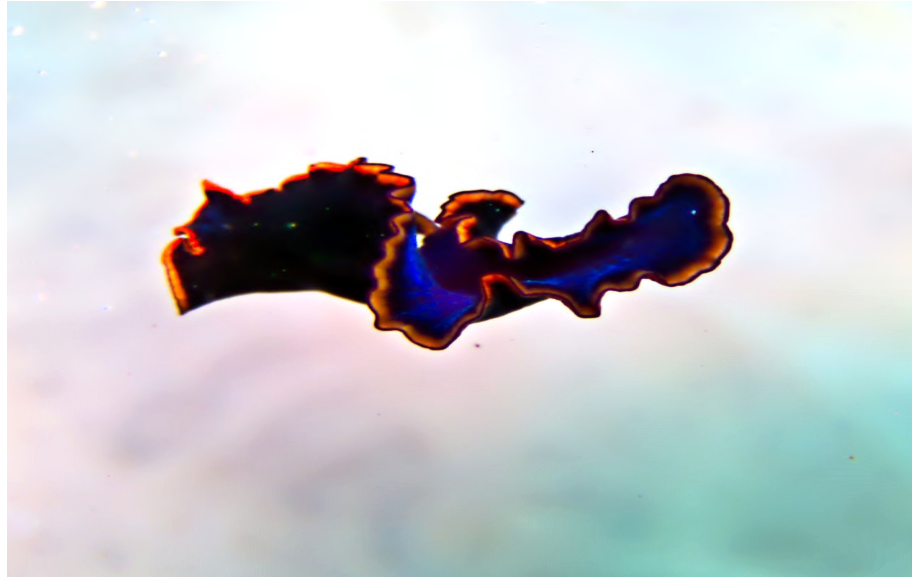




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“ ORANGE RIMMED FLATWORM”



This species is capable of swimming well off the bottom with rapid undulations of the body. They grow to 3” in the Indo Pacific but most in Hawaii only reach about 1”. Flatworms are the simplest of all worms and probably the first animals to develop bisymmetry (the left side and the right side mirroring each other), an upper and lower side and a distinct “head” and “tail”. They breathe through their body surface. All are hermaphroditic (possessing both male and female parts) and all are carnivores!

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