

19. MIocene TO HOLOCENE DIATOM BIOSTRATIGRAPHY FROM BAFFIN BAY AND LABRADOR SEA, OCEAN DRILLING PROGRAM SITES 645 AND 646¹

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ABSTRACT

Diatoms occur sporadically in lower Miocene to Holocene sediments recovered at ODP Site 645 and in upper Pliocene to Holocene sediments at ODP Site 646. The diatom assemblage at Site 645 contains rare stratigraphic indicators. Fragmentation of frustules and the occurrence of species characteristic of high-latitude shelf, upper-slope environments suggest current transportation from the shelf. The diatom abundance and preservation at Site 646 probably reflect climatic changes and are also affected by dissolution, but it is not possible to detect the dominant factor. Therefore, the stratigraphic ranges of the primary and secondary biostratigraphic indicators are often unreliable.

INTRODUCTION

Leg 105 is the first Deep Sea Drilling Project–Ocean Drilling Program (DSDP–ODP) cruise to drill in Baffin Bay and to core Neogene sediments in the Labrador Sea continuously (Sites 645 and 646, Fig. 1). Some of the objectives of Leg 105 included the recovery of continuous stratigraphic sequences in the Labrador Sea and Baffin Bay, the completion of a high-resolution stratigraphy, and the correlation of this stratigraphy with those previously completed for the North Atlantic and the Norwegian–Greenland Sea. Investigating the responses of oceanographic circulation to changing climatic conditions was another interest of the Leg 105 Shipboard Scientific Party.

Diatom biostratigraphic and paleoceanographic studies have previously been conducted for Neogene and Quaternary sediments from the high-latitude Atlantic (north of 50°N; Baldauf, 1984, 1987; Schrader, 1979) and from the Norwegian–Greenland Sea (Schrader and Fenner, 1976; Dzinoridze et al., 1978; Thiede et al., in press).

We recovered Pliocene and Pleistocene diatoms at Sites 645 and 646. At Site 645, diatoms occur sporadically within Pliocene and Pleistocene sediments. The diatom assemblage is composed of species typical of shelf and upper-slope deposits, suggesting downslope redeposition of the sediments. The diatom flora at Site 646 consists of three primary components: (1) a high-latitude assemblage composed of nearshore species similar to those observed at Site 645, in the Norwegian–Greenland Sea (Schrader and Fenner, 1976), in the Bering Sea (Baldauf, 1982; Sancetta, 1982), and elsewhere in Baffin Bay (Williams, 1986); (2) an assemblage similar to that defined for the warm-temperate North Atlantic (Schrader, 1979; Baldauf, 1984, 1986, 1987); and (3) an assemblage composed of pelagic species common to the Norwegian–Greenland Sea (Schrader and Fenner, 1976; Dzinoridze et al., 1979), the North Pacific (Barron, 1980, 1985a; Koizumi, 1973; Koizumi and Tanimura, 1985; Akiba, 1985), and the Bering Sea (Sancetta, 1982). The occurrence of these three distinct diatom assemblages within the sediments recovered at Site 646 reflects changes in surface-water conditions.

Primary biostratigraphic markers do occur at Site 646, but their stratigraphic range is generally unreliable because of the in-

consistent occurrence and poor to moderate preservation. Therefore, the diatom biostratigraphy at Site 646 relies in part on secondary stratigraphic markers.

METHODS

Approximately 1.5 cm³ of the sample was placed into a 400 mL beaker and disaggregated by the addition of 10 mL of 30% hydrogen peroxide. We then added 30 mL of 37% HCl and gently heated the sample until carbonates and organic carbons were removed. We diluted the sample by adding approximately 300 mL distilled water and decanted it after 2 hr settling time. We repeated the decanting process until a pH of 6 was reached. Strewn slides were prepared on 22 × 30 mm cover glasses and mounted in Hyrax on 22 × 75 mm glass slides.

For Site 646 material, we reexamined strewn slides of acid-clean material prepared aboard *JOIDES Resolution* as well as additional samples processed at onshore facilities. For material from Holes 645B to 645F, most of the samples we studied consisted of core-catcher samples observed on board *JOIDES Resolution* and reexamined onshore. Table 1 lists the abundance and preservation of samples that contain diatoms from Site 645. We examined one strewn slide of each sample in its entirety at ×500 with a light microscope; we confirmed species identifications at ×1250. The range chart for Site 646 is presented in Table 2. Species were recorded as abundant (A) if two or more specimens were present in one field of view at ×500, common (C) if one specimen occurred in two fields of view, few (F) if one specimen was observed in each horizontal transect, and rare (R) if specimens were encountered less frequently than that.

The quality of fossil preservation in the samples—poor (P), moderate (M), and good (G)—is based on the number of finely silicified species such as *Pseudoeunotia doliolus* and the *Nitzschia* group, compared with the number of heavily silicified ones such as *Stephanopyxis horridus*, *Thalassiosira zabelinae*, and *Coscinodiscus marginatus*. The geochronology used in this report follows that of Berggren et al. (1985). Correlation of the diatom events to the magnetostratigraphic record follows that of Barron (1985b), Barron et al. (1985), Baldauf (1984, 1987), Morley et al. (1982), Koizumi and Tanirama (1985), and Sancetta and Silvestri (1984, 1986) (Fig. 2).

RESULTS

Site 645

Site 645 (70°27.43'N, 64°39.26'W) is situated on the lower continental slope east of Baffin Island in water depths of about 2006 m (Fig. 1). The sediments recovered have a pronounced terrigenous character with surprisingly few microfossils (with the exception of dinocysts), which could be the consequence of low surface-water productivity within this region of Baffin Bay. Diatoms occur sporadically in Miocene to Holocene sediments. The diatom assemblages at this site are characterized by species typical of high-latitude shelf, upper-slope environments.

