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Dionaea 'CCCP Sea Scallop' (Fig. 2) is a cross by Evan Wang and Craig Heath. The pollination was performed in 2018 by Evan Wang with isolation of flowers after pollination. The seed was the product of (*Dionaea* 'Fused Tooth' × an unregistered, heavily fused cilia plant, originally crossed by Jen Lei) × *Dionaea* 'DC XL'. Many seeds were grown by Evan Wang and Craig Heath. One, grown in Lorton, Virginia, developed the unique phenotype of *Dionaea* 'CCCP Sea Scallop'.

Dionaea 'CCCP Sea Scallop' is characterized by fused cilia, and a rather short trap. Cilia fusion can vary from mild fusion of a couple cilia to severe fusion of numerous cilia. Of note, while *D.* 'Fused Tooth' generally exhibits fused cilia on a seasonal basis, *D.* 'CCCP Sea Scallop' maintains fused cilia year-round. The inside of the trap is dark red while the outside is green. The trap has a bright green perimeter next to the cilia. We have seen more prominent red coloration in *D.* 'CCCP Sea Scallop' compared to its parents. All the traps can close, and the majority of the traps can seal and digest prey. *Dionaea* 'CCCP Sea Scallop' has a compact, rosette-style growth pattern with short petioles. Traps measure up to 1.6 cm in length and 1 cm wide and have three interior trigger hairs per trap, per side. Petioles can reach 1.3 cm in length.

The name 'Sea Scallop' is a reference to the marine bivalve family. The fusion of the base of several cilia leads to a bulging, concave trap which resembles a scallop. 'CCCP' is an acronym for Crazy Craig's Carnivorous Plants where seedling selection and propagation of this cultivar were performed.

Dionaea 'CCCP Sea Scallop' must only be propagated vegetatively by rhizome or leaf /floral cuttings to preserve its unique characteristics. It was grown originally in Palo Alto, California, and Lorton, Virginia, USA.

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Figure 2: *Dionaea* 'CCCP Sea Scallop'.