

## Diatom (Bacillariophyceae) flora of early Holocene freshwater sediments from Skalafjord, Faeroe Islands

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**ABSTRACT** – Relative abundance data of diatom (Bacillariophyceae) species were generated for sediment core SKPC-01B from the Skalafjord, Faeroe Islands. The record shows distinct temporal changes in species composition. In the lowermost 65 cm of the 230 cm long core a species-rich freshwater diatom assemblage was found. Most of the taxa observed in this section are typical of oligotrophic to dystrophic lakes in northern Europe (Scandinavia, Iceland and Spitsbergen). Above this interval the diatom flora is dominated by marine taxa. The change from a freshwater to a marine flora is inferred to be caused by rising sea-level that took place about 7700–6400 years BP. Drastic changes in the diatom species composition within the transitional core section show that environmental change in the Skalafjord took place in several pulses. The first stage included strong inflow (possibly catastrophic) of marine waters. As a possible trigger of this phenomenon the tsunami released by the Storegga Slide is proposed. Before the final flooding by marine waters, freshwater conditions were re-established within the Skalafjord. These results have important implications for the interpretation of the palaeogeographical development of the Eysturoy area. Hence, it is suggested that the Storegga Slide led to inflow of marine waters at a distinctly lower water level in the area of the Skalafjord than proposed in recent publications and that the inundation of the threshold in the fjord happened after the tsunami. *J. Micropalaeontol.* 22(2): 183–208, November 2003.

## INTRODUCTION

Fossil diatom floras of freshwater and marine origin may be used for reconstructing environmental changes. Freshwater diatom floras from limnic sediments are useful for reconstructions of the climate changes that took place at high latitudes in the Northern Hemisphere since the last deglaciation. Recently, studies of lacustrine sediments from the land areas surrounding the North Sea and Norwegian Sea have been shown to contain a record of past catastrophic events that took place in the area. One such record is a tsunami caused by the Storegga Slide dated at c. 7500  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP (Dawson & Smith, 2000). Diatoms represent one of the best indicators of the impact of this tsunami on the sedimentary record. This phenomenon has been shown to occur in sediment cores from lakes from the Faeroe Islands (Grauert *et al.*, 2001). Abrupt changes in diatom species composition were interpreted as indicators of this catastrophic event. However, the altitude of the sediment section analysed here and its significance for the ocean level at which the Storegga Slide took part is not in agreement with palaeogeographical interpretations given by Bennike *et al.* (1998) and Grauert *et al.* (2001).

Although the first publications on freshwater diatoms from the northern part of the North Atlantic are from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, knowledge of the freshwater diatom flora of the Faeroe Islands is rather poor. Early publications (Lyngbye, 1819; Cleve, 1873, 1896, 1898, 1900; Lagerstedt, 1873; Cleve & Grunow, 1880; Østrup, 1897; Brun, 1901) dealt with the high latitude North Atlantic in general and usually concerned both marine and freshwater floras. Later, Hustedt (1937), Krasske (1938) and Foged (1964, 1974) published results on their studies of the freshwater diatom flora from some North Atlantic islands (for example, the Faeroe Islands and Spitsbergen). Only Hustedt (1937) dealt with diatoms from Iceland, the Faeroe Islands and Spitsbergen. The first report focusing on

freshwater diatoms from the Faeroe Islands was by Lyngbye (1819). The next study specifically dealing with the freshwater diatom flora from the Faeroe Islands was published by Østrup (1901). Somewhat later, Østrup (1903) published a report on marine diatoms from this area. Since then, no papers on freshwater diatoms from the Faeroes have been published, to the best of our knowledge.

Recently, an effort was directed towards studies of the marine diatom flora of the North Atlantic and the results were used for studies of climate change following the last deglaciation. The major objective of these studies was to decipher palaeoceanographical changes (Koc & Schrader, 1990; Koc & Jansen, 1992; Schrader *et al.*, 1993a, b; Kohly, 1998; Wachnicka, 1999; Jozkow, 2000; Jiang *et al.*, 2001; Witak *et al.*, 2004).

Core SKPC-01B from the Skalafjord, Faeroe Islands has been analysed for diatoms. The Skalafjord penetrates into Eysturoy, the biggest of the Faeroe Islands (Fig. 1). Diatoms are well preserved and dominated by freshwater forms in the lowermost part and marine forms in the upper part. The focus is on the freshwater diatom flora from the lower part of the core. The sediments are of early Holocene age, and the flora is typical of high latitude nutrient-poor (oligotrophic to dystrophic) lakes (e.g. Cleve-Euler, 1951–1955; Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin, 1996). The position of the freshwater deposits within the section and the weak representation of marine elements suggest that deposition took place before the threshold in the Skalafjord was inundated.

## Geological setting

The Faeroe Islands consist of a group of islands in the North Atlantic situated between 61°20'N and 62°24'N and between 6°15'W and 7°41'W (Fig. 1). Geologically, they belong to

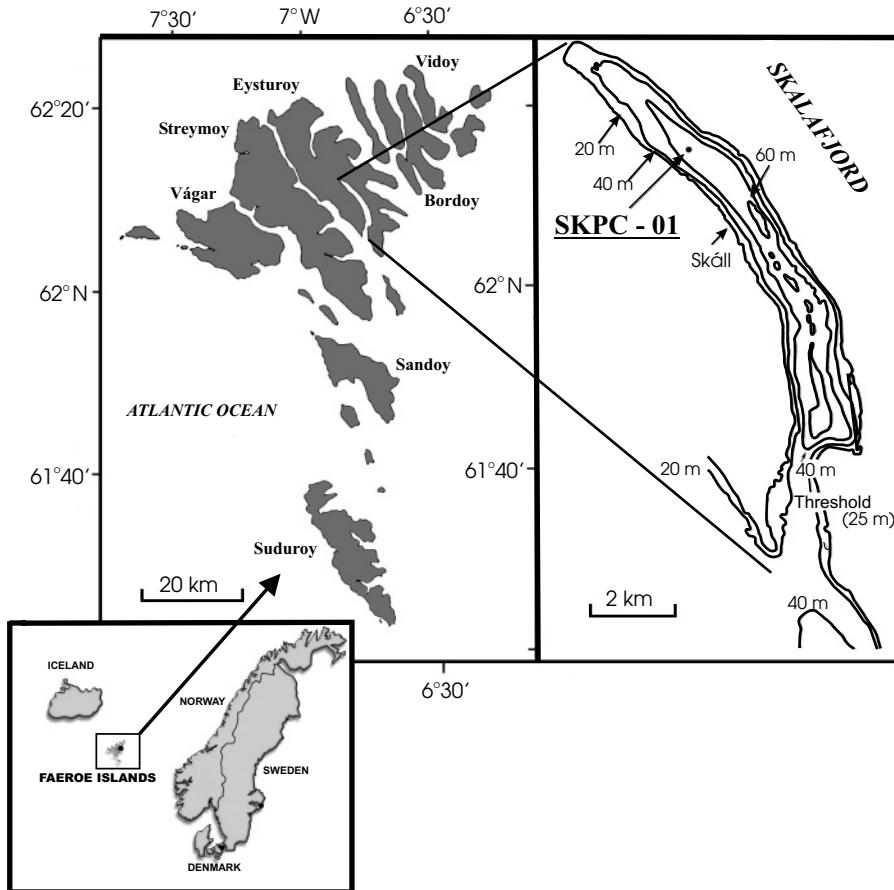


Fig. 1. Location of the core sampled in the Skalafjord, Faeroe Island.

the North Atlantic basalt province, and the whole area was influenced by Tertiary volcanism (Boldreel & Andersen, 1995; van Weering *et al.*, 1998). During glacial periods, part of the North Faeroe shelf was exposed subaerially and may have been glaciated (Jørgensen & Rasmussen, 1986). Lakes and bogs are common throughout the islands, and the deposits within them provide Holocene palaeoenvironmental records (Grauert *et al.*, 2001). Skalafjord is 13 km long with a greatest depth of around 70 m. At the entrance of the fjord a sill with a water depth of 25 m is present. The fjord is surrounded by 500–600 m high mountains. Post-glacial sediments in the fjord were deposited in two separate basins and have a maximum thickness of about 20 m (Juul, 1992).

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

Core SKPC-01B was one of nine sediment cores retrieved from the Faeroe Islands during the September–October 1995 *R/V Skagerak* cruise organized by Göteborg University in collaboration with the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (Fig. 1). The coring site was situated in the central part of the Skalafjord ( $62^{\circ}10'70''\text{N}$  and  $6^{\circ}47'87''\text{W}$ ) in a water depth of 50 m.

Samples were prepared in the manner of Håkansson & Ross (1984). Samples for diatom analyses were collected at 5 cm intervals. One gram of sediment was dried at  $60^{\circ}$  for 24 hours. The sediment was treated with 10% HCl to dissolve carbonates

and then washed several times with distilled water. The siliceous material was gently boiled in concentrated (37%)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and washed several times with distilled water. The supernatant was decanted off after 20 hours. An aliquot of the shaken suspension was transferred by pipette to an  $18 \times 18$  mm square coverslip. The coverslips were left to dry at room temperature. After evaporation, the coverslips were placed onto labelled slides. Permanent diatom preparations were mounted with Naphrax® (refractive index=1.78) and briefly heated to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Diatom analyses were performed with a LEICA DMLB light microscope, using  $\times 100/1.25$  planapochromatic oil-immersion objective. Scanning electron microscope analysis was performed by means of a Zeiss DSM 940 at 25 kV. In each sample more than 300 valves were counted. Diatoms were counted by the Schrader & Gersonde (1978) method.

Diatom identifications were based on the works of Podzorski (1985), Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, 1991a, b, 1997, 2000), Sala *et al.* (1993), Lange-Bertalot & Moser (1994), Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin (1996), Metzeltin & Witkowski (1996), Witkowski *et al.* (1996), Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot (1998), Lange-Bertalot & Genkal (1999), Reichardt (1999), Lange-Bertalot (2001), Krammer (1992, 1997, 2000, 2002) and Håkansson (1990, 2002) for freshwater taxa and Witkowski *et al.* (2000) for marine forms. Diatoms were divided into groups according to their ecological requirements after Denys (1992), Hoffman (1994) and Van Dam *et al.* (1994).

Depth (cm)	Lab. no.	$^{14}\text{C}$ age (bp)	Reservoir-corrected $^{14}\text{C}$ age (bp)	Calibrated age $\pm 1\text{d}$ (bc)
50	AAR-6940	$3380 \pm 55$	$2980 \pm 55$	1370–1130
150	AAR-6941	$6235 \pm 60$	$5835 \pm 60$	4780–4620
183	AAR-6942	$7465 \pm 55$	$7065 \pm 55$	5990–5840

The calibrated ages in calendar years have been obtained from the calibration tables in Stuiver *et al.* (1998) by means of the 1998 version (4.0) of the Seattle CALIB program (Stuiver & Reimer, 1993).

**Table 1.** Results of AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  datings for the piston core SKPC-01B retrieved from the Skalafjord, Faeroe Islands

The chronology of core SKPC-01B is based on three radio-carbon AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  analyses (Table 1) from macrofossil shells. The dating was performed at the University of Aarhus, Denmark. Calibrated ages in calendar years were obtained from Stuiver *et al.* (1998) by means of the Seattle calibration program CALIB version 4.0 (Stuiver & Reimer, 1993). Ages of certain levels in SKPC-01B were estimated through linear interpolation between the AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  dated levels assuming a constant sedimentation rate.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FRESHWATER DIATOMS

## Abundance and concentration

The core length studied is 230 cm, and it is characterized by predominantly homogeneous olive-grey clayey mud (Fig. 2). More or less corroded shell fragments were observed along the whole profile. Their quantity distinctly increased at 120–130 cm depth. At 108–118 cm the sediment was distinctly laminated and somewhat darker.

Within the whole sediment profile the diatoms represent two completely different environments. At a depth of 230–165 cm, taxa typical of limnic environments predominated (Fig. 3). Above 165 cm the flora is almost exclusively marine. The sediments representing these two different environments are connected by an apparently transitional section between 180–165 cm. In this part of the sediment profile a transition from limnic to marine conditions is recorded. First, in the section from 180–170 cm, a strong peak in marine diatoms occurs followed by a dominance of freshwater taxa in the sediment interval from 170–165 cm. These abrupt environmental changes took place during the period 7700–6400 years BP.

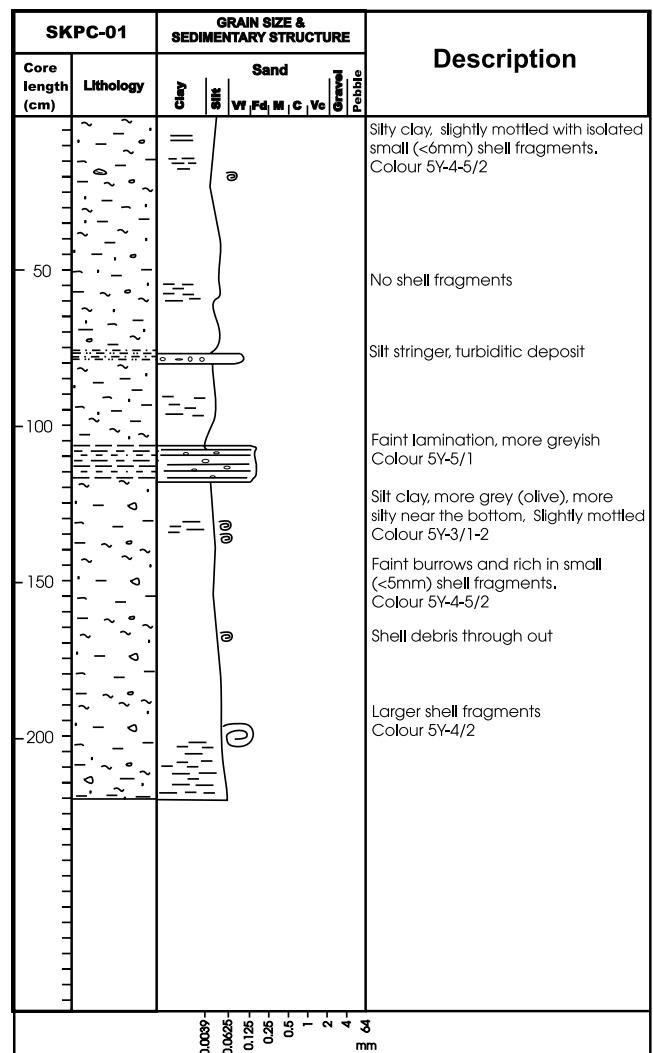
A total of 166 diatom taxa have been identified. In general, the preservation state was satisfactory but, at some levels, the valves were fragmented. Freshwater diatoms were represented by 121 taxa, brackish-water forms by 16 taxa and marine forms by 28 taxa. The freshwater flora was dominated by benthic species (126 species), while the planktonic flora consisted of 39 species.