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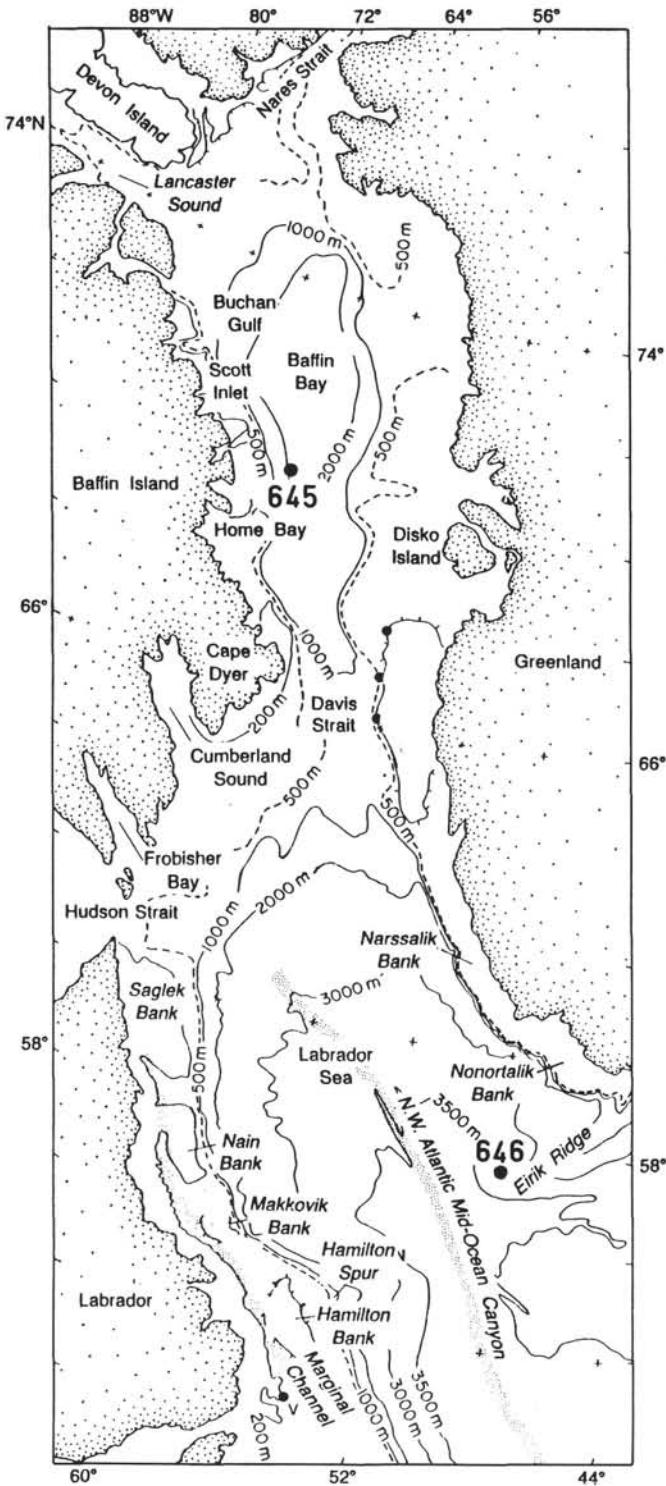


Figure 1. Geographic location of Site 645 in Baffin Bay and Site 646 in the Labrador Sea.

Seven holes (645A–645G) were drilled at Site 645 (Fig. 3). Table 1 lists those samples containing diatoms, which are indicated by an arrow in Figure 3. We observed no diatoms in the other core-catcher samples. Diatom preservation is generally moderate, and diatoms are common to rare in these samples. Although primary biostratigraphic markers are typically absent, secondary biostratigraphic markers allow age assignment of the sediments.

Table 1. Abundance and preservation of diatoms for analyzed samples from Site 645.

Core, section, interval (cm)	Abundance	Preservation
105-645B-24X-3, 66–67	R	P
645B-28X, CC	R	P
645B-30X, CC	F	P
645C-1H-1, 1–5	F	G
645D-2R-3, 70–72	F	G
645D-2R, CC	F	G
645D-8R-3, 80–81	R	P
645D-8R, CC	R	P
645D-10R, CC	F	M
645D-11R-3, 48–50	F	G
645E-7R, CC	F	G
645E-8R-6, 48–50	F	G
645E-8R, CC	A	G
645E-9R-2, 37–39	F	G
645E-9R-4, 37–39	R	P
645E-9R-6, 37–39	F	G
645E-9R, CC	A	G
645E-10R, CC	R	P
645E-35R, CC	F	P
645E-44R-2, 37–39	R	P
645E-50R-1, 40–42	R	M
645F-1H-1, 0–2	F	G

R = rare, F = few, A = abundant. P = poor, G = good, M = moderate.

Biostratigraphy

Holes 645A and 645B

With the exception of Samples 105-645B-24X-3, 66–67 cm (220 mbsf), 105-645B-28X, CC (264 mbsf), and 105-645B-30X, CC (283.8 mbsf), diatoms are generally absent from samples examined from Holes 645A and 645B. We observed a number of rare diatoms in these samples, including *Thalassionema nitzschiooides*, *Coscinodiscus marginatus*, *Melosira sol*, *Porosira glacialis*, *Thalassiothrix longissima*, *Nitzschia cylindra*, *N. grunowii*, and some *Cocconeis*, *Xanthiopyxis*, and *Nitzschia* species. Although we did not observe primary biostratigraphic indicators, the diatom assemblage is characteristic of the Pliocene–Pleistocene. *Nitzschia cylindra* (referred to by Koizumi, 1973, as *Fragilariopsis cylindrus*) and *P. glacialis* were reported in Pliocene and Pleistocene sediments from Japan (Koizumi, 1973; Akiba, 1985), the North Pacific (Koizumi, 1973), and the Bering Sea (Baldauf, 1982; Sancetta, 1982). *Porosira glacialis* was also reported from surface sediments in Baffin Bay (Williams, 1986).

Hole 645C

Nitzschia grunowii and *Porosira glacialis* were observed in Sample 105-645C-1H-1, 3–5 cm (1.5 mbsf), suggesting a Pliocene–Pleistocene age.

Hole 645D

Diatoms were observed in six of the 20 samples examined from this hole: Sample 105-645D-2R-3, 70–72 cm (275.5 mbsf), 105-645D-2R, CC (282.5 mbsf), 105-645D-8R-3, 80–81 cm (349 mbsf), 105-645D-8R, CC (350 mbsf), 105-645D-10R, CC (369.4 mbsf), and 105-645D-11R-3, 48–50 cm (373.5 mbsf). The diatom assemblage suggests a Pliocene–Pleistocene age, and the following species were observed among these samples: *Actinocyclus curvatus*, *Actinoptychus senarius*, *Coscinodiscus marginatus*, *Melosira sol*, *Nitzschia cylindra*, *N. grunowii*, *Paralia sulcata*, *Rhizosolenia hebetata*, *Thalassionema nitzschiooides*, *Thalassiosira decipiens*, *T. eccentrica*, *T. gravida*, *T. oestruppii*, and *T. cf. trifulta*. Rare, reworked specimens of *Mediaria splendida* (middle to lower upper Miocene) also occur in two of these samples.

AGE	Ma	MAGNETIC POLARITY	North Pacific	North Atlantic	Norwegian-Greenland Sea	
			(Koizumi, 1973, Barron, 1980a, 1985a)	(Baldauf, 1984, 1987)	(Schrader et Fenner, 1976)	(Dzinoridze et al., 1979)
PLIOGENE	EARLY	B R 1 M O U T A G A U S G I L B E R T	D. seminae b R. curvirostris a Actinocyclus oculatus D. seminae v. fos. - D. kamtschatica	P. doliolus Nitzschia reinholdii Nitzschia marina Nitzschia jousae Thalassiosira kamtschatica	T. oestrupii Rhizosolenia barboi Thalassiosira	
			Denticulopsis c kamtschatica	Thalassiosira convexa	kryophila	D. seminae v. fos. - D. kamtschatica
			Denticulopsis 6 hustedtii	N. porterei - N. miocenica	Coscinodiscus marginatus	Denticulopsis
			Denticulopsis 7 hustedtii	Thalassiosira yabei	D. hustedtii	hustedtii
			Denticulopsis 8 hustedtii	Denticulopsis praedimorpha	Cymatosira biharensis	
			D. hustedtii - D. lauta	R. barboi	D. hustedtii	- D. lauta
			D. hustedtii - D. lauta	Rhizosolenia praebarboi	G. tenuue - A. ingens	
			D. hustedtii - D. lauta	Coscinodiscus lewisanus	Nitzschia sp. A - T. grunowii	
			D. hustedtii - D. lauta	b	D. hyalina	Denticulopsis lauta
			D. hustedtii - D. lauta	a	Rhizosolenia bulbosa	
	LATE	C 5 C 5A C 5AA C 5AB C 5AC C 5AD C 5B C 5C C 5D C 5E	Actinocyclus ingens	UNZONED	Thalassiosira fraga	Raphidodiscus marylandicus
			Thalassiosira fraga		Nitzschia maleinterpretaria	
					R. vigilans - S. jouseana	

Figure 2. Correlation of high-latitude, late Neogene diatom zonations: the North Pacific (Koizumi, 1973; Barron, 1980, 1985a), the North Atlantic (Baldauf, 1984, 1987), and the Norwegian-Greenland Sea (Schrader and Fenner, 1976; and Dzinoridze et al., 1979) with the magnetostratigraphy of Berggren et al. (1985).

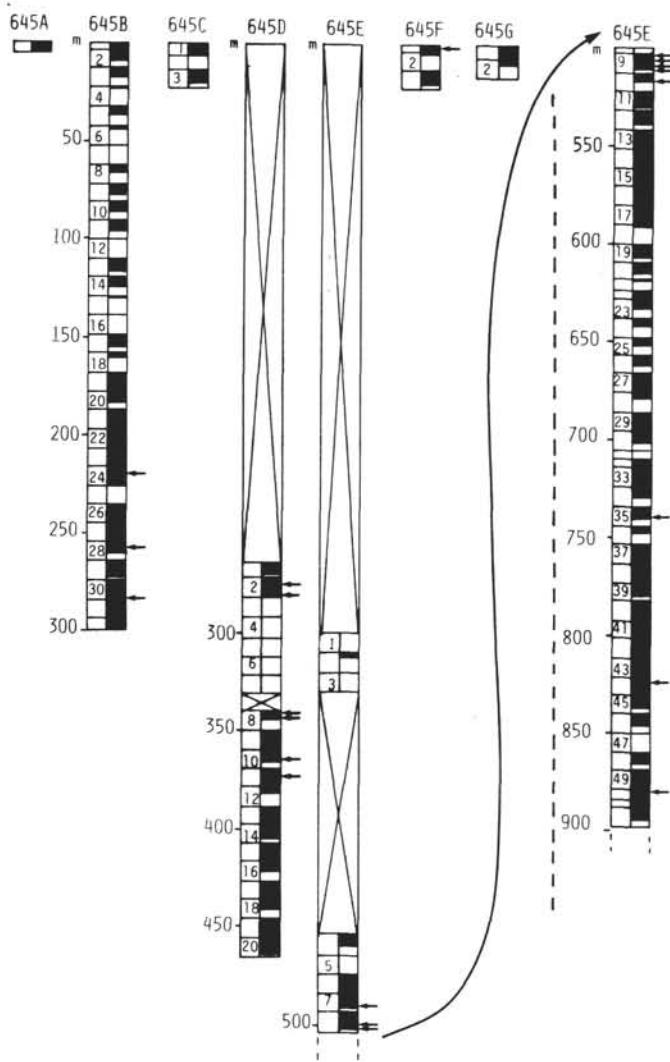


Figure 3. Stratigraphic correlation between cores from Holes 645A–645G (core recovery is indicated by darker intervals) with the position of the analyzed samples that contain diatoms (arrow).

Hole 645E

With the exception of samples from Cores 105-645E-7R to 105-645E-10R (484.1–522.6 mbsf), 105-645E-35R (734–743.7 mbsf), 105-645E-44R (820.8–830.5 mbsf), and 105-645E-54R (907.2–916.8 mbsf), diatoms were not observed in samples examined from this hole. The following species, which suggest a Pliocene–Pleistocene age, were observed among the samples: *Actinopytchus senarius*, *Coscinodiscus marginatus*, *Nitzschia* cf. *cylindra*, *Paralia sulcata*, *Rhizosolenia hebetata*, *R. barboi*, *Stephanopyxis turris*, *Stephanogonia hanzawai*, *Thalassionema nitzschiooides*, *Thalassiothrix longissima*, *Thalassiosira* spp., belonging to the “plicate group,” and some benthic species.

The rare occurrence of *S. hanzawai* in these samples is unusual as this species was thought to be restricted to middle to late Miocene in the Pacific. Therefore, this species may have an extended range occurring well into the Pliocene in the Labrador Sea and possibly in Baffin Bay (see Site 646, Table 2). It is also possible that the specimens of this species are reworked. Samples 105-645E-9R-6, 37–39 cm (512 mbsf), and 105-645E-9R, CC (513 mbsf), also contain reworked specimens of *Goniothecium decoratum* (Eocene to early Miocene). Occasional specimens of pyritized diatoms were recorded from samples between Core 105-645E-11R and the base of the hole (369–466 mbsf).

Hole 645F

Sample 105-645F-1H-1, 0–2 cm (1 mbsf), contains well-preserved diatoms, including *Actinocyclus curvatulus*, *Coscinodiscus oculus-iridis*, *Rhizosolenia hebetata*, *Thalassiosira trifulta*, and *Thalassiothrix longissima*. One specimen each of both *Nitzschia cylindra* and *N. grunowii* was also recorded in this sample. These two species characterize the Pliocene–Pleistocene, but their rare occurrence disallows any accurate age determination.

Paleoenvironment

The diatom flora observed at Site 645 is typical of a high-latitude shelf, upper-slope environment. Using factor analysis, Williams (1986) recently described five different components among the diatom assemblages observed in surface sediments at numerous localities in Baffin Bay, two of which were recognized at Site 645.

One of these assemblages is dominated by *Actinocyclus curvatulus* and *Thalassiosira trifulta* and is characteristic of summer pack-ice (Williams, 1986). This diatom assemblage occurs in the current gyre in north central Baffin Bay, where Site 645 is located, and was recognized in Site 645 sediments. In this area, the pack-ice usually forms in late October and lasts through July (Markham, 1981). *Actinocyclus curvatulus* and *Thalassiosira trifulta* commonly occur in Site 645 samples and were previously recorded in Pliocene and Pleistocene sediments from the high-latitude North Pacific (Koizumi, 1973) and the Bering Sea (Baldauf, 1982; Sancetta, 1982; Sancetta and Silvestri, 1984, 1986).

The other diatom assemblage recognized within Site 645 sediments is a marine littoral assemblage dominated by *Thalassionema nitzschiooides*, *Porosira glacialis*, *Navicula* spp., *Diploneis* spp., and *Cocconeis* spp. This assemblage is characteristic of marine littoral environments and occurs on the continental shelves of Baffin Island and Greenland (Williams, 1986). At Site 645 *Thalassionema nitzschiooides*, *Porosira glacialis*, and some neritic species such as *Actinopytchus senarius*, *Actinopytchus vulgaris*, *Biddulphia aurita*, *Raphoneis amphiceros*, *Navicula* sp., *Diploneis* spp., *Grammatophora* spp., and *Navicula* spp. were regularly observed. Most likely, many diatoms recorded at Site 645 are redeposits from the continental shelf. The occurrence of *Melosira sol*, *N. cylindra*, *N. grunowii*, and *Thalassiosira lacustris* supports this hypothesis.

Melosira sol occurs in most samples examined from Site 645. The maximum abundance of this species in Quaternary sediments of the Bering Sea was reported by Sancetta (1982) to occur in shallow water (less than 50-m water depth). The abundance of this species in the Bering Sea also decreases with increased water depths (Sancetta, 1982). Within the Bering Sea, *Nitzschia cylindra* and *N. grunowii*, which are commonly found in Site 645 material, are most abundant in sediments deposited on the continental shelf (Baldauf, 1982; Sancetta, 1982). *Nitzschia cylindra* is a bipolar species often associated with pack-ice as well as with plankton (Sancetta, 1982). Within Baffin Bay surface sediments, *N. cylindra* characterizes the influence of the West Greenland Current (Williams, 1986).

Few specimens of *Thalassiosira* belonging to the “plicate group” were found in Site 645 material. Sancetta (1982) described a “plicate” form referred to as *Thalassiosira lacustris* from Bering and Chukchi sea-shelf sediments. Hustedt (1930), Zabelina (1934), and Gran (1904) described this form as a littoral species restricted to the shelf of the northern seas, sometimes with a tolerance to low-saline environments induced by melting ice. This species was also observed in Baffin Bay surface sediments (Williams, 1986).

Most of the diatom frustules in Site 645 samples are fragmented. This fragmentation, combined with the neritic affinities of the diatom assemblage, suggests that most of the dia-

toms occurring at Site 645 are redeposits from shallower water environments. The association of diatoms with turbiditic sediments supports this conclusion (see "Site 645" in Srivastava, Arthur, et al., 1987).

Site 646

Site 646 ($58^{\circ}12.56'N$, $48^{\circ}22.15'W$) is located in the southern Labrador Sea on the northwestern flank of Erik Ridge and off the southern tip of Greenland (Fig. 1). Table 2 and Figure 4 illustrate the abundance and preservation of diatoms, which occur only in upper Pliocene and Pleistocene sediments at Site 646 (the upper 330 mbsf). In this interval, the diatom preservation and abundance can be divided into three units (Fig. 4). The diatom preservation and abundance in Unit I (0–60 mbsf) and Unit III (150–330 mbsf) vary and most likely reflect changes in surface-water productivity. In Unit II (60–150 mbsf), diatoms are absent or rare and generally have poor preservation. The decrease in abundance and preservation in this unit may result from increased dissolution of biogenic silica. Diatoms do not occur in samples examined below 330 mbsf.

Biostratigraphy

We observed both primary and secondary biostratigraphic markers in the upper 330 m of Site 646; however, the generally poor diatom preservation observed in Unit II limits the stratigraphic reliability of several of these markers. Species observed in this interval are listed in Table 2.

The last occurrence of *Rhizosolenia curvirostris*, observed in Sample 105-646A-3H-1, 128–130 cm (17 mbsf), allows the stratigraphic interval above this sample to be assigned to the *Denticulopsis seminae* Zone of Koizumi (1973). In the North Pacific, the last occurrence of *R. curvirostris* is calibrated to the uppermost portion of the Brunhes Chron and has an estimated age of 0.276 Ma (Morley et al., 1982). The correlation of this event to the magnetostratigraphy completed for Site 646 (Clement et al., this volume) also places the last occurrence of this species in the upper part of the Brunhes Chron and results in an estimated age of 0.27 Ma. This interval can also be assigned to the uppermost part of the *Pseudoeunotia doliolus* Zone, as used by Baldauf (1987) in the North Atlantic.

Although the occurrence of *Actinocyclus oculatus* at Site 646 is sporadic, the occurrence of this species in Sample 105-646A-9H-5, 98–100 cm (83 mbsf), suggests that the interval from Sample 105-646A-3H-1, 128–130 cm, to Sample 105-646A-9H-5, 98–100 cm (17–83 mbsf), may be equivalent to the *Rhizosolenia curvirostris* Zone of Koizumi (1973). The last occurrence of *A. oculatus* in the North Pacific is placed between 1.3 and 0.8 Ma, depending on the geographic location (Koizumi and Tanimura, 1985; Sancetta and Silvestri, 1984, 1986). Koizumi (1973) defined two subzones for the *R. curvirostris* Zone separated by the last occurrence of *Nitzschia reinholdii*. In the North Pacific, this event is dated at 0.47–0.52 Ma by Koizumi and Tanimura (1985), at 0.65 Ma by Barron (1985a), and at 0.6 Ma by Sancetta and Silvestri (1986). In the North Atlantic, this event has an estimated age of 0.44 Ma (Baldauf, 1987).

At Site 646, the last occurrence of *N. reinholdii* is tentatively placed in Sample 105-646A-7H-5, 120–122 cm (62 mbsf). However, the stratigraphic placement of this event is unreliable because of the sporadic occurrence of this species and the poor diatom preservation. The stratigraphic uncertainty is further demonstrated by the first occurrence of *Pseudoeunotia doliolus*, which at Site 646 coincides with the last occurrence of *N. reinholdii*. In the equatorial Pacific (Barron, 1985a) and elsewhere in the North Atlantic (Baldauf, 1987), the first occurrence of *P. doliolus* (1.8 Ma) falls well below that of the last occurrence of *N. reinholdii*.

The fairly consistent occurrence of *Stephanopyxis horridus* in the interval from Sample 105-646B-17X, CC, to 105-646B-22X-4, 50–52 cm (159.1–202 mbsf), suggests that this interval is equivalent to the *Denticulopsis seminae* var. *fossilis* Zone of Koizumi (1973). However, the stratigraphic range of this species may be diachronous between its occurrence at Site 646 and that in the North Pacific. Barron (1985a) indicates that the range of *S. horridus* approximates the limits of the *D. seminae* var. *fossilis* Zone. Therefore, in the Pacific the range of this species extends from the top of the Gauss Chron to within the Olduvai Subchron and has an estimated age of 2.4–1.7 Ma. At Site 646, the range of *S. horridus* extends from the uppermost Gauss to the lower portion of the Matuyama Chron, thereby having an estimated age of 2.6–2.2 Ma. The upper limit of this species may be preservationaly controlled. Barron (1985a) also indicates that the last occurrence of *Thalassiosira zabelinae* is within the *D. seminae* var. *fossilis* Zone in the North Pacific. The last occurrence of this species at Site 646 is in Sample 105-646B-11H, CC (101.4 mbsf), indicating that this event is much younger (1.2 Ma) at this site than in the North Pacific (2.4–1.7 Ma; Barron, 1985a).

The occurrence of *Thalassiosira zabelinae* and *Cosmiodiscus insignis* in Cores 105-646B-31X (284.7 mbsf) through 105-646B-35X (333.1 mbsf) suggests a Pliocene age for this interval. In the North Pacific, the stratigraphic range of *T. zabelinae* extends from the lower part of subzone b of the *Denticulopsis kamtschatica* Zone (latest Miocene) to the middle part of the *Denticulopsis seminae* var. *fossilis* Zone (middle late Pliocene; Barron, 1985a), and that of *Cosmiodiscus insignis* extends from the middle part of subzone b of the *Denticulopsis hustedtii* Zone (latest Miocene) to the top of subzone b of the *Denticulopsis kamtschatica* Zone (earliest Pliocene; Barron, 1985a). The stratigraphic occurrence of *C. insignis* at Site 646 is restricted between Samples 105-646B-31X-4, 123–125 cm (290 mbsf), to 105-646B-35X-2, 123–125 cm (332 mbsf), the last occurrence of this species being correlated with the upper part of the Gilbert Chron, late early Pliocene. Therefore, the last occurrence ranges stratigraphically younger at this site than in the North Pacific.

Paleoenvironment

The diatom assemblage observed at Site 646 can be divided into three components: a high-latitude coastal assemblage, a high-latitude pelagic assemblage, and a warm-temperate assemblage. The high-latitude coastal assemblage is characterized by *Melosira sol*, *Nitzschia grunowii*, *N. cylindra*, *Porosira glacialis*, and *Thalassiosira gravida*. The high-latitude pelagic assemblage consists of *Actinocyclus oculatus*, *Denticulopsis seminae*, *Rhizosolenia curvirostris*, *Stephanogonia hanzawae*, *Stephanopyxis horridus*, *Thalassiosira nidulus*, and *T. antiqua*. The warm-temperate assemblage includes *Nitzschia reinholdii* and *Pseudoeunotia doliolus*. The abundance of these species varies throughout the stratigraphic sequence, most likely in response to changing surface-water conditions. The present sample resolution does not permit an interpretation of how surface circulation responded to climatic fluctuations.

The *Denticulopsis seminae* group consists of varieties of *D. seminae* common in North Pacific and Bering Sea upper Pliocene to Holocene sediments. Baldauf (1984, 1986, 1987) indicated that this group is geographically restricted in the North Atlantic Ocean (DSDP Sites 410, 552, 607, and 609–611) and has a shorter temporal range than in the North Pacific. Within the North Atlantic, the *D. seminae* group was recorded in sediments representing an interval from about 1.1 to about 0.7 Ma (Baldauf, 1984, 1986, 1987). At Site 646, the first occurrence of the *D. seminae* group is earlier than in other North Atlantic sites, at about 1.7 Ma. Baldauf (1986, 1987) discussed the sig-

Table 2 (continued).

<i>Opephora</i> sp. 1													
<i>Paralia sulcata</i>													
<i>Porosira glacialis</i>													
<i>Pseudoeunotia doliolus</i>													
<i>Pseudopyxislla americana</i>													
<i>Pseudopyxislla directa</i>													
<i>Pterotheca spada</i>													
<i>Pxilla</i> spp.													
<i>Raphoneis</i> spp.													
<i>Rhizosolenia barboui</i>													
<i>Rhizosolenia curvirostris</i>													
<i>Rhizosolenia hebetata</i>			C										
<i>Rhizosolenia styliformis</i>			R										
<i>Rouxia</i> spp.			R										
<i>Stellaria microtrias</i>			R										
<i>Stephanogonia hanzawai</i>			R										
<i>Stephanogonia</i> sp. 1			R										
<i>Stephanopyxis dimorpha</i>			R										
<i>Stephanopyxis horridus</i>			R										
<i>Stephanopyxis turris</i>			R										
<i>Stephanopyxis</i> sp. 3			R										
<i>Synedra tabulata</i>			R										
<i>Thalassionema nitzschoides</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira decipiens</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira eccentrica</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira gravida</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira grunowii</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira hyalina</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira hyalinopsis</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira jacksonii</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira leptopus</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira nidulus</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira nordenskioldii</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira oestrupii</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira trifulta</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira ussischevitii</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira yabei</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira zabelinae</i>			R										
<i>Thalassiosira</i> spp. 3			R										
<i>Thalassiosira thrix longissima</i>			R										
<i>Trinacria</i> spp.			R										

Table 2 (continued).

Core, section, interval (cm)	Abundance Preservation	<i>Actinocyclus curvatus</i>	<i>Actinocyclus ehrenbergii</i>	<i>Actinocyclus ellipticus</i>	<i>Actinocyclus oculatus</i>	<i>Actinocyclus temellus</i>	<i>Actinptychus senarius</i>	<i>Arachnoidiscus</i> spp.	<i>Asteromphalus robustus</i>	<i>Azpeitia nodulifer</i>	<i>Azpeitia tabularis</i>	<i>Bacteriarium hyalinum</i>	<i>Bacteriosira fragilis</i>	<i>Chaetoceros</i> spp.	<i>Cocconeis</i> spp.	<i>Coscinodiscus asteromphalus</i>	<i>Coscinodiscus marginatus</i>	<i>Coscinodiscus oculus-iridis</i>	<i>Coscinodiscus radiatus</i>	<i>Cosmidiscus insignis</i>	<i>Denticulopsis hustedtii</i>	<i>Denticulopsis seminae</i>	<i>Diploneis smithii</i>	<i>Diploneis</i> spp.	<i>Grammatophora</i> spp.	<i>Hemidiscus cuneiformis</i>	<i>Melosira sol</i>	<i>Navicula</i> spp.	<i>Nitzschia</i> <i>fossilis</i>	<i>Nitzschia grunowii</i>	<i>Nitzschia marina</i>	<i>Nitzschia reinholdii</i>	<i>Nitzschia</i> spp.	<i>Odontella aurita</i>
646B-21X, CC 646B-22X-1, 50-52	C M R R P									R R F				F								R					R							
646B-22X-2, 50-52 646B-22X-4, 50-52 646B-22X-6, 53-55 646B-23X-1, 125-127 646B-23X-2, 126-128	R P F P R R P R M C M	R												R		R	R																	
646B-23X-3, 125-127 646B-23X-4, 125-127 646B-23X-5, 110-112 646B-23X, CC 646B-25X, CC	R P R M A M F R M F M R													R	F	R F	R R	R R R												R				
646B-26X-2, 49-51 646B-26X-5, 49-51 646B-26X, CC 646B-28X, CC 646B-29X-1, 115-117	R P R R P R P R P R P													R																				
646B-29X-2, 115-117 646B-29X-3, 115-117 646B-29X-4, 115-117 646B-29X-5, 115-117 646B-29X-6, 115-117	R M R R P F M A G R C M R	R												R	R R	R F																		
646B-29X, CC 646B-30X-1, 22-24 646B-30X-3, 22-24 646B-30X-6, 22-24 646B-30X, CC	C M F C M R C M R R P F M	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R R	R R	R R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R				
646B-31X-1, 125-127 646B-31X-2, 123-125 646B-31X-3, 123-125 646B-31X-4, 123-125 646B-31X-5, 124-126	C M F C P C M F C M F F M R													R	F	R	R R	R R R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R				
646B-31X-5, 96-98 646B-31X, CC 646B-32X-1, 39-41 646B-32X-3, 39-41 646B-32X-5, 32-34	C M C M R A M R R F P F M			R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R R	R R	R R R	R R R	R R R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R					
646B-33X-1, 124-126 646B-33X-2, 124-126 646B-33X-3, 124-126 646B-33X-4, 124-126 646B-33X-5, 124-126	F M R R M R M R M R M													R	R	R	R R	R R R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R				
646B-33X, CC 646B-34X, CC 646B-35X-1, 124-126 646B-35X-2, 123-125	R P R M F G F M			R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R R	R R	R R R	R R R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R					

Abundance, A = abundant, C = common, F = few, R = rare, B = barren; preservation, G = good, M = moderate, P = poor.

nificance of this group in the North Atlantic Ocean in detail. The older occurrence of the *D. seminae* group in the Labrador Sea suggests that this group may have been restricted to this region and spread from there to elsewhere in the North Atlantic during favorable climatic and oceanographic conditions.

CONCLUSION

The reliability of diatom stratigraphic markers was limited at Sites 645 and 646 because of the poor preservation of most samples and the difficulty of using existing zonations outside their

geographic limits. Nevertheless, the study of the diatom assemblages of these two sites is rich in paleoenvironmental information. At Site 645, some diatoms occurring in the sediments are typical of the summer pack-ice assemblages of Baffin Bay, and others are characteristic of the Baffin Island shelf. Therefore, some of the diatoms preserved in the sediment at Site 645 came from the shelf and were transported by turbidity currents down the continental slope. The Site 646 diatom assemblage contains a mixture of high-latitude neritic and pelagic diatoms with some species characteristic of more temperate waters.

Table 2 (continued).

<i>Opephora</i> sp. 1															
<i>Paralia sulcata</i>															
<i>Porosira glacialis</i>															
<i>Pseudounotia doliolus</i>															
<i>Pseudopyxilla directa</i>															
<i>Pierothea spada</i>															
<i>Pyxilla</i> spp.	R														
<i>Raphoneis</i> spp.		R													
<i>Rhizosolenia barbata</i>			R												
<i>Rhizosolenia curvirostris</i>				R											
<i>Rhizosolenia hebetata</i>					R										
<i>Rhizosolenia styliformis</i>						R									
<i>Rouxia</i> spp.							R								
<i>Stellarima microtrias</i>								R							
<i>Stephanogonia hanzawai</i>									R						
<i>Stephanogonia</i> sp. 1										R					
<i>Stephanopyxis dimorpha</i>											R				
<i>Stephanopyxis horridus</i>												R			
<i>Stephanopyxis turtur</i>													R		
<i>Stephanopyxis</i> sp. 3														R	
<i>Synedra tabulata</i>															R
<i>Thalassionema nitzschiooides</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira decipiens</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira eccentrica</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira gravida</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira grunowii</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira hyalina</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira hyalinopsis</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira jacksonii</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira leptopus</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira nidulus</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira nonendekatidii</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira oestrupii</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira trifolia</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira usaischeii</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira yabei</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira zabeliae</i>															R
<i>Thalassiosira</i> sp. 3															R
<i>Thalassiosira</i> spp.															R
<i>Thalassothrix longissima</i>															R
<i>Trinacria</i> spp.															R

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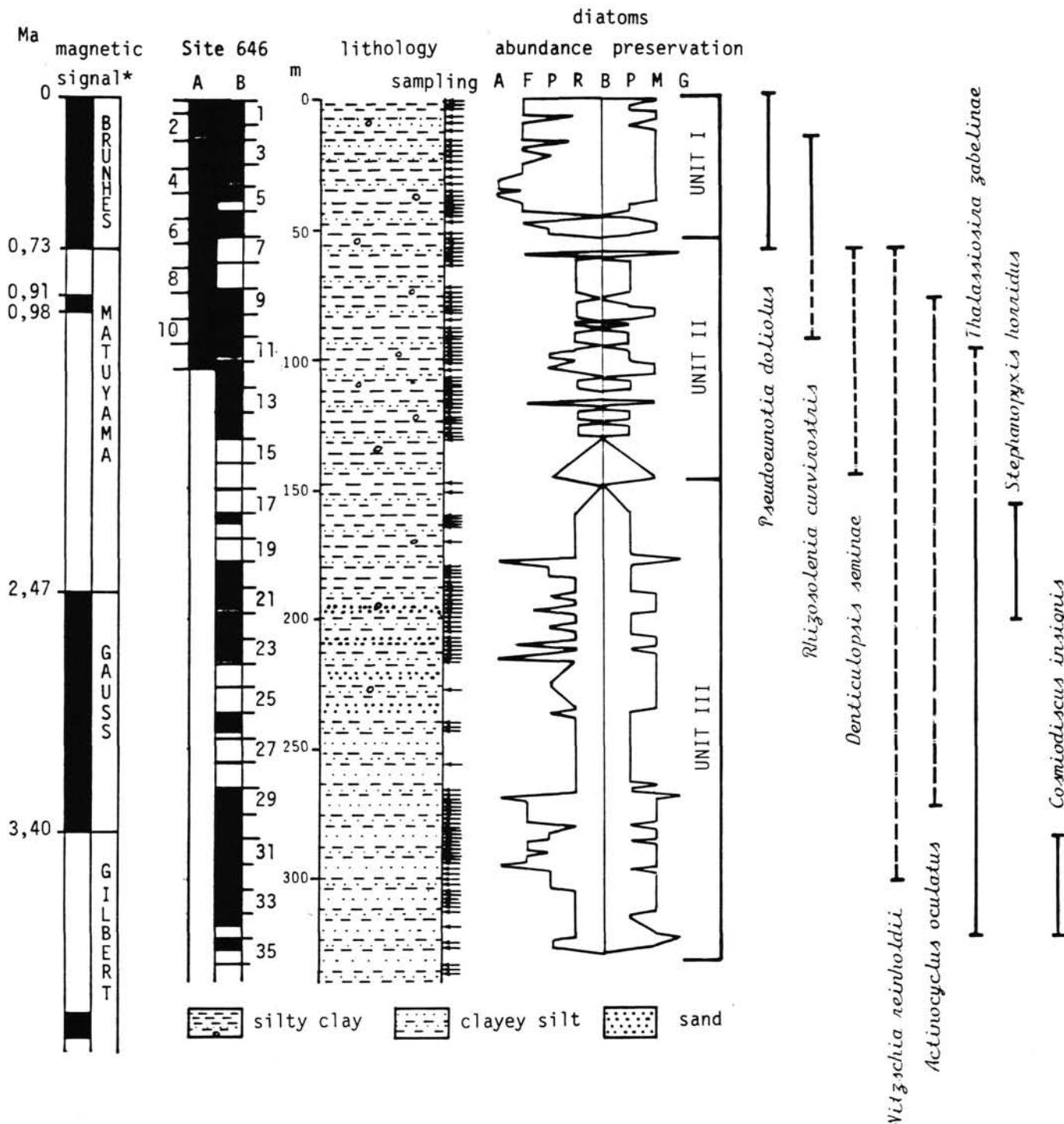


Figure 4. Stratigraphic ranges of selected diatoms from Hole 646A and 646B correlated with the paleomagnetic record completed for these holes (* = Clement et al., this volume) and with the abundance (A = abundant, C = common, F = few, R = rare, and B = barren) and preservation (G = good, M = moderate, P = poor, and B = barren) of the diatom assemblages.

- 44, Figs. 1–8; Barron, 1985a, p. 789, Fig. 12.5; synonyms: *Pyxilla barboi* Brun, 1894, p. 87, Pl. 5, Figs. 16–17, 23; *Rhizosolenia curvirostris* var. *inermis* Jousé, 1971, Pl. 15, Fig. 2; (Pl. 3, Fig. 5).
- Rhizosolenia curvirostris* Jousé, 1959, p. 48, Pl. 2, Fig. 17; Akiba and Yanagisawa, 1985, p. 497, Pl. 42, Figs. 1–2, and Pl. 45, Figs. 1–6; Barron, 1985a, p. 789, Fig. 12.4; (Pl. 3, Fig. 1).
- Rhizosolenia hebetata* Bailey, 1856, p. 5, Pl. 1, Figs. 18–19; Baldauf, 1987, Pl. 6, Fig. 3; (Pl. 3, Fig. 6–7).
- Rhizosolenia styliformis* Brightwell, 1858, p. 94, Pl. 5, Fig. 5; Baldauf, 1987, Pl. 6, Fig. 7; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 18, Fig. 4.
- Rouxia* spp.
- Stellarima microtrias* Hasle and Sims, 1986, p. 111, Figs. 18–27; synonyms: *Coscinodiscus symbolophorus* Grunow, 1884, p. 82, Pl. 4, Figs. 3–6; Baldauf and Barron, 1982, Pl. 4, Fig. 1; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 2, Fig. 1; *Coscinodiscus stellaris* (Roper) Heiden var. *symbolophora* (Grunow) Heiden in Heiden and Kolbe, 1927, p. 471; *Symbolophora furcata* (Karsten) Nikolaev 1983, p. 1124, Pl. 1, Figs. 8–9; (Pl. 4, Fig. 1).
- Stellarima stellaris* (Roper) Hasle and Sims, 1986, p. 111; synonyms: *Coscinodiscus stellaris* Roper, 1858, p. 21, Pl. 3, Fig. 3; Fryxell and Hasle, 1973, Pl. 8, Figs. 30–31; *Symbolophora stellaris* (Roper) Nikolaev, 1983, p. 1124, Pl. 2, Fig. 1–3.
- Stephanogonia hanzawae* Kanaya, 1959, p. 118, Pl. 11, Figs. 3–7; Schrader and Fenner, 1976, p. 1000, Pl. 12, Figs. 10, 12, and Pl. 13, Figs. 5, 7, 8; (Pl. 3, Fig. 13).
- Stephanogonia* sp. 1 (Pl. 4, Fig. 4).
- Stephanopyxis dimorpha* Schrader, 1973, p. 711, Pl. 15, Figs. 9–11, 19–20, Pl. 16, Figs. 1–3, 8–11, and Pl. 24, Fig. 10; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 4, Fig. 13; Barron, 1980, Pl. 2, Figs. 13–14.
- Stephanopyxis horridus* Koizumi, 1972, p. 348, Pl. 42, Figs. 1–2; Barron, 1985a, p. 790, Fig. 12.13; Koizumi, 1973, Pl. 6, Figs. 1–4; (Pl. 3, Fig. 10).
- Stephanopyxis turris* (Greville and Arnott) Ralfs in Pritchard, 1861, p. 826, Pl. 5, Fig. 74; Hustedt, 1928, pp. 304–307, Fig. 140; Andrews and Abbott, 1985, p. 85, Pl. 9, Fig. 23; Fenner, 1978, p. 532, Pl. 12, Fig. 7; synonym: *Creswellia turris* Greville and Arnott in Gregory, 1857, p. 538, Pl. 14, Fig. 109.
- Stephanopyxis* sp. 3.
- Synedra tabulata* (Agardh) Kützing, 1844, p. 68, Pl. 15, Fig. 10 (1–3); Hendey, 1964, p. 162; synonym: *Diatoma tabulata* Agardh, 1832, p. 50.
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- Thalassiosira antiqua* (Grunow) Cleve-Euler, 1941, p. 173, Fig. 4; Barron, 1985a, p. 791, Fig. 11.2; Akiba and Yanagisawa, 1985, p. 498, Pl. 51, Figs. 1–2, 4, and Pl. 52, Figs. 1–9; synonym: *Coscinodiscus antiquus* Grunow, 1884, p. 84, Pl. 4(D), Fig. 24.
- Thalassiosