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PLEASING FLATWORM— Flatworms were the first animals to develop bilateral symmetry (the left and right side mirroring each other), an upper and lower side and a distinct head and tail. They are soft bodied and breathe through their body surface . Sensory organs are located in the small folds along his body. They are hermaphroditic, possessing both male and female structures. They are typically nocturnal, though we found this guy free swimming well away from the reef. This species is the most beautifully ruffled of all the flatworms, which gives him his name as the "pleasing flatworm".

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