In this paper the freshwater diatoms that occurred in the lowermost part of the core are described. Two diatom assemblage zones (DAZ) and several subzones are distinguished (Fig. 3). The first zone (DAZ-1) corresponds to the lower part of the core (230–165 cm). Two subzones were distinguished, DAZ-1a (depth interval 230–195 cm) and DAZ-1b (depth interval 195–165 cm) (Fig. 4). The following criteria were applied to distinguish the diatom assemblage zones:

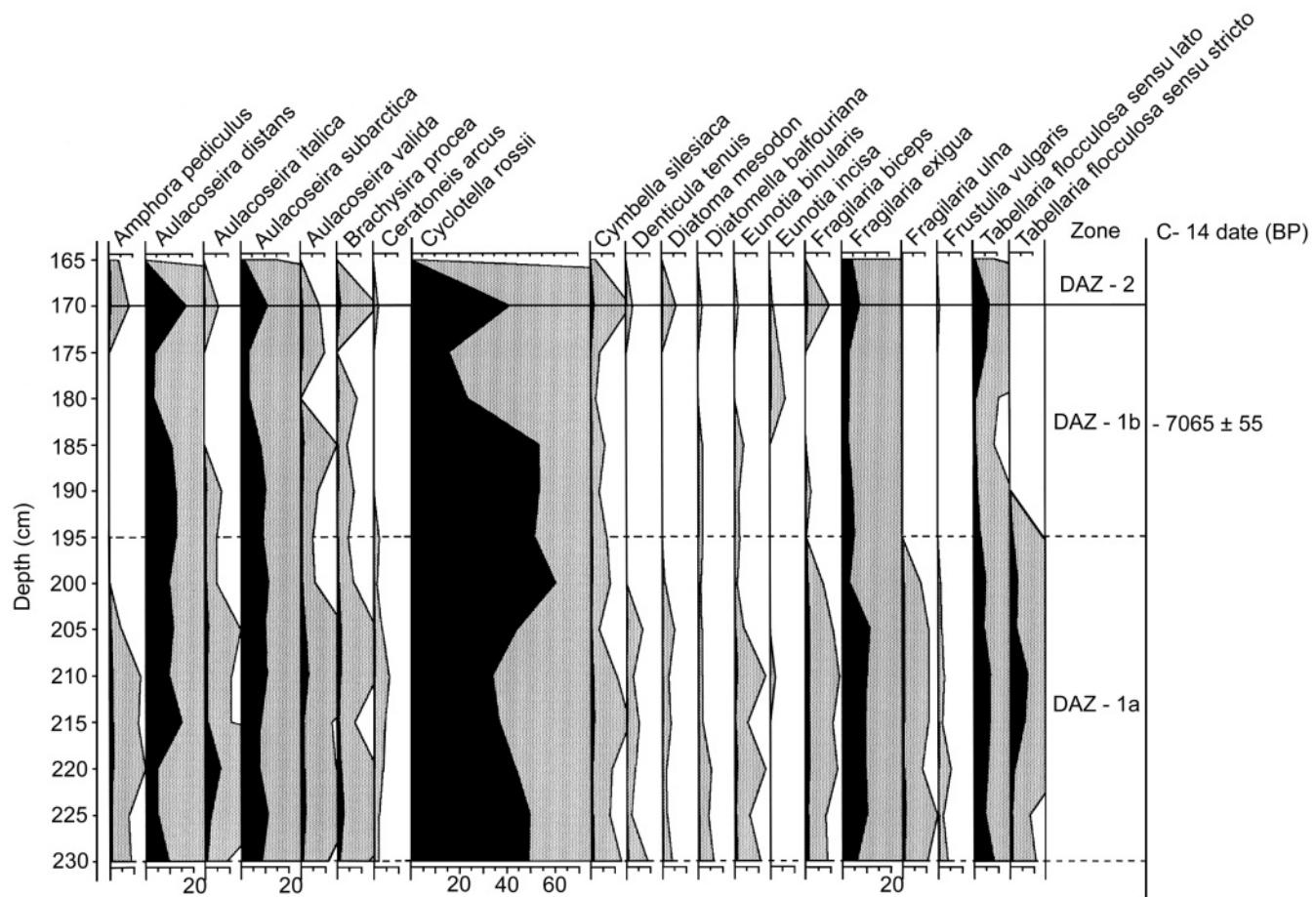
- diatom concentration in number of valves per 1 g of sediment.

**DAZ-1a.** The age of the boundary between subzone DAZ-1a and DAZ-1b sediments was estimated to be about 7700  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP. Diatom zone DAZ-1 is characterized by abundant freshwater taxa and less abundant marine ones (Fig. 3). Diatom valves are usually very well preserved.

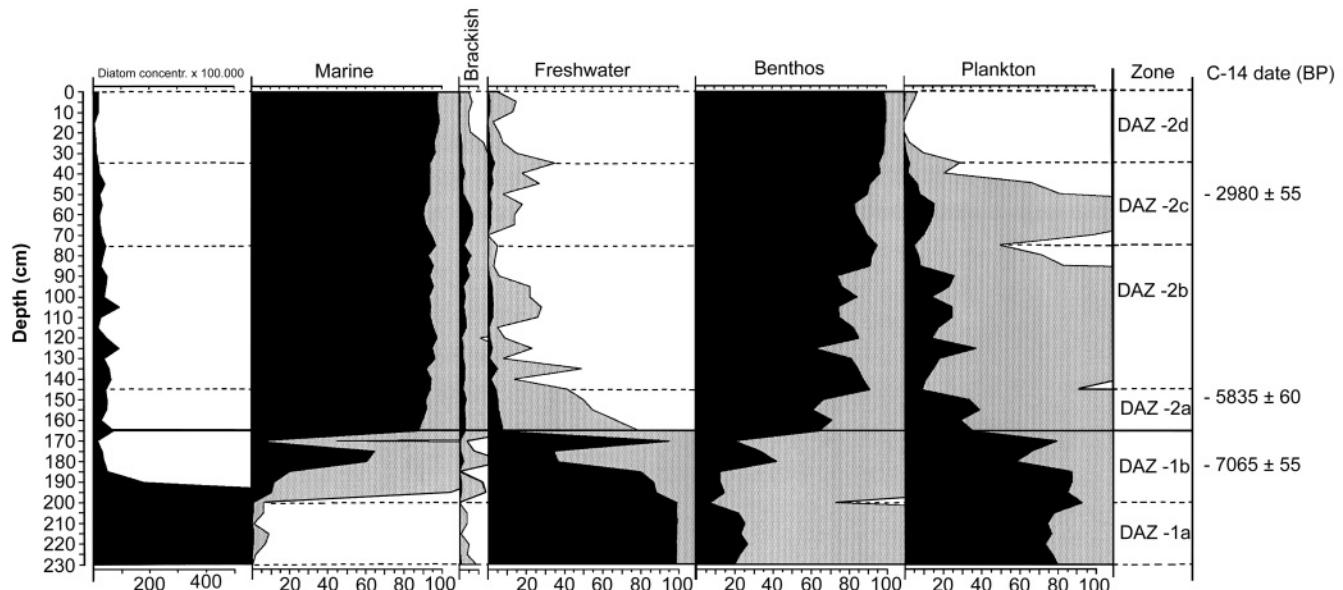
In diatom subzone DAZ-1a the proportion of marine taxa was very low. Planktonic forms showed a distinct upward



**Fig. 2.** Lithology of the core SKPC-01B.



**Fig. 3.** Distribution and relative abundance the most common freshwater diatom taxa from core SKPC-01B from interval 165–230 cm. Solid area stands for % contents of ecological groups. dotted areas express contents of ecological groups with very low abundance in %.



**Fig. 4.** Percentage diagram of diatom ecological groups core in SKPC-01B. Solid area stands for % contents of particular taxa. dotted areas express contents of taxa with very low abundance in %.

increase within this subzone. The concentration of diatom valves fell from  $435 \times 10^6$  to  $3.5 \times 10^6$  per 1 g of sediment. The most abundant taxa include *Cyclotella rossii* Håkansson (up to 60%), *Aulacoseira distans* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen (16%), *Fragilaria exigua* Grunow (12%), *Aulacoseira subarctica* (O. Müller) Haworth (12%) and *Tabellaria flocculosa* (Roth) Kützing (7%).

**DAZ-1b.** Diatom assemblage subzone DAZ-1b encompasses the sediment interval 195–165 cm. The age of the transition from subzone DAZ-1b to DAZ-2 was estimated to be about 6400 years BP. The bottom of the zone is marked by a drastic decrease in diatom valve concentration to c.  $50 \times 10^5$  valves/g (Fig. 3). Freshwater taxa dominate, but in the interval 180–170 cm a peak of marine taxa is recorded. Amongst the predominant species are: *Paralia sulcata* (up to 30%), *Thalassiosira nordenskioeldii* (up to 17%), *Thalassiosira hyalina* (up to 9%) and *Odontella aurita* (up to 5%). Among the freshwater forms the following taxa were the most abundant: *C. rossii* (up to 53%), *A. distans* (up to 15%), *A. subarctica* (up to 10%), *Fragilaria ulna* (up to 10%) and *T. flocculosa* (up to 10%). With respect to habitat, planktonic forms dominate with 50–80% (Fig. 4). Only in the section rich in marine forms is a peak in benthic forms (up to 40%) seen.

## DISCUSSION

The development of the Skalafjord since the last deglaciation was studied by Bennike *et al.* (1998; macrofossils in core SKPC-18), Jozkow (2000; diatoms in core SKPC-18) and Wachnicka (1999; diatoms in core DAPC-01).

The diatom record in core SKPC-01B provides excellent documentation of the Holocene development of the Faeroe Islands area – the best record of Early Holocene changes known so far. Well-preserved lacustrine deposits at a similar altitude within the Skalafjord were also studied by Jozkow (2000). However, the upper part of core SKPC-18 studied by Jozkow (2000) apparently did not contain the complete record of the diatom flora.

The sediments of core SKPC-01B show two distinct developmental stages. The first one recorded in the lowermost part of the core, subzone DAZ-1a, encompasses lacustrine sediments with a very low content of marine- and brackish-water diatoms. As the proportion between fully marine taxa and brackish-water ones is similar, it is assumed that no permanent connection existed between the central part of the fjord and the ocean. Apparently, diatoms of a marine origin were transported into the Skalafjord during storms. It appears that relative sea-level was below the threshold.

The species composition recorded in subzone DAZ-1b indicates the existence of a lake with abundant planktonic diatoms dominated by *C. rossii* and *F. ulna* (Fig. 4). Their vertical distributions do not show any dramatic changes, implying rather stable conditions. Sporadic inflow of marine waters did not cause any spectacular changes during this developmental stage. Environmental conditions of diatoms in subzone DAZ-1a indicate oligotrophic to mesotrophic waters (Krammer & Lange-Bertalot, 1986, 1997, 1991a, b, 2000; Håkansson, 1990; Denys, 1992; Hoffman, 1994; Van Dam *et al.*, 1994). It is likely that the dominating taxon, *C. rossii*, formed blooms. Most of the taxa recorded in DAZ-1a are typical for oligotrophic to

dystrophic waters (e.g. Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin, 1996) accompanied by, for example, *A. distans*, *F. exigua* and the *T. flocculosa* complex (Fig. 4). Generally, within DAZ-1a, a continuous distribution of freshwater taxa is observed. Several of these taxa have been recently described (e.g. Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin, 1996; Krammer, 2000, 2002) or are known only from very few localities. e.g. *Fragilaria opacolineata* Lange-Bertalot, *Stauroneis neohyalina* Lange-Bertalot, *Gomphonema subtile* Ehrenberg, *Pinnularia ovata* Krammer, *Pinnularia platycephala* Krammer and *Pinnularia turbulenta* Krammer.

The Skalafjord lake formed after the last deglaciation of the area at c. 10 000 years BP (core SKPC-18; Bennike *et al.*, 1998). The diatom record of the early stages of lake development is recorded by Jozkow (2000). The chronology of core SKPC-18 was established from  $^{14}\text{C}$  dating and tephra chronology based on the Saksunarvatn ash (Bennike *et al.*, 1998). Diatom analysis of this core revealed a species composition very similar to that in core SKPC-01B, with *C. rossii* as the dominant species. As core SKPC-01B did not penetrate the Saksunarvatn ash and the uppermost part of the former core is disturbed, these two cores complement each other. Core SKPC-18 provides a record of the early stages of lake development, while core SKPC-01B records the later stage including the transition from lacustrine to marine conditions.

Bennike *et al.* (1998) determined the inundation of the threshold and the change from lacustrine to marine conditions in core SKPC-18 at c. 7800  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP. They also determined the relative sea-level which at that time was c. 25 m below the present sea-level. However, in core SKPC-01B, the transition between lacustrine and marine conditions is dated between 7700 years BP and 6400 years BP. Previously, studies of the benthic foraminiferal fauna of the fjord (Juul, 1992) indicated that the marine transgression occurred around 7500  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP. In addition the diatom species composition prior to the change from lacustrine to marine conditions shows a rise in marine diatoms at 185–180 cm. In the overlying section (180–165 cm) lacustrine taxa with *C. rossii* dominate again, with a distinct decrease in marine forms.

The effect of a tsunami, triggered by the Storegga Slide, has been documented in Norway and Britain (e.g. Dawson *et al.*, 1988; Bondevik *et al.*, 1997). Deposits resulting from this event were recognized by Grauert *et al.* (2001) in Lake Vagur on Suduroy Island, which is located south of Skalafjord. The lithology (redeposited organic material and marine microfossils) marks the tsunami section. The age of the tsunami event was estimated at c. 7200 years BP. In core SKPC-01B the rapid increase in marine taxa between 180 cm and 170 cm (Fig. 3) may signal an inflow of marine waters. As there is no simultaneous change in lithology it appears that this event did not significantly affect sedimentation processes in the lake. Therefore, this event may instead have been caused by a storm surge. The change in diatom flora at 180–170 cm in core SKPC-01B may be evidence of one of the first large-scale inflows of marine waters prior to the inundation of the threshold. It may be assumed that the relative sea-level at that time was a few metres lower than 25 m, as limnic conditions were re-established in the basin after termination of the marine inflow. The beginning of environmental change from lacustrine conditions, which resulted in the establishment of the marine environment, is dated between

7000  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP and 6400  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP, implying that environmental change took place rather rapidly.

Diatom analysis of subzone DAZ-1b shows that the lake in Skalafjord was affected by a strong inflow (possibly catastrophic) of marine waters. This phenomenon happened somewhat later than 7700  $^{14}\text{C}$  years BP. However, towards the top of this subzone lacustrine conditions were re-established. The development of the lake in the Skalafjord implies that the Storegga Slide led to inflow of marine waters at a distinctly lower water level in the area of Eysturoy and that the inundation of the threshold in the fjord happened after the tsunami. The lithology of this part of the core indicates that the tsunami impact in this area was relatively weak.

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#### APPENDIX A: TAXONOMIC NOTE

Either the dominating or interesting taxa are listed below and the sources of their identification are given. The identification was primarily based on the diatom flora of middle Europe by Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, 1991a, b, 1997). The reason for choosing this was that all the taxa treated in these references are illustrated with relevant LM micrographs. For the complete list of taxa see Appendix B.

##### *Achnanthes holstii* Cleve

Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991b, p. 33, fig. 18: 14–17)  
Pl. 3, fig. 16

##### *Achnanthes pusilla* (Grunow) de Toni

Syn.: *Achnanthes (linearis* var.?) *pusilla* Grunow in Cleve & Grunow  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991b, p. 67, fig. 37: 9–18)  
Pl. 3, figs 11–13

##### *Amphora inariensis* Krammer

Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 310, fig. 96: 18–20)  
Pl. 5, figs 10–12

##### *Amphora veneta* Kützing

Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 348, fig. 151: 7–17)  
Pl. 5, figs 8, 9

##### *Aneumastus rostratus* (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot

Syn.: *Navicula tuscula* var. *rostrata* Hustedt; *Navicula tusculoides* Cleve-Euler  
Lit.: Lange-Bertalot (2001, p. 156, fig. 118: 1–6)  
Pl. 5, fig. 18

##### *Aulacoseira distans* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen

Syn.: *Gallionella distans* Ehrenberg; *Melosira distans* (Ehrenberg) Kützing  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 32, fig. 29: 1–23, fig. 30: 1–11)  
Pl. 1, figs 6–11

##### *Aulacoseira italicica* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen

Syn.: *Gallionella italicica* Ehrenberg; *Melosira italicica* (Ehrenberg) Kützing  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 29, fig. 24: 1, 3–6, fig. 25: 1–11)  
Pl. 1, fig. 21

##### *Aulacoseira subarctica* (O. Müller) Haworth

Syn.: *Melosira italicica* ssp. *subarctica* O. Müller; *Aulacoseira italicica* ssp. *subarctica* (O. Müller) Simonsen  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 28, fig. 23: 1–11, fig. 2: 1)  
Pl. 1, figs 16, 17

##### *Aulacoseira valida* (Grunow) Krammer

Syn.: *Melosira crenulata* var. *valida* Grunow in Van Heurck.  
*Melosira italicica* var. *valida* (Grunow) Hustedt. *Aulacoseira italicica* var. *valida* (Grunow) Simonsen  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 32, fig. 28: 1–11)  
Pl. 1, figs 18–20

##### *Brachysira brebissonii* Ross

Bas.: *Navicula aponina* var. *brachysira* Brébisson ex Kützing  
Syn.: *Anomoeoneis brachysira* (Brébisson ex. Rabenhorst) Grunow in Cleve  
Lit.: Lange-Bertalot & Moser (1994, p. 20, fig. 12: 6, fig. 41: 1–18, fig. 44: 1–10)  
Pl. 12, fig. 9

##### *Brachysira zellensis* (Grunow) Round & Mann

Bas.: *Navicula zellensis* Grunow  
Syn.: *Anomoeoneis zellensis* (Grunow) Cleve; *Anomoeoneis brachysira* var. *zellensis* (Grunow) Krammer  
Lit.: Lange-Bertalot & Moser (1994, p. 73, fig. 11: 24–28, fig. 12: 5)  
Pl. 12, fig. 10

##### *Caloneis cf. bacillum* (Grunow) Cleve

Syn.: *Stauroneis bacillum* Grunow; *Navicula fasciata* Lagerstedt; *Caloneis fasciata* (Lagerstedt) Cleve; (?)*Caloneis bacillaris* (Gregory) Cleve  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 390, fig. 174: 9–20)  
Pl. 10, figs 10, 11

##### *Caloneis pulchra* Messikommer

Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 392, fig. 173: 1–4)  
Pl. 10, fig. 14

##### *Caloneis tenuis* (Gregory) Krammer

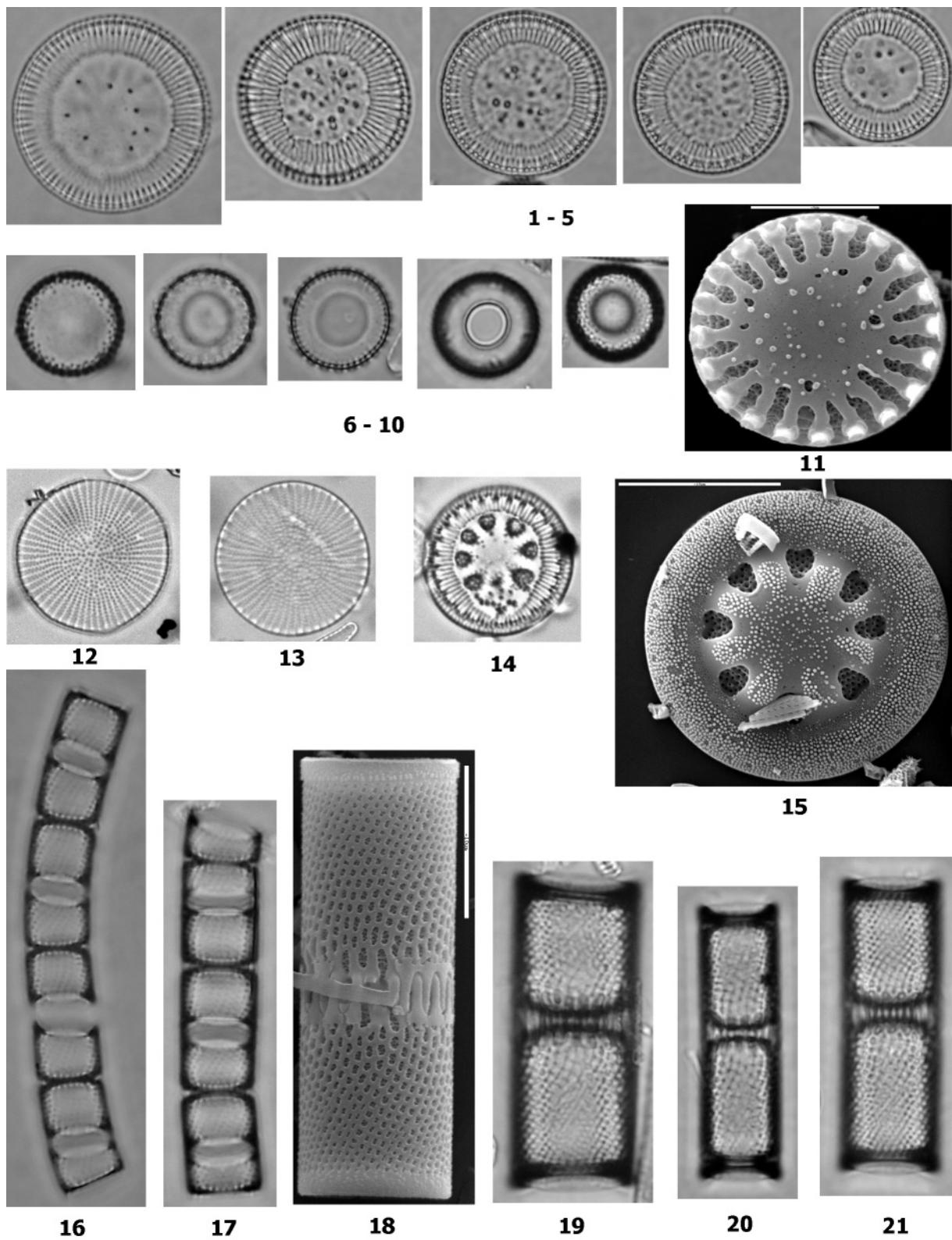
Syn.: *Pinnularia tenuis* Gregory; *Pinnularia gracillima* Gregory  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 392, fig. 174: 5–10)  
Pl. 10, fig. 13

##### *Caloneis undulata* (Gregory) Krammer

Syn.: *Pinnularia undulata* Gregory  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 394, fig. 175: 1–6)  
Pl. 10, fig. 12

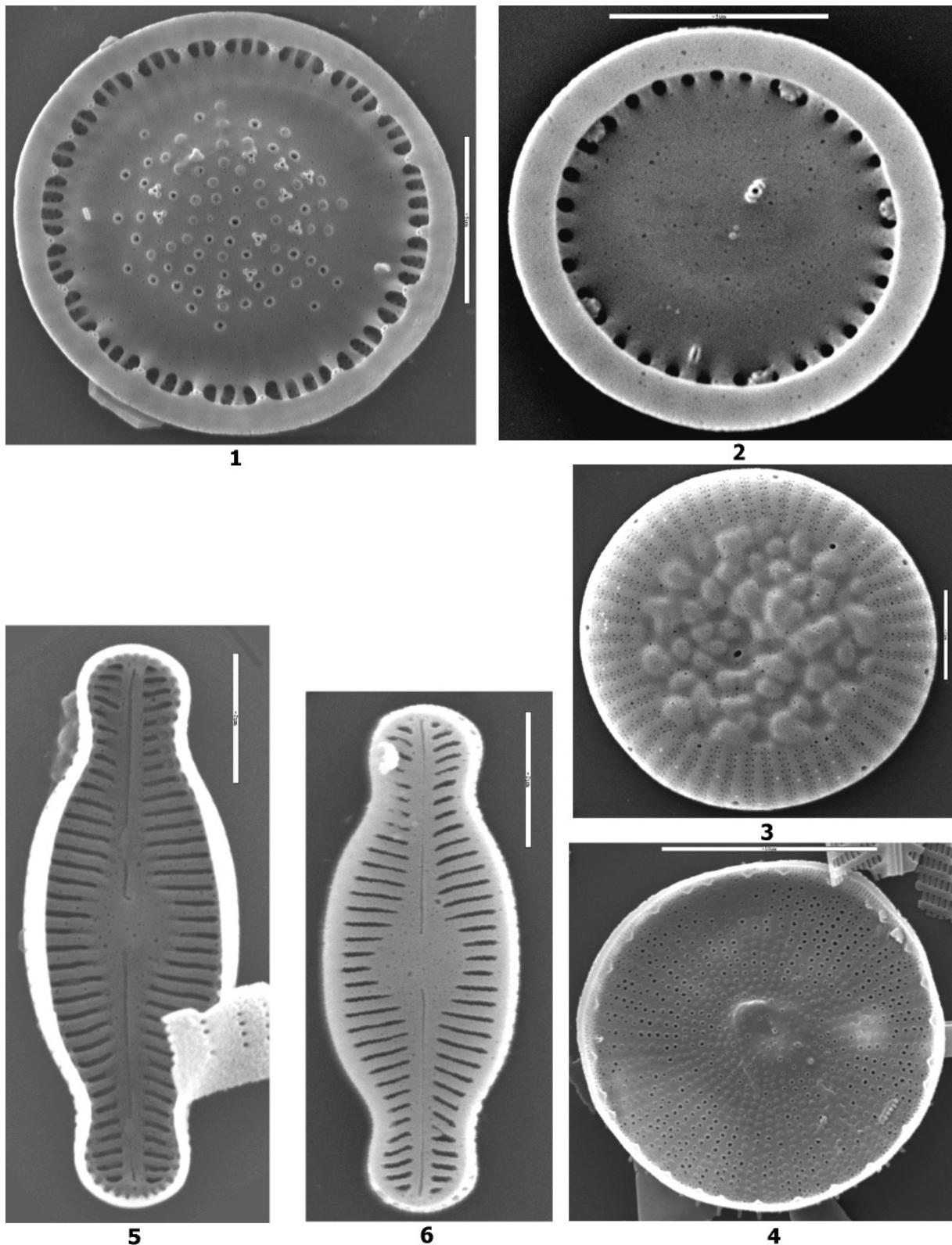
##### *Ceratoneis arcus* (Ehrenberg) Kützing var. *arcus*

Syn.: *Fragilaria arcus* var. *arcus* (Ehrenberg) Cleve;  
*Ceratoneis amphioxys* Rabenhorst; *Ceratoneis arcus* var. *amphioxys* (Rabenhorst) Brun; *Ceratoneis arcus* var. *linearis*



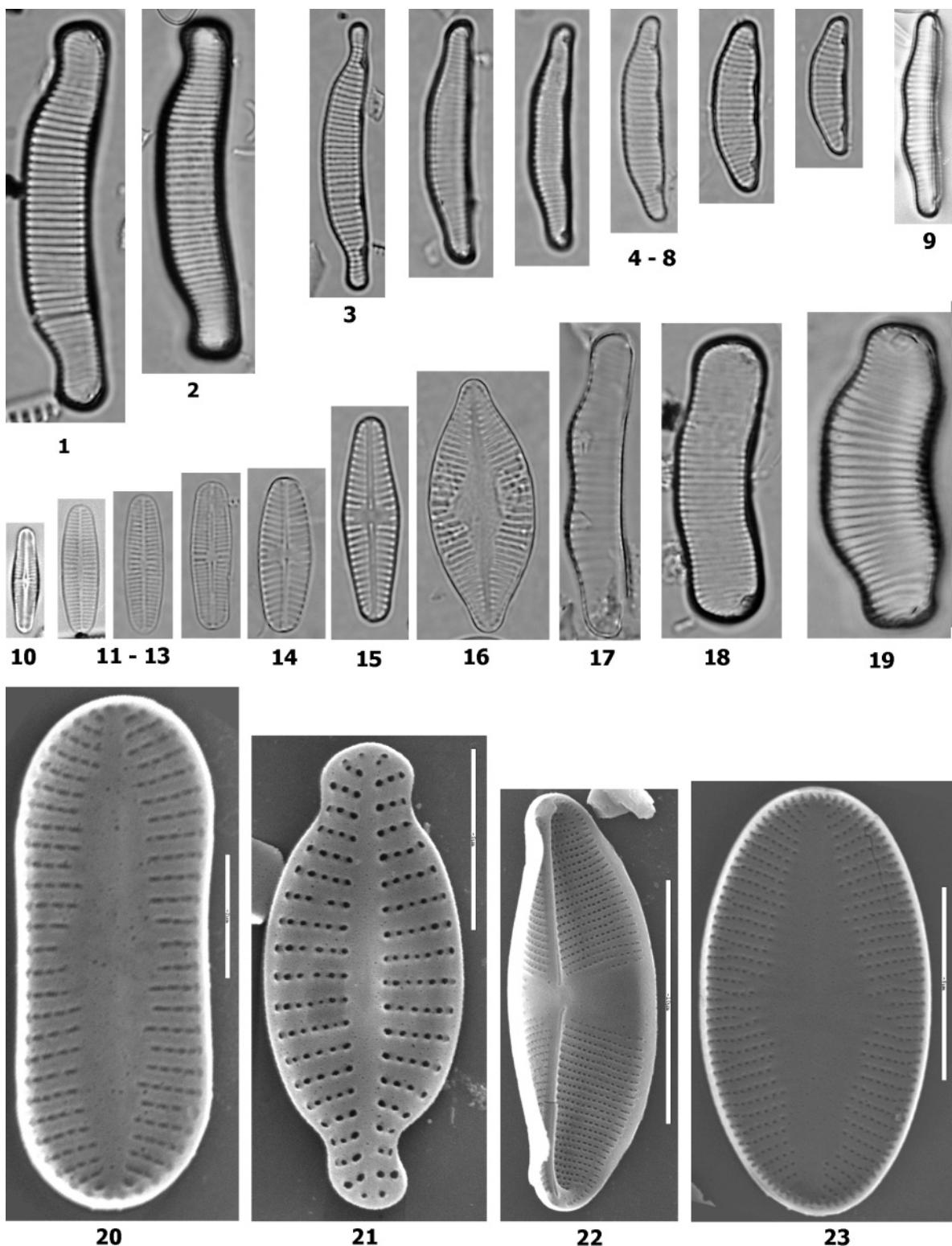
**Explanation of Plate 1.**

**figs 1–5.** *Cyclotella rossii* Håkansson. **figs 6–11.** *Aulacoseira distans* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen. **figs 12, 13.** *Cyclostephanus invistitatus* (Hohn & Hellerman) Theriot, Stoermer & Håkansson. **figs 14, 15.** *Cyclotella antiqua* W. Smith. **figs 16, 17.** *Aulacoseira subarctica* (O. Müller) Haworth. **figs 18–20.** *Aulacoseira valida* (Grunow) Krammer. **fig. 21.** *Aulacoseira italicica* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen. figs 1–10, 12–14, 16–17, 19–21 LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ); figs 11, 15, 18 SEM micrographs (scale bars: 11=5  $\mu\text{m}$ ; 15, 18=10  $\mu\text{m}$ ).



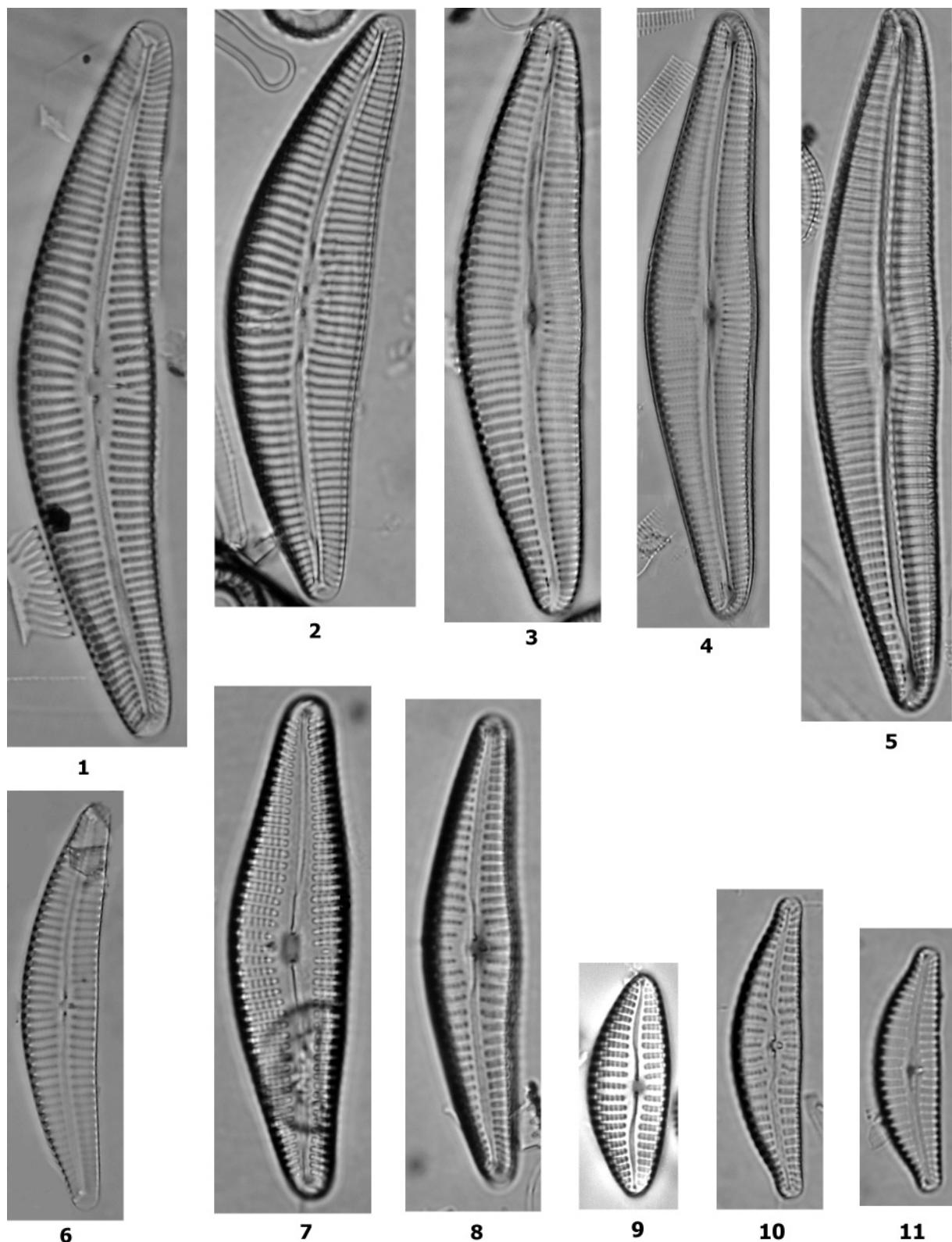
**Explanation of Plate 2.**

**fig. 1.** *Cyclotella radiosa* (Grunow) Lemmermann. **figs 2, 3.** *Cyclotella rossi* Håkansson. **fig. 4.** *Cyclostephanus invisitatus* (Hohn & Hellerman) Theriot, Stoermer & Håkansson. **figs 5, 6.** *Navicula schmasmannii* Hustedt. All SEM micrographs (scale bars: 1, 2=5 µm; 3, 5, 6=2 µm; 4=10 µm).



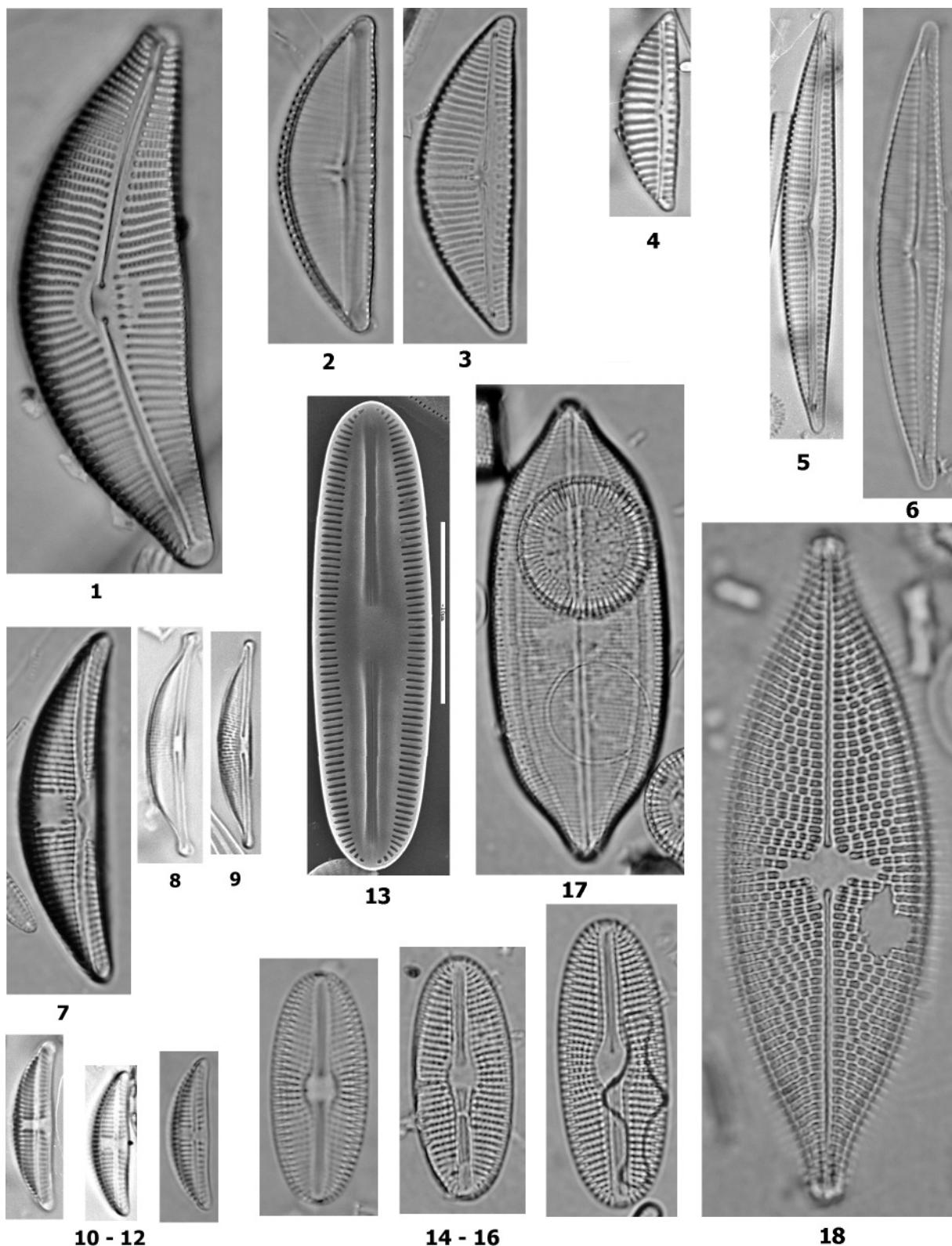
**Explanation of Plate 3.**

**figs 1, 2.** *Eunotia arcus* Ehrenberg. **fig. 3.** *Eunotia borealpina* Lange-Bertalot & Nörpel-Schempp. **figs 4-8.** *Eunotia incisa* Gregory. **fig. 9.** (?)*Eunotia implicata* Nörpel-Schempp, Lange-Bertalot & Alles. **fig. 10.** *Achnanthes minutissima* sensu auct. nonnull. **figs 11-13.** *Achnanthes pusilla* (Grunow) De Toni. **figs 14, 15.** *Achnanthes lanceolata* (Brébisson) Grunow. **fig. 16.** *Achnanthes holstii* Cleve. **fig. 17.** *Eunotia circumborealis* Nörpel-Schempp & Lange-Bertalot. **fig. 18.** *Eunotia media* A. Cleve. **fig. 19.** *Eunotia praerupta* Ehrenberg. **fig. 20.** *Achnanthes didyma* Hustedt. **fig. 21.** *Achnanthes laterostrata* Hustedt. **fig. 22.** *Eucocconeis laevis* (Østrup) Lange-Bertalot. **fig. 23.** (?)*Achnanthes daonensis* Lange-Bertalot. figs 1-19 LM micrographs (magnification ×1500); figs 20-23 SEM micrographs (scale bars: 20=2 µm; 21, 23=5 µm; 22=10 µm).



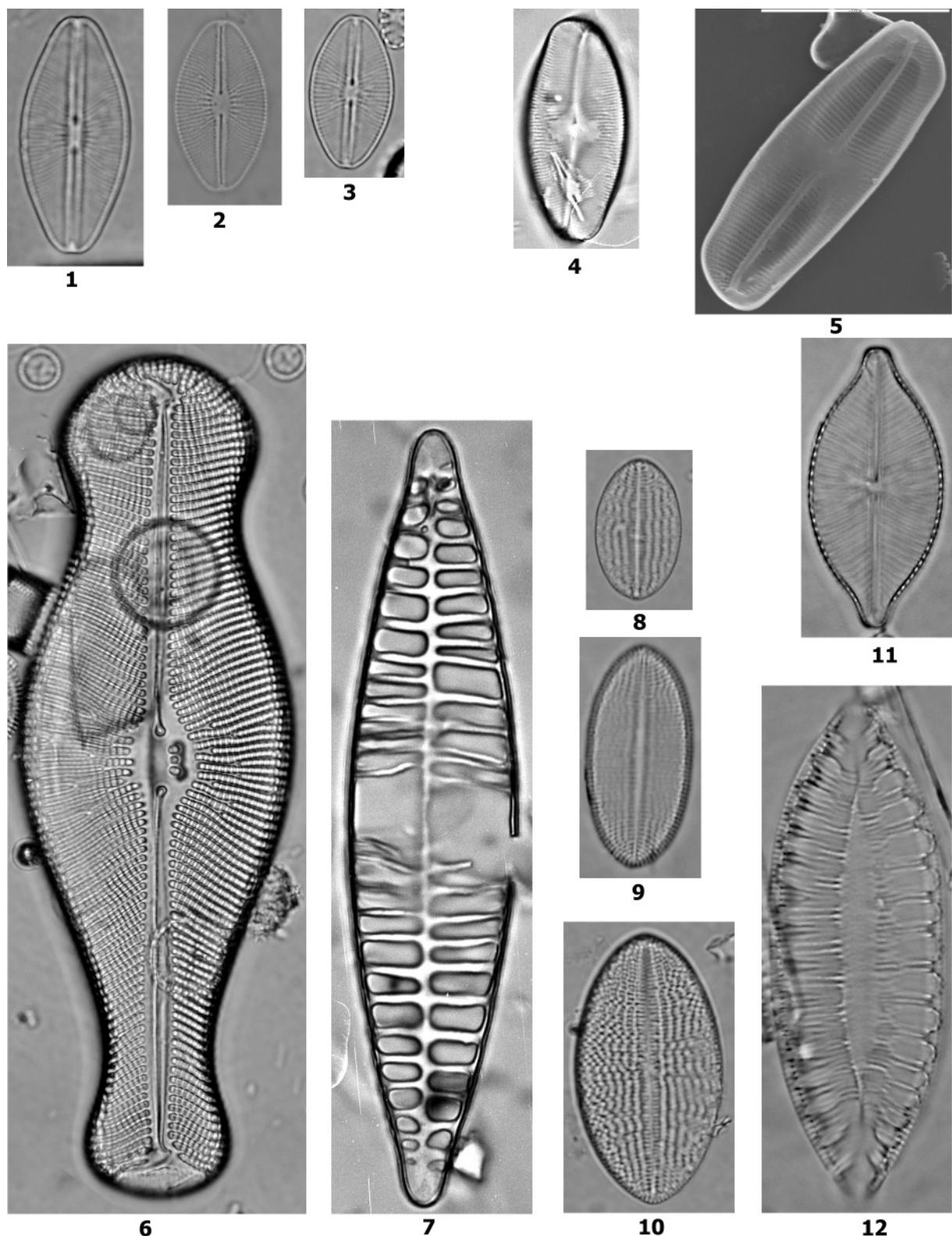
Explanation of Plate 4.

figs 1, 2. *Cymbella* spec. cf. *helvetica* Kützing. figs 3–5. *Cymbella lange-bertalotii* Krammer. fig. 6. *Cymbella vulgata* Krammer. figs 7, 8. *Cymbella neoleptoceros* var. *tenuistriata* Krammer. fig. 9. *Cymbella pervarians* Krammer. figs 10, 11. *Cymbella* cf. *subtruncata* Krammer. All LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ).



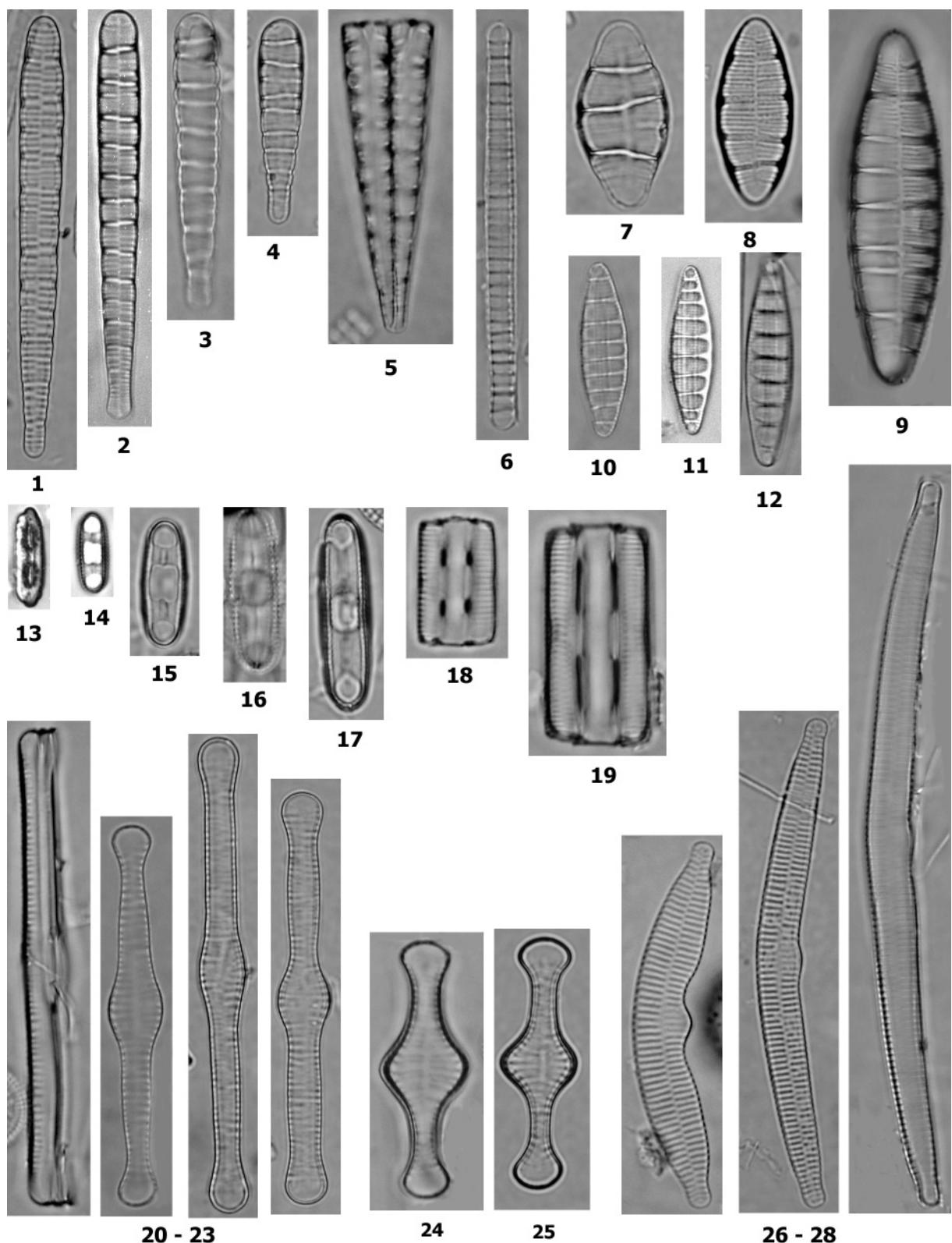
Explanation of Plate 5.

**fig. 1.** *Cymbella proxima* Reimer. **figs 2, 3.** *Encyonema silesiacum* (Bleisch) D.G. Mann. **fig. 4.** *Encyonema procerum* Krammer. **figs 5, 6.** *Encyonema neogracile* Krammer. **fig. 7.** *Amphora copulata* (Kützing) Schoeman & Archibald. **figs 8, 9.** *Amphora veneta* Kützing. **figs 10-12.** *Amphora inariensis* Krammer. **fig. 13.** *Diploneis petersenii* Hustedt. **figs 14-16.** *Diploneis pseudovalvis* Hustedt. **fig. 17.** *Neidium apiculatum* Reimer. **fig. 18.** *Aneumastus rostratus* Lange-Bertalot. figs 1-12, 14-18 LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ); fig. 13 SEM micrograph (scale bar: 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ).



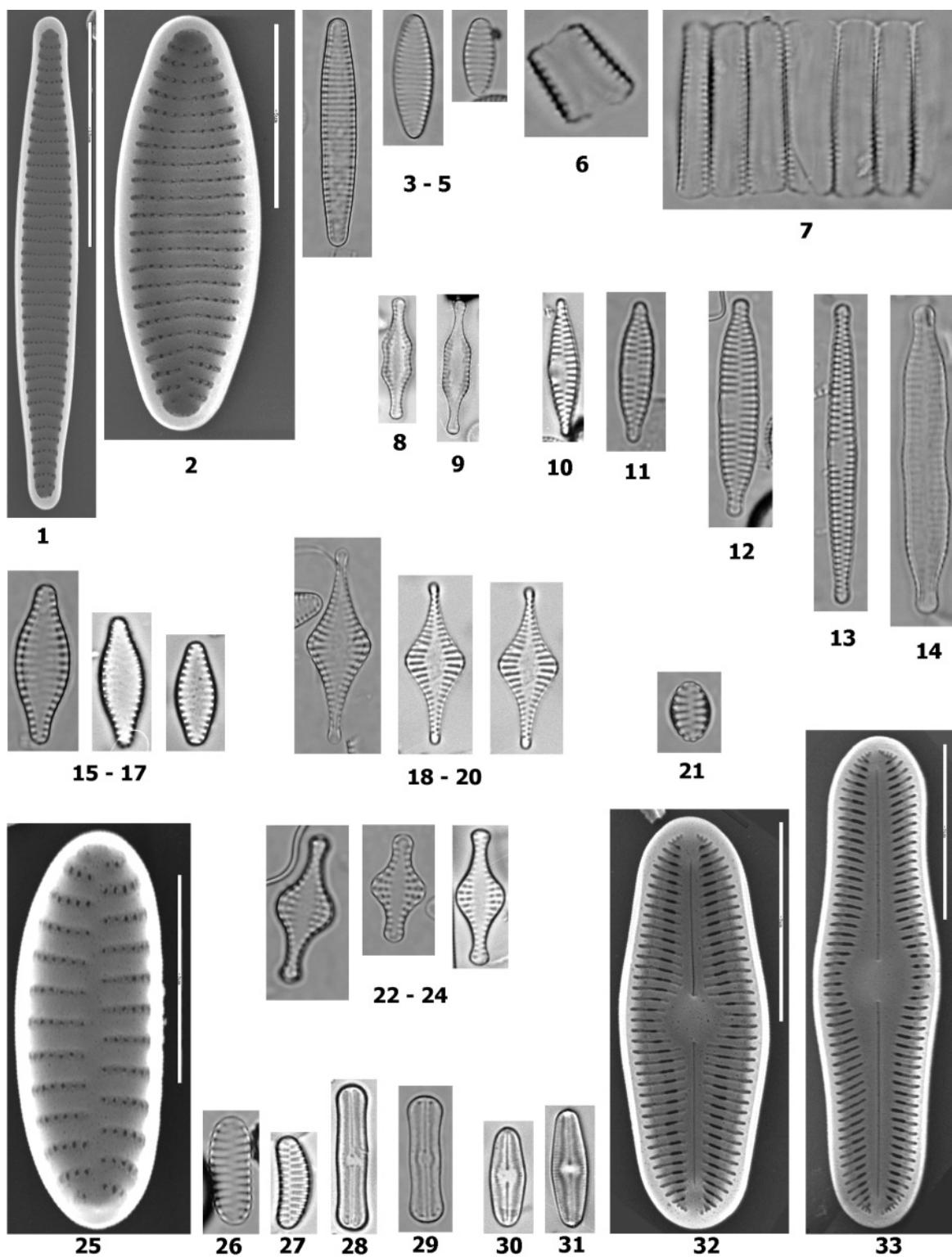
**Explanation of Plate 6.**

**figs 1–3.** *Cavinula cocconeiformis* (Gregory) D.G. Mann & Stickle. **fig. 4.** *Eucocconeis flexella* (Kützing) Cleve var. *flexella*. **fig. 5.** *Eucocconeis alpestris* (Brun) Lange-Bertalot. **fig. 6.** *Didymosphenia geminata* (Lyngbye) M. Schmidt, Morphotyp *geminata* sensu Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot (1995). **fig. 7.** *Craticula cuspidata* (Kützing) D. G. Mann. **figs 8–10.** *Cocconeis placentula* var. *lineata* (Ehrenberg) Van Heurck. **fig. 11.** *Placoneis cf. clementis* (Grunow). **fig. 12.** *Surirella amphioxys* W. Smith. figs 1–4, 6–12 LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ); fig. 5 SEM micrograph (scale bar: 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ).



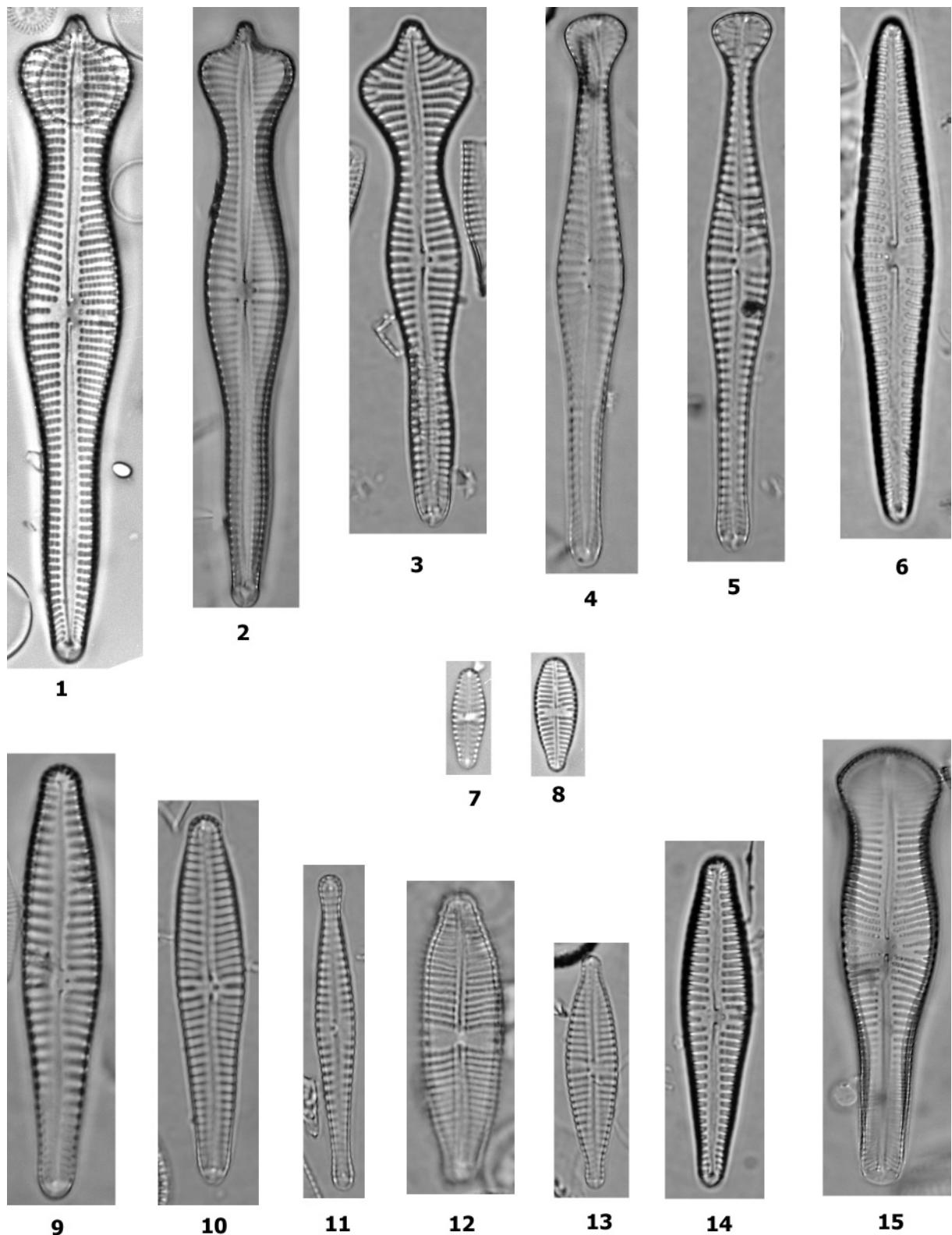
Explanation of Plate 7.

**figs 1–5.** *Meridion circulare* (Greville) Agardh. **fig. 6.** *Diatoma tenuis* Agardh. **figs 7–9.** *Diatoma mesodon* (Ehrenberg) Kützing. **figs 10–12.** *Denticula tenuis* Kützing. **figs 13–19.** *Diatomella balfouriana* Greville. **figs 20–23.** *Tabellaria flocculosa sensu lato* (Roth) Kützing. **figs 24, 25.** *Tabellaria flocculosa sensu stricto* (Roth) Kützing. **figs 26–28.** *Ceratoneis arcus* (Ehrenberg) Kützing var. *arcus*. All LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ).



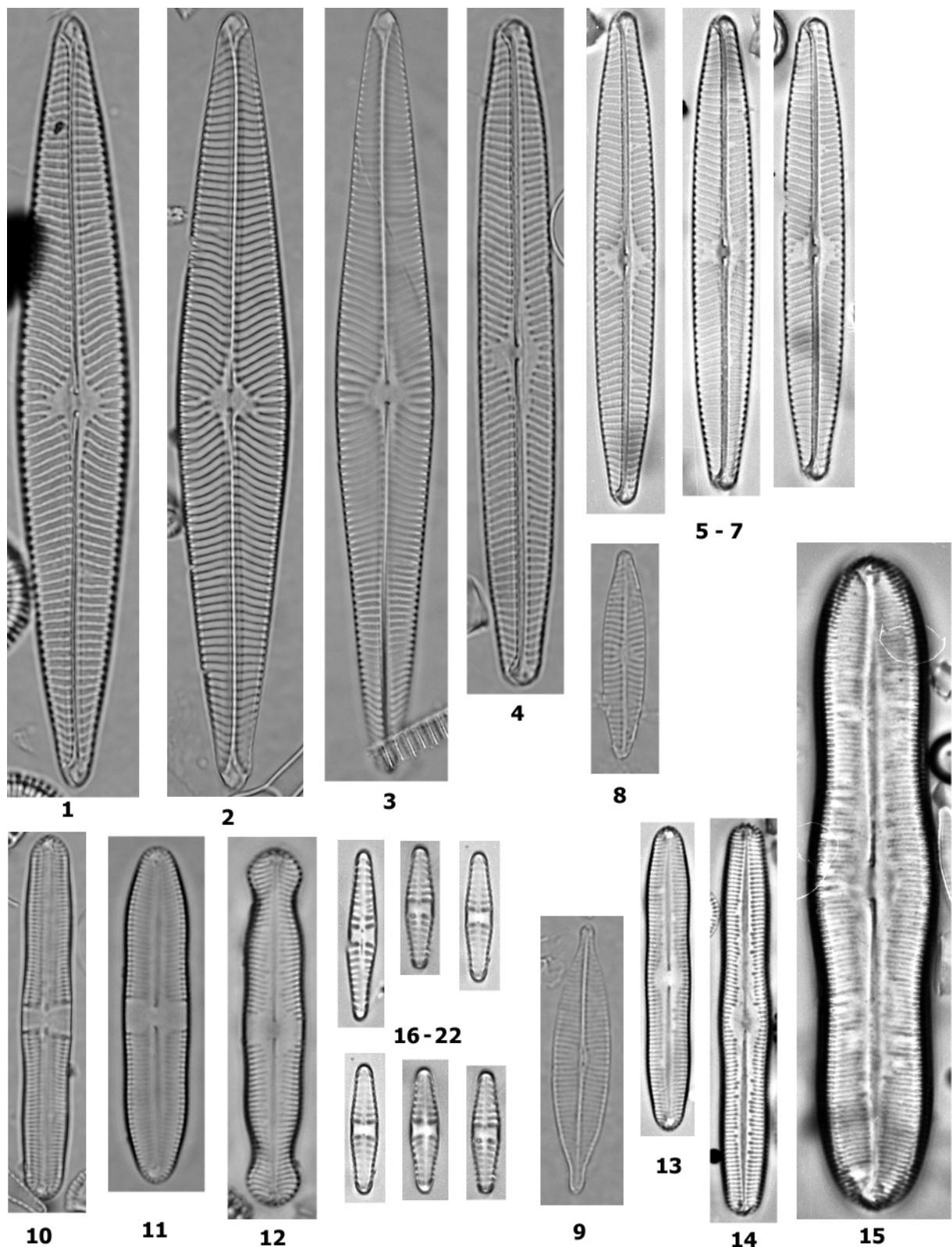
## Explanation of Plate 8.

figs 1-5, 7. *Fragilaria exigua* Grunow. fig. 6. *Staurosira martyi* (Héribaud) Bukhtiyarova. figs 8, 9. *Fragilaria construens* var. *binodis* fo. *borealis*? Foged. figs 10, 11. *Fragilaria capucina* var. *perminuta* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot. fig. 12. *Fragilaria capucina* var. *vaucheriae* (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot. fig. 13. *Fragilaria capucina* var. *distans* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot. fig. 14. *Fragilaria alpestris* Krasske. figs 15-17. *Fragilaria opacolineolata* Lange-Bertalot. figs 18-20. *Fragilaria parasitica* (W. Smith) Grunow. fig. 21. *Staurosira construens* (Ehrenberg) Grunow. figs 22-24. *Staurosira pseudoconstruens* (Marciniak) Lange-Bertalot. figs 25-27. *Staurosira* sp. figs 28, 29. *Diadesmis biceps* Arnott. figs 30-33. *Diadesmis perpusilla* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot. figs 3-24, 26-31 LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ); figs 1, 2, 25, 32, 33 SEM micrographs (scale bars: 1=10  $\mu\text{m}$ ; 2, 25, 32, 33=5  $\mu\text{m}$ ).



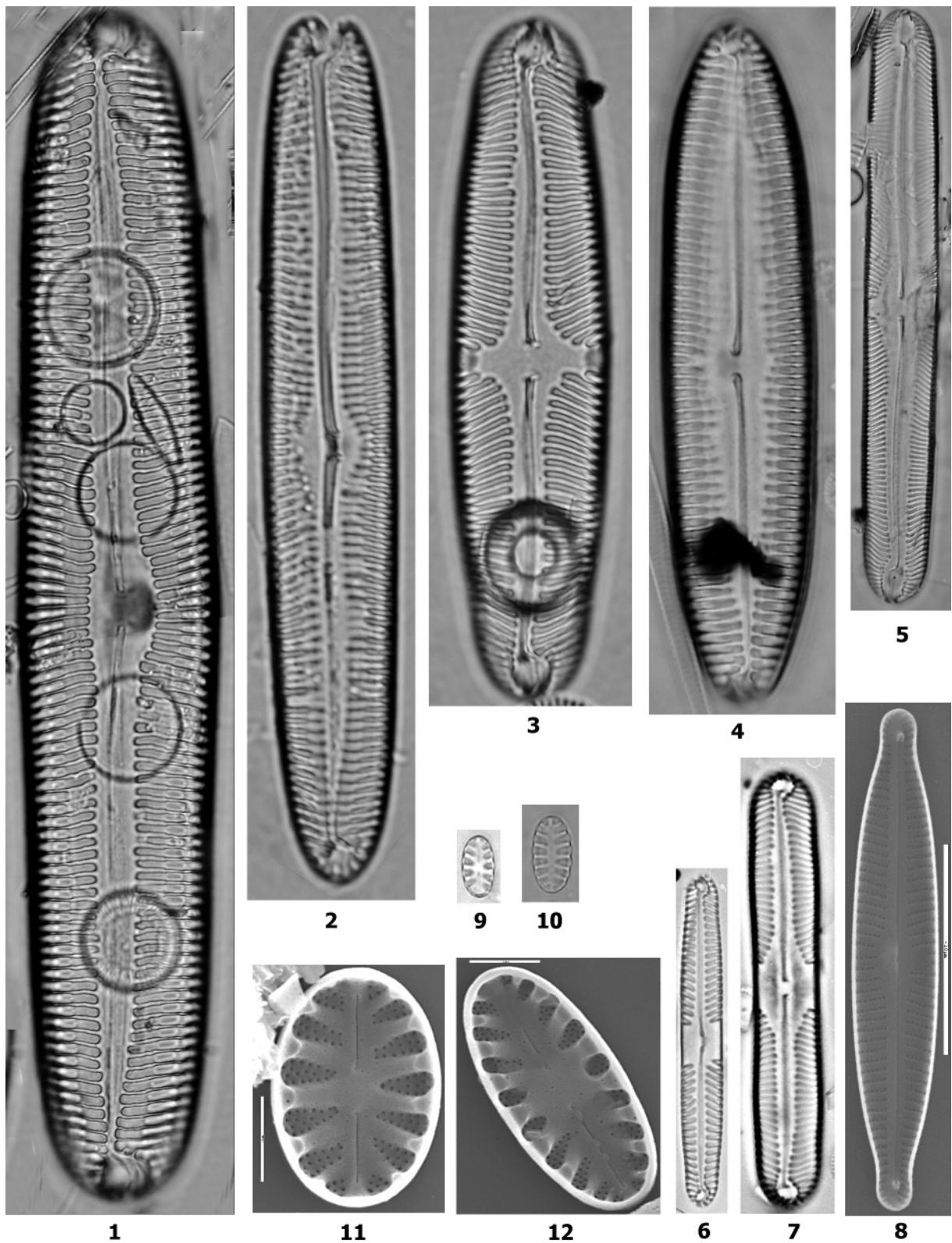
**Explanation of Plate 9.**

figs 1–3. *Gomphonema coronatum* Ehrenberg. figs 4, 5. *Gomphonema subtile* Ehrenberg. fig. 6. *Gomphonema vibrio* Ehrenberg. figs 7, 8. *Gomphonema calcifugum* Lange-Bertalot & Reichardt. figs 9–11. *Gomphonema clavatum* Ehrenberg s. l. fig. 12. *Gomphonema lapponicum* (A. Cleve) Cleve-Euler. fig. 13. *Gomphonema parvulum* Kützing. fig. 14. *Gomphonema sagitta* Schumann. fig. 15. *Gomphonema truncatum* Ehrenberg. All LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ).



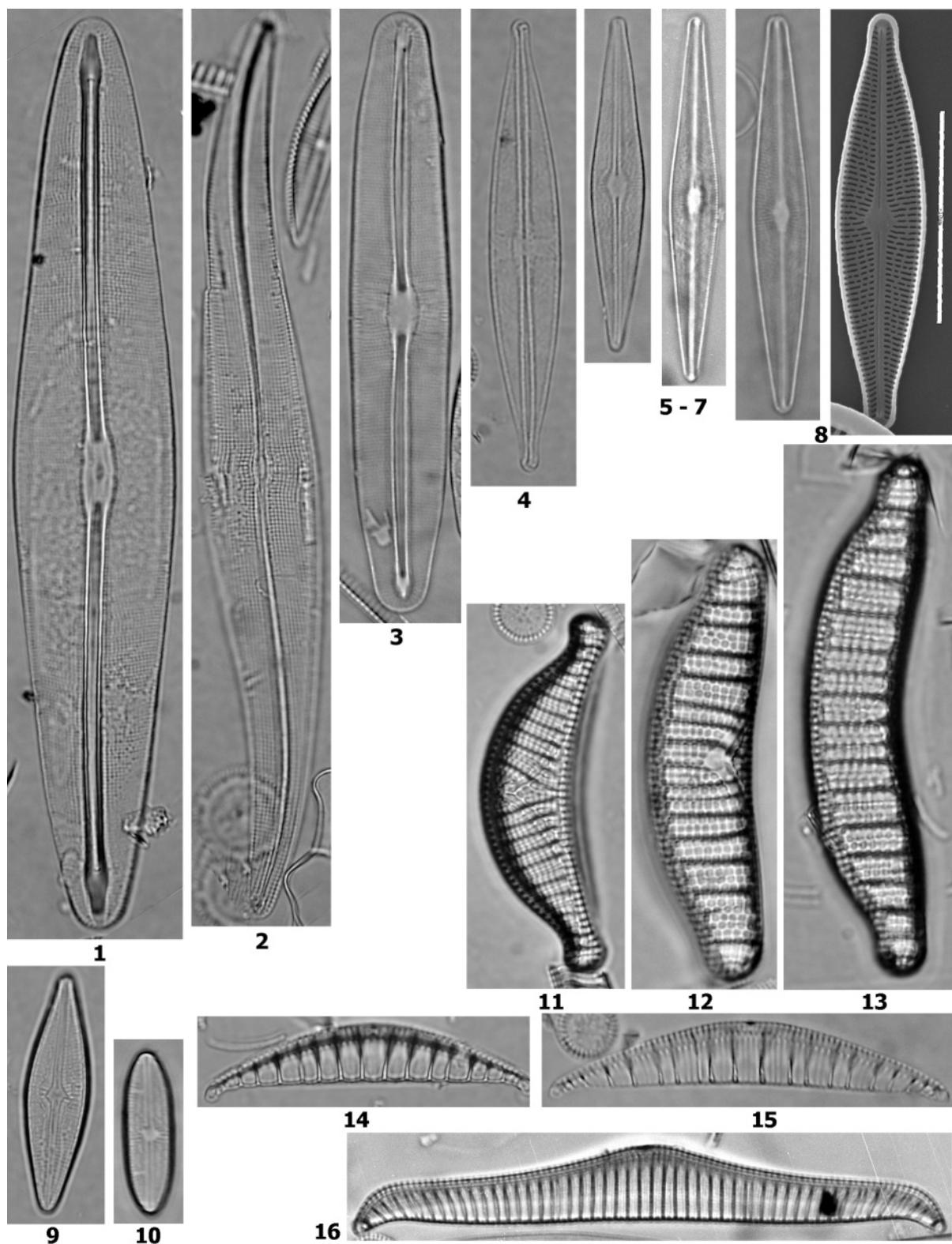
**Explanation of Plate 10.**

figs 1-3. *Navicula radiososa* Kützing. figs 4-7. *Navicula angusta* Grunow. fig. 8. *Navicula veneta* Kützing. fig. 9. *Navicula gregaria* Donkin s. l. figs 10, 11. *Caloneis bacillum* s. auct. fig. 12. *Caloneis undulata* (Gregory) Krammer. fig. 13. *Caloneis tenuis* (Gregory) Krammer. fig. 14. *Caloneis pulchra* Messikommer. fig. 15. *Caloneis silicula* (Ehrenberg) Cleve. figs 16-22. *Hippodonta subcostulata* (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot, Metzeltin & Witkowski. All LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ).



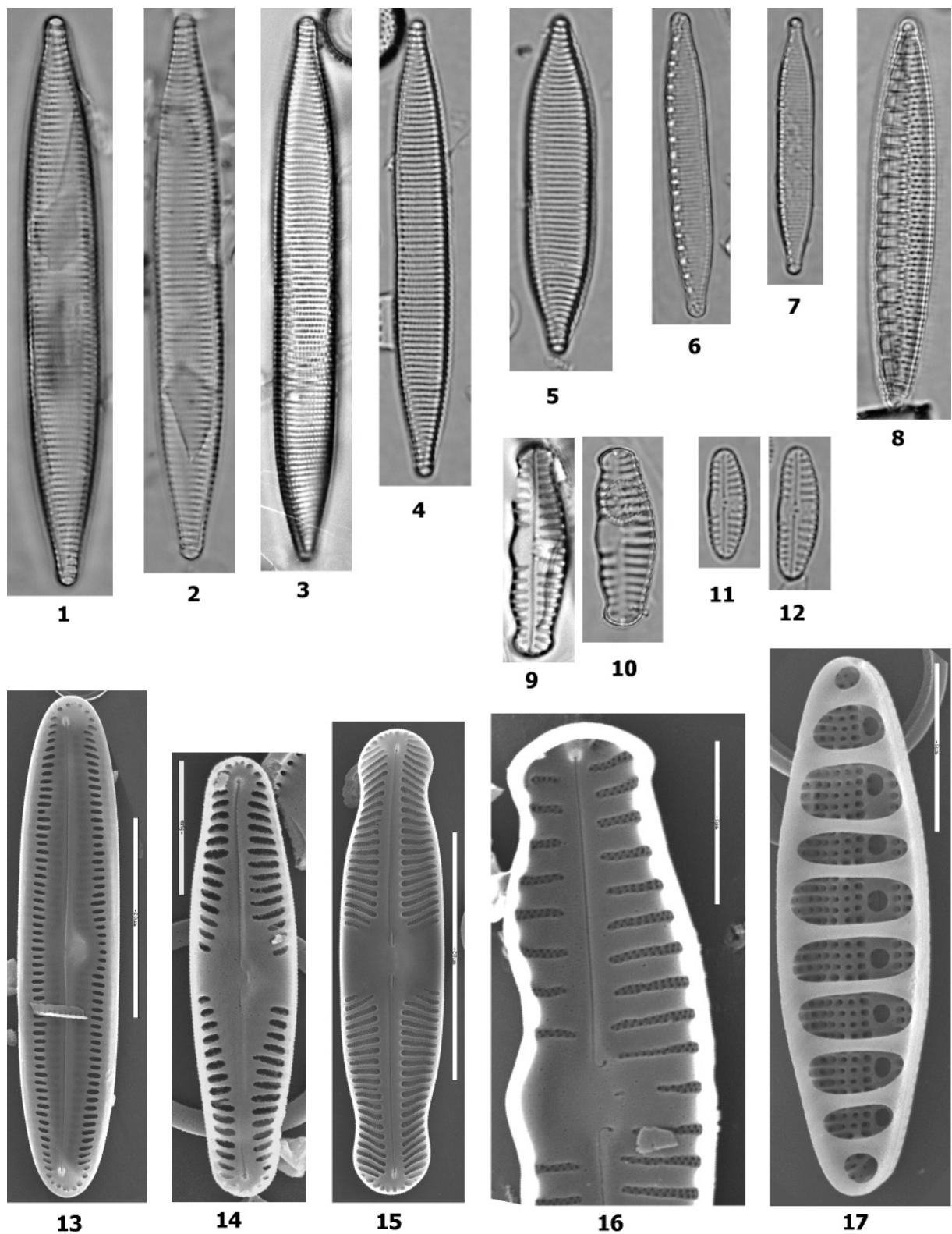
Explanation of Plate 11.

**fig. 1.** *Pinnularia viridis* (Nitzsch) Ehrenberg. **fig. 2.** *Pinnularia viridiformis* Krammer. **fig. 3.** *Pinnularia divergens* var. *sublinearis* Cleve, **fig. 4.** *Pinnularia hemiptera* (Kützing) Rabenhorst. **fig. 5.** *Pinnularia stomatophora* (Grunow) Cleve. **fig. 6.** *Pinnularia subcapitata* var. *subrostrata* Krammer. **fig. 7.** *Pinnularia brandelii* Cleve. **fig. 8.** *Kobayasiella* sp.. **figs 9–12.** *Hygropetra balfouriana* (Grunow ex. Cleve) Krammer & Lange-Bertalot. figs 1–7, 9, 10 LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ); figs 8, 11, 12 SEM micrographs (scale bars: 8=10 µm; 11, 12=2 µm).



**Explanation of Plate 12.**

fig. 1. *Frustulia erifuga* Lange-Bertalot & Krammer. fig. 2. *Gyrosigama acuminatum* (Kützing) Rabenhorst. fig. 3. *Frustulia vulgaris* (Thwaites) De Toni. fig. 4. *Stauroneis neohyalina* Lange-Bertalot. figs 5-8. *Brachysira procera* Lange-Bertalot. fig. 9. *Brachysira brebissonii* Ross. fig. 10. *Brachysira zellensis* (Grunow) Round & Mann. fig. 11. *Epithemia sorex* Kützing. figs 12, 13. *Epithemia adhata* (Kützing) Brébisson. figs 14, 15. *Rhopalodia rupestris* (W. Smith) Krammer. fig. 16. *Rhopalodia gibba* (Ehrenberg) O. Müller var. *gibba*. figs 1-7, 9-16 LM micrographs (magnification ×1500); fig. 8 SEM micrograph (scale bar: 10 µm).



Explanation of Plate 13.

**figs 1–5.** *Nitzschia angustata* Grunow. **fig. 6.** *Nitzschia hantzschiana* Rabenhorst. **fig. 7.** *Nitzschia cf. hantzschiana* Rabenhorst. **fig. 8.** *Nitzschia denticula* Grunow. **figs 9, 10.** *Reimeria uniseriata* Sala et al. **figs 11, 12.** *Reimeria sinuata* (Gregory) Kociolek & Stoermer. **fig. 13.** *Caloneis* sp. **figs 14, 15.** *Pinnularia* sp.. **fig. 16.** *Reimeria* sp.. **fig. 17.** *Denticula tenuis* Kützing. figs 1–12 LM micrographs (magnification  $\times 1500$ ); figs 13–17 SEM micrographs (scale bars: 13, 15=20  $\mu\text{m}$ ; 14, 16, 17=5  $\mu\text{m}$ ).

- Holmboe; *Hannaea arcus* (Ehrenberg) Patrick in Patrick & Reimer  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 134, fig. 117: 8–13)  
Pl. 7, figs 26–28
- Craticula cuspidata* (Kützing) D.G. Mann  
Syn.: *Frustulia cuspidata* Kützing; *Navicula cuspidata* (Kützing) Kützing; *Navicula cuspidata* var. *heribaudii* M. Pergallo in Héribaud  
Lit.: Lange-Bertalot (2001, p. 111, fig. 82: 1–3, fig. 83: 1–2)  
Pl. 6, fig. 7
- Cyclostephanus invisitatus* (Hohn & Hellerman) Theriot, Stoermer & Håkansson  
Syn.: *Stephanodiscus invisitatus* Hohn & Hellerman; *Stephanodiscus hantzschii* var. *striator* Kalbe; *Stephanodiscus incognitus* Kuzmin & Genkal  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 63, fig. 67: 3–4), Håkansson (2002, p. 70, fig. 221–225)  
Pl. 1, figs 12, 13; Pl. 2, fig. 4
- Cyclotella antiqua* W. Smith  
Syn.: *Cyclotella operculata* var. *antiqua* Héribaud  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 48, fig. 47: 5–6, fig. 48: 1a–3)  
Pl. 1, figs 14, 15
- Cyclotella rossii* Håkansson  
Syn.: *Discoplea oligactis* Ehrenberg; *Cycotella oligactis* (Ehrenberg) Ralphs in Pritchard; *Cyclotella comta* var. *oligactis* (Ehrenberg) Grunow in Van Heurck  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 60, fig. 64: 1–8)  
Pl. 1, figs 1–5; Pl. 2, figs 3, 4
- Cymbella excisiformis* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 31, fig. 11: 1–23, fig. 12: 3–5, fig. 13: 1–8)
- Cymbella helvetica* Kützing  
Syn.: *Cymbella compacta* Østrup  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 324, fig. 132: 2–4, fig. 133: 1–8)  
Pl. 4, figs 1, 2
- Cymbella lange-bertalotii* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 152, fig. 179: 1–6)  
Pl. 4, figs 3–5
- Cymbella aff. neocistula* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 94, fig. 85: 1–4, fig. 86: 1–7, fig. 87: 1–9, fig. 88: 1–8, fig. 89: 1–7, fig. 90: 1–8, fig. 91: 1–6)  
So far this taxon has only been found with 3–5 stigmata and this is the first report of a form with 6.
- Cymbella neoleptoceros* var. *tenuistriata* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 135, fig. 160: 1–6)  
Pl. 4, figs 7, 8
- Cymbella pervarians* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 58, fig. 39: 8–18, fig. 41: 1–12, fig. 42: 1–12)  
Pl. 4, fig. 9
- Cymbella proxima* Reimer  
Syn.: *Cocconema cistulum* A. Schmidt; *Cymbella cistula* sensu Grunow in Van Heurck  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 106, fig. 92: 4–6, fig. 108: 1–6, fig. 109: 1–5, fig. 110: 1–3, fig. 111: 1–3)  
Pl. 5, fig. 1
- Cymbella cf. subtruncta* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 39, fig. 18: 16–21, fig. 19: 1–21)  
Pl. 4, figs 10, 11
- Cymbella vulgata* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2002, p. 55, fig. 32: 7–13, fig. 36: 1–14, fig. 37: 16–21, fig. 38: 1–18, fig. 39: 1–7)  
Pl. 4, fig. 6
- Diadesmis biceps* Arnott  
Syn.: *Navicula contenta* Grunow; *Navicula trinodis* W. Smith f. *minuta* Grunow  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 219, fig. 75: 1–5)  
Pl. 8, figs 28, 29
- Diadesmis perpusilla* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot  
Syn.: *Navicula prepusilla* Grunow; *Navicula gallica* var. *prepusilla* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot; *Navicula flotowii* Grunow  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 220, fig. 75: 12–17)  
Pl. 8, figs 30–33
- Diatoma mesodon* (Ehrenberg) Kützing  
Syn.: *Fragilaria mesodon* Ehrenberg; *Diatoma hiemalis* var. *mesodon* (Ehrnberg) Grunow in Van Heurck  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 60, fig. 92: 1–4, fig. 99: 1–12)  
Pl. 7, figs 7–9
- Diatoma tenuis* Agardh  
Syn.: *Diatoma tenuis* var. *elongatum* Lyngbye; *Diatoma elongatum* (Lyngbye) Agardh; *Diatoma mesoleptum* Kützing  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 97, fig. 96: 1–9)  
Pl. 7, fig. 6
- Diatomella balfouriana* Greville  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 436, fig. 205: 4–8)  
Pl. 7, figs 13–19
- Didymosphenia geminata* (Lyngbye) M. Schmidt  
Syn.: *Echinella geminata* Lyngbye; *Gomphonema geminatum* (Lyngbye) Agardh  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 381, fig. 166: 15)  
Pl. 6, fig. 6
- Encyonema neogracile* Krammer  
Syn.: (?) *Cocconema gracile*? Ehrenberg; (?)*Cymbella gracilis* Kützing; (?)*Encyonema gracile* Rabenhorst; *Encyonema gracile* var. Grunow in Van Heurck; *Encyonema gracile* f. *minor* Grunow in Van Heurck  
Lit.: Krammer (1997, p. I/142, fig. 82: 1–13, fig. 83: 1–7, fig. 85: 1–12)  
Pl. 5, figs 2, 3
- Encyonema procerum* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (1997, p. I/95, fig. 32: 9–19)  
Pl. 5, fig. 4

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*Encyonema silesiacum* (Bleisch) D.G. Mann

Syn.: *Cymbella ventricosa* Agardth; *Cymbella silesiaca* Bleisch in Rabenhorst; *Cymbella minuta* var. *silesiaca* (Bleisch) Reimer in Patrick & Reimer  
Lit.: Krammer (1997, p. I/72, fig. 4: 1–18, fig. 7: 6–19, fig. 9: 1–8, fig. 16: 1–11, fig. 17: 5–8)  
Pl. 5, figs 2, 3

*Eunotia arcus* Ehrenberg

Syn.: *Himantidium arcus* Ehrenberg pro parte  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 184, fig. 147)  
Pl. 2, figs 1, 2

*Eunotia circumborealis* Nörpel-Schempp & Lange-Bertalot

Syn.: *Eunotia septentrionalis* var. *bidens* Hustedt sensu Simonsen; (?)*Eunotia scandinavica* f. *angusta* (Fontell) Cleve-Euler; *Eunotia pectinalis* var. *undulata* sensu Krasske  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 197, fig. 143: 16–23)  
Pl. 2, fig. 17

*Eunotia implicata* Nörpel-Schempp, Lange-Bertalot & Alles

Syn.: *Eunotia impressa* var. *angusta* Grunow in Van Heurck; *Eunotia impressa* var. *angusta* f. *vix impressa* Grunow in Van Heurck; *Eunotia pectinalis* var. *minor* f. *impressa* (Ehrenberg) Hustedt; *Eunotia impressa* Ehrenberg sensu Cleve-Euler; *Eunotia impressa* Ehrenberg; *Himantidium minus* Kützing; *Himantidium pectinale* var. *minus* (Kützing) Grunow; *Eunotia pectinalis* var. *minor* (Kützing) Rabenhorst sensu Grunow  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 197, fig. 143: 1–9A)  
Pl. 2, fig. 9

*Eunotia media* A. Cleve

Syn.: *Eunotia parallela* var. *parallela* Ehrenberg; *Eunotia crassa* Pantocsek & Greguss; *Eunotia pseudoparallela* Cleve-Euler;  
*Eunotia parallela* var. *pseudoparallela* Cleve-Euler  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 209, fig. 152: 4–7)  
Pl. 2, fig. 18

*Eunotia praerupta* Ehrenberg

Syn.: *Himantidium praeruptum* Ehrenberg  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 186, fig. 148: 1–17, fig. 149: 1–7, fig. 150: 1–7)  
Pl. 2, fig. 19

*Fragilaria alpestris* Krasske

Syn.: (?) *Fragilaria capucina* var. *amphicephala* (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 141, fig. 111: 25–28)  
Pl. 8, fig. 14

*Fragilaria exigua* Grunow in Cleve & Moller

Syn.: *Fragilaria virescens* var. ? *exigua* Grunow in Van Heurck; *Fragilaria exigua* (W. Smith) Lemmermann; *Triceratium exiguum* W. Smith; *Fragilaria construens* f. *exigua* (W. Smith) Hustedt  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 137, fig. 126: 11–18)  
Pl. 8, figs 1–5, 7

*Fragilaria construens* var. *binodis* fo. *borealis* Foged

Lit.: Foged (1974, p. 56, fig. 3: 6), Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 164, fig. 130: 18, 19?)

Foged (1974) described *F. construens* v. *binodis* fo. *borealis* in a sample from an outflow of a small lake near Thingvellir in Iceland. He established a new forma based on faintly concave margins and coarsely punctate striae. Krammer & Lange-Bertalot included this taxon with a question mark in *Fragilaria robusta* (Fusey) Manguin. The species, to a certain extent, resembles *Fragilaria pseudoconstruens* Marciniak, however, it differs with respect to valve shape, the sternum and the striation pattern.

Pl. 8, figs 8, 9

*Fragilaria opacolineata* Lange-Bertalot

Lit.: Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin (1996, p. 132, 340, fig. 7: 36–41B, fig. 111: 2–3)  
Pl. 8, figs 15–17

*Fragilaria parasitica* (W. Smith) Grunow

Syn.: *Synedra parasitica* (W. Smith) Grunow in Van Heurck  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 133, fig. 130: 1–8)  
Pl. 8, figs 18–20

*Frustulia vulgaris* (Thwaites) De Toni

Syn.: *Schizonema vulgare* Thwaites  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 260, fig. 97: 1–6)  
Pl. 12, fig. 3

*Frustulia erifuga* Lange-Bertalot & Krammer

Syn.: *Colletonema viridulum* Brébisson ex Kützing; *Schizonema viridulum* (Brébisson) Rabenhorst; *Vanheuricka viridula* (Brébisson) Brébisson; *Frustulia viridula* (Brébisson) De Toni; *Frustulia rhomboides* var. *viridula* (Brébisson) Cleve; *Frustulia rhomboides* var. *viridula* f. *hustedtii* Germain  
Lit.: Lange-Bertalot (2001, p. 167, fig. 131: 9–10, fig. 132: 1–6, fig. 140: 1–2)  
Pl. 12, fig. 1

*Gomphonema acuminatum* Ehrenberg var. *acuminatum*

Syn.: *Gomphonema brebissonii* Kützing  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 365, fig. 160: 1–12)

*Gomphonema* cf. *affine* Kützing

Syn.: *Gomphonema lanceolatum* sensu Hustedt (et al.) non Ehrenberg nec Agardh. (?)*Gomphonema magnificum* Gandhi  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 366, fig. 161: 1–3)

*Gomphonema calcifugum* Lange-Bertalot & Reichardt

Syn.: *Gomphonema olivaceum* var. *minutissimum* Hustedt  
Lit.: Hustedt (1930, p. 378, fig. 720), Lange-Bertalot & Genkal (1999, p. 53)  
Pl. 9, figs 7, 8

*Gomphonema clavatum* Ehrenberg

Syn.: *Gomphonema longiceps* Ehrenberg; *Gomphonema mustela* Ehrenberg; *Gomphonema montanum* Schumann; *Gomphonema subclavatum* Grunow; *Gomphonema commutatum* Grunow; *Gomphonema (commutatum* var.?) *mexicanum* Grunow; *Gomphocymbella obliqua* (Grunow) O. Müller  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 367, fig. 163: 1–12)  
Pl. 9, figs 9–11

*Gomphonema capitatum* Ehrenberg

Syn.: *Gomphonema truncatum* Ehrenberg; *Gomphonema constrictum* Ehrenberg; *Gomphonema turgidum* Ehrenberg  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 369, fig. 159: 11–18)

*Gomphonema coronatum* Ehrenberg

Syn.: *Gomphonema acuminatum* var. *coronatum* (Ehrenberg)  
W. Smith  
Lit.: Reichardt (1999, p. 43, fig. 49: 1–5, fig. 7–11, fig. 50: 1–8, fig. 51: 1–8)  
Pl. 9, figs 1–3

*Gomphonema lapponicum* (A. Cleve) Cleve-Euler

Syn.: *Navicula petersenii* f. *gomphonemoides* Hustedt  
Lit.: Reichardt (1999, p. 42, fig. 46: 1–10)  
Pl. 9, fig. 12

*Gomphonema sagitta* Schumann

Syn.: *Gomphonema subtile* Ehrenberg; *Gomphonema minuscum* Krasske  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 369, fig. 162: 10–13)  
Pl. 9, fig. 14

*Hippodonta subcostulata* (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot, Metzeltin & Witkowski

Valves linear-lanceolate, with obtusely rounded apices, 14–20 µm long, 2.75–3.3 µm broad. Raphe straight with relatively distinct, somewhat expanded external central endings and straight terminal endings. Axial area very narrow, barely distinguishable, central area in a form of relatively broad fascia reaching the valve margins. Transapical striae relatively robust in the middle radiate, towards apices becoming convergent, 13–14 in 10 µm. The valve outline and the shape of central area of this taxon resembles *Hippodonta costulata* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot, Metzeltin & Witkowski  
Pl. 10, figs 16–22

*Hygropetra balfouriana* (Grunow ex Cleve) Krammer & Lange-Bertalot

Bas.: *Pinnularia balfouriana* Grunow ex. Cleve  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 207, fig. 216: 1–9, fig. 15–19)  
Pl. 11, figs 9–12

*Navicula angusta* Grunow

Syn.: *Navicula cari* var. *angusta* Grunow in Van Heurck; *Navicula cincta* var. *angusta* (Grunow) Cleve; *Navicula cincta* var. *linearis* Østrup; *Navicula pseudocari* Krasske; *Navicula lobeliae* Jørgensen  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 97, fig. 28: 1–5)  
Pl. 10, figs 4–7

*Navicula gregaria* Donkin

Syn.: *Navicula cryptcephala* Kützing; *Navicula gregalis* Cholonyk; *Navicula gotlandica* Grunow sensu Hustedt; *Navicula phyllepta* Kützing sensu Brockmann and sensu Hendey  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 116, fig. 38: 10–15)  
Pl. 10, fig. 9

*Navicula veneta* Kützing

Syn.: *Navicula cryptocephala* var. *veneta* (Kützing) Rabenhorst; *Navicula cryptocephala* var. *subsalina* Hustedt; *Navicula lancettula* Schumann  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 104, fig. 32: 1–4)  
Pl. 10, fig. 8

*Neidium apiculatum* Reimer

Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 250, fig. 100: 9)  
Pl. 5, fig. 17

*Nitzschia angustata* (W. Smith) Grunow in Cleve & Grunow

Syn.: *Tryblionella angustata* W. Smith  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1997, p. 48, fig. 36: 1–5)  
Pl. 13, figs 1–5

*Nitzschia denticula* Grunow

Syn.: *Denticula kuetzingii* Grunow; *Denticula obtusa* W. Smith; *Denticula inflata* W. Smith; *Denticula decipiens* Arnott  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 143, fig. 94: 3, 4, fig. 99: 11–23, fig. 100: 1–14, 18–22)  
Pl. 13, fig. 8

*Nitzschia hantzschiana* Rabenhorst

Syn.: *Nitzschia perpusilla* Rabenhorst; *Nitzschia frustulum* var. *glacialis* Grunow in Van Heurck; *Nitzschia frustulum* f. *subserians* Grunow in Van Heurck  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1997, p. 101, fig. 73: 9–18)  
Pl. 13, figs 6, 7

*Pinnularia brandeli* Cleve

Lit.: Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin (1996, p. 206, fig. 44: 1–6)  
Pl. 11, fig. 7

*Pinnularia divergens* var. *sublinearis* Cleve

Syn.: *Pinnularia divergens* f. *linearis* Fontell; *Pinnularia divergens* var. *fontellii* Cleve-Euler; *Pinnularia divergens* var. *elliptica* sensu Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 62, fig. 30: 1–7, fig. 31: 1–8, fig. 32: 9)  
Pl. 11, fig. 3

*Pinnularia hemiptera* (Kützing) Rabenhorst

Syn.: *Pinnularia acuminata* W. Smith; *Navicula instabilis* A. Schmidt; *Navicula hybrida* Peragallo et Héribaud; *Pinnularia debilis* (Pantocsek) Cleve-Euler  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 410, fig. 182: 1–3)  
Pl. 11, fig. 4

*Pinnularia neomajor* Krammer

Syn.: *Navicula major* ex. rec. Grunow in A. Schmidt; (?)*Frustulia major* Kützing; *Navicula major* Kützing; *Pinnularia major* sensu Cleve  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 165, fig. 6: 1–4, fig. 62: 1–5, fig. 63: 1)

*Pinnularia ovata* Krammer

Syn.: *Navicula divergens* var. *elliptica* Grunow; *Pinnularia divergens* var. *elliptica* (Grunow) Cleve; *Pinnularia episcopalensis* sensu Hustedt  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 64, fig. 35: 5–8, fig. 36: 1–5, fig. 37: 1–4)

*Pinnularia platycephala* (Ehrenberg) Cleve

Bas.: *Stauroptera platycephala* Ehrenberg  
Syn.: *Pinnularia platystoma* Hustedt

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- Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 68, fig. 2: 1, fig. 39: 6, fig. 44: 1–7)
- Pinnularia rupestris* Hantzsch in Rabenhorst  
Syn.: *Pinnularia viridis* var. *rupestris* (Hantzsch) Cleve; *Pinnularia reinschiana* A. Mayer  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 135, fig. 118: 1–12)
- Pinnularia stomatophora* (Grunow) Cleve  
Syn.: *Navicula stomatophora* Grunow; *Pinnularia stomatophora* var. *triundulata* Fontell; *Pinnularia substomatophora* Hustedt; *Pinnularia stomatophoroides* A. Mayer  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 406, fig. 178: 8–10, fig. 179: 1, fig. 18: 5)  
Pl. 11, fig. 5
- Pinnularia subcapitata* var. *subrostrata* Krammer  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 118, fig. 38: 12–18, fig. 90: 18–23)  
Pl. 11, fig. 6
- Pinnularia turbulenta* (Cleve-Euler) Krammer  
Bas.: *Pinnularia mesolepta* var. *turbulenta* Cleve-Euler  
Lit.: Krammer (2000, p. 100, fig. 83: 1–6)
- Placoneis* cf. *clementis* Grunow  
Bas.: *Navicula clementis* Grunow  
Syn.: *Navicula exigua* (Gregory) Grunow; *Navicula clementis* var. *rhombica* Brockmann; *Navicula inclemens* Hendey  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 139, fig. 47: 1–9, fig. 53: 3)  
Pl. 6, fig. 11
- Reimeria sinuata* (Gregory) Kociolek & Stoermer  
Lit.: Sala et al. (1993, p. 442–443, fig. 2–10)  
Pl. 13, figs 11, 12
- Reimeria uniseriata* (Gregory) Sala, Guerrero & Ferrario  
Syn.: *Cymbella sinuata* Gregory sensu Schumann & Archibald  
Lit.: Sala et al. (1993, p. 445)  
Pl. 13, figs 9, 10
- Rhopalodia gibba* (Ehrenberg) O. Müller var. *gibba*  
Syn.: *Navicula gibba* Ehrenberg; *Epithemia gibba* (Ehrenberg) Kützing; *Epithemia ventricosa* Kützing; *Rhopalodia ventricosa* (Kützing) O. Müller; *Rhopalodia gibba* var. *ventricosa* (Kützing) Pergallo  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1997, p. 159, fig. 110: 1, fig. 111: 1–13)  
Pl. 12, fig. 16
- Rhopalodia rupestris* (W. Smith) Krammer  
Syn.: *Epithemia rupestris* W. Smith; *Rhopalodia gibberula* var. *rupestris* (W. Smith) O. Müller  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1997, p. 165, fig. 115: 1–8)  
Pl. 12, figs 14, 15
- Stauroneis neohyalina* Lange-Bertalot & Krammer  
Syn.: *Stauroneis anceps* var. *siberica* Grunow in Cleve & Grunow  
Lit.: Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin (1996, p. 104, fig. 35: 7–10)  
Pl. 12, fig. 4
- Staurosira construens* Ehrenberg  
Syn.: *Fragilaria construens* (Ehrenberg) Grunow
- Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 153, fig. 132: 1–34, fig. 129: 21–27, fig. 131: 5–6), Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (2000, p. 584)  
Pl. 8, fig. 21
- Staurosira martyi* (Héribaud) Lange-Bertalot  
Bas.: *Opephora martyi* Héribaud  
Syn.: *Fragilaria martyi* (Héribaud) Lange-Bertalot; *Martyana martyi* (Héribaud) Round in Round et al. (1990)  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 160, fig. 133: 28–31), Witkowski et al. (1996). Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (2000, p. 586)  
Pl. 8, fig. 6
- Staurosira pseudoconstruens* (Marciniak) Lange-Bertalot  
Bas.: *Fragilaria pseudoconstruens* Marciniak  
Pl. 8, figs 22–24  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991a, p. 163, fig. 130: 25–30), Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (2000, p. 587)
- Surirella amphioxys* W. Smith  
Syn.: *Surirella moelleriana* Grunow ex Moller; *Surirella moelleriana* sensu Germain  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1986, p. 189, fig. 138: 1–5, fig. 39: 1–8)  
Pl. 6, fig. 12
- Tabellaria flocculosa* sensu lato (Roth) Kützing  
Syn.: *Diatoma fenestratum* Lyngbye  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1991, p. 106, fig. 105: 1–4, fig. 107: 8)  
Pl. 7, figs 20–23
- Tabellaria flocculosa* sensu stricto (Roth) Kützing  
Syn.: *Confervula flocculosa* Roth  
Lit.: Krammer & Lange-Bertalot (1997, p. 108, fig. 106: 1–3, fig. 107: 7, 11, 12)  
Pl. 7, figs 24, 25

## APPENDIX B: SPECIES LIST

### Freshwater species

- Achnanthes daonensis* Lange-Bertalot  
*Achnanthes didyma* Hustedt  
*Achnanthes holstii* Cleve  
*Achnanthes lanceolata* (Brébisson) Grunow  
*Achnanthes laterostrata* Hustedt  
*Achnanthes pusilla* (Grunow) de Toni  
*Amphora copulata* (Kützing) Schoeman  
*Amphora inariensis* Krammer  
*Amphora veneta* Kützing  
*Aneumastus rostratus* (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot  
*Aulacoseira distans* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen  
*Aulacoseira italicica* (Ehrenberg) Simonsen  
*Aulacoseira subarctica* (O. Müller) Haworth  
*Aulacoseira valida* (Grunow) Krammer  
*Brachysira brebissonii* Ross  
*Brachysira procea* Lange-Bertalot & Moser  
*Brachysira zellensis* (Grunow) Round & D.G. Mann  
*Caloneis* cf. *bacillum* (Grunow) Cleve  
*Caloneis pulchra* Messikommer  
*Caloneis silicula* (Ehrenberg) Cleve

- Caloneis tenuis* (Gregory) Krammer  
*Caloneis undulata* (Gregory) Krammer  
*Cavinula coccineiformis* (Gregory) D.G. Mann & Stickle  
*Ceratoneis arcus* (Ehrenberg) Kützing var. *arcus*  
*Cocconeis placentula* var. *lineata* (Ehrenberg) Van Heurck  
*Craticula cuspidata* (Kützing) D.G. Mann  
*Cyclostephanos invisitatus* (Hohn & Hellerman) Theriot, Stoermer & Håkansson  
*Cyclotella antiqua* W. Smith  
*Cyclotella ocellata* Pantocsek  
*Cyclotella radiosa* (Grunow) Lemmermann  
*Cyclotella rossii* Håkansson  
*Cymbella aff. neocistula* Krammer  
*Cymbella cf. subtruncta* Krammer  
*Cymbella excisiformis* Krammer  
*Cymbella helvetica* Kützing  
*Cymbella lange-bertalotii* Krammer  
*Cymbella neoleptoceros* var. *tenuistriata* Krammer  
*Cymbella perversans* Krammer  
*Cymbella proxima* Reimer  
*Cymbella vulgata* Krammer  
*Denticula tenuis* Kützing  
*Diadesmis biceps* Arnott  
*Diadesmis perpusilla* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot  
*Diatoma mesodon* (Ehrenberg) Kützing  
*Diatoma tenuis* Agardh  
*Diatomella balfouriana* Greville  
*Didymosphenia geminata* (Lyngbye) M. Schmidt  
*Diploneis Petersenii* Hustedt  
*Diploneis pseudovalvis* (Hilse) Cleve  
*Encyonema neogracile* Krammer  
*Encyonema procerum* Krammer  
*Encyonema silesiacum* (Bleisch) D.G. Mann  
*Epithemia adnata* (Kützing) Brébisson  
*Epithemia sorex* Kützing  
*Epithemia turgida* (Ehrenberg) Kützing  
*Eucocconeis alpestris* (Brun) Lange-Bertalot  
*Eucocconeis flexella* (Kützing) Cleve var. *flexella*  
*Eucocconeis laevis* (Østrup) Lange-Bertalot  
*Eunotia arcus* Ehrenberg  
*Eunotia circumborealis* Nörpel-Schempp & Lange-Bertalot  
*Eunotia implicata* Nörpel-Schempp, Lange-Bertalot & Alles  
*Eunotia media* Cleve  
*Eunotia praerupta* Ehrenberg  
*Eunotia pseudopectinalis* (Brébisson) Kützing  
*Fragilaria alpestris* Krasske  
*Fragilaria capucina* var. *distans* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot  
*Fragilaria capucina* var. *perminuta* (Grunow) Lange-Bertalot  
*Fragilaria capucina* var. *vaucheriae* (Kützing) Lange-Bertalot  
*Fragilaria construens* var. *binodis* fo. *borealis* Foged  
*Fragilaria exigua* Grunow in Cleve & Moeller  
*Fragilaria opacolineata* Lange-Bertalot  
*Frustulia erifuga* Lange-Bertalot & Krammer  
*Frustulia vulgaris* (Thwaites) De Toni  
*Gomphonema acuminatum* Ehrenberg var. *acuminatum*  
*Gomphonema calcifugum* Lange-Bertalot & Reichardt  
*Gomphonema capitatum* Ehrenberg  
*Gomphonema cf. affine* Kützing  
*Gomphonema clavatum* Ehrenberg  
*Gomphonema coronatum* Ehrenberg  
*Gomphonema lapponicum* (Cleve) Cleve-Euler  
*Gomphonema parvulum* Kützing  
*Gomphonema sagitta* Schumann  
*Gomphonema truncatum* Ehrenberg  
*Gomphonema vibrio* Ehrenberg  
*Gomphonemma subtile* Ehrenberg  
*Gyrosigma acuminatum* (Kützing) Rabenhorst  
*Hippodonta subcostulata* (Hustedt) Lange-Bertalot, Metzeltin & Witkowski  
*Hygropetra balfouriana* (Grunow ex Cleve) Krammer & Lange-Bertalot  
*Meridion circulae* (Greville) Agardh  
*Navicula angusta* Grunow  
*Navicula gegaria* Donkin  
*Navicula radiosa* Kützing  
*Navicula schmasmannii* Hustedt  
*Navicula veneta* Kützing  
*Neidium apiculatum* Reimer  
*Nitzschia angustata* (W. Smith) Grunow in Cleve & Grunow  
*Nitzschia denticula* Grunow  
*Nitzschia hantzschiana* Rabenhorst  
*Pinnularia brandeli* Cleve  
*Pinnularia cf. viridis* (Nitzsch) Ehrenberg  
*Pinnularia divergens* var. *sublinearis* Cleve  
*Pinnularia hemiptera* (Kützing) Rabenhorst  
*Pinnularia neomajor* Krammer  
*Pinnularia ovata* Krammer  
*Pinnularia platycephala* (Ehrenberg) Cleve  
*Pinnularia rupestris* Hantzsch in Rabenhorst  
*Pinnularia stomatophora* Grunow  
*Pinnularia subcapitata* var. *subrostrata* Krammer  
*Pinnularia turbulenta* (Cleve-Euler) Krammer  
*Pinnularia viridiformis* Krammer  
*Placoneis cf. clementis* Grunow  
*Reimeria sinuata* (Gregory) Kociolek & Stoermer  
*Reimeria uniseriata* (Gregory) Kociolek & Stoermer  
*Rhopalodia rupestris* (W. Smith) Krammer  
*Stauroneis neohyalina* Lange-Bertalot & Krammer  
*Staurosira construens* Ehrenberg  
*Staurosira martyi* (Héribaud) Lange-Bertalot  
*Staurosira parasitica* (W. Smith) Grunow  
*Staurosira pseudoconstruens* (Marciniak) Lange-Bertalot  
*Surirella amphioxys* W. Smith  
*Tabelaria flocculosa* (Roth) Kützing
- Brackish-water species**
- Achnanthes brevipes* Agardh var. *brevipes*  
*Campylodiscus clypeus* Ehrenberg  
*Cocconeis scutellum* Ehrenberg var. *scutellum*  
*Cocconeis speciosa* Gregory  
*Diploneis litoralis* (Donkin) Cleve var. *litoralis*  
*Diploneis smithii* (Brébisson) Cleve var. *smithii*  
*Diploneis stroemii* Hustedt  
*Fallacia forcipata* (De Toni) Stickle & D.G. Mann  
*Grammatophora oceanica* (Ehrenberg 1854 pro parte) Grunow  
*Nitzschia coarctata* Grunow  
*Pleurosigma normanii* Ralfs  
*Rhabdonema arcuatum* (?) Agardh Kützing var. *arcuatum*

*Rhabdonema minutum* Kützing

*Rhopalodia gibba* (Ehrenberg) O. Müller var. *gibba*

*Synedra tabulata* (Agardh) Kützing var. *tabulata*

*Thalassiosira eccentrica* (Ehrenberg) Cleve

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*Actinoptychus senarius* (Ehrenberg) Ehrenberg

*Amphora marina* W. Smith

*Bacterosira batyomphala* (Cleve) Syvertsen & Hasle

*Caloneis undulata* (Gregory) Krammer

*Cocconeis costata* Gregory var. *costata*

*Cocconeis guttata* Hustedt

*Cocconeis pinnata* Gregory ex Greville

*Cocconeis pseudomarginata* Gregory

*Dimeregramma fulvum* (Gregory) Ralfs in Pritchard

*Diploneis bombus* Ehrenberg

*Diploneis notabilis* (Greville) Cleve

*Diploneis vacillans* (A. Schmidt) Cleve var. *vacillans*

*Grammatophora angulosa* var. *islandica* (Ehrenberg) Grunow

*Grammatophora marina* (Lyngbye) Kützing

*Lyrella lyra* (Ehrenberg) Karayeva

*Navicula distans* (W. Smith) A. Schmidt

*Navicula normalis* Hustedt

*Odontella aurita* (Lyngbye) Agardh

*Opephora marina* (Gregory) Petit

*Paralia sulcata* (Ehrenberg) Cleve

*Plagiogramma staurophorum* (Gregory) Heiberg

*Rhizosolenia hebetata* Bailey

*Rhoicosphenia marina* (W. Smith) M. Schmidt

*Rhopalodia acuminata* Krammer

*Thalasionema nitzschiooides* Grunow

*Thalassiosira decipiens* (Grunow) Jørgensen

*Thalassiosira nordenskioeldii* Cleve

*Trachyneis aspera* (Ehrenberg) Cleve

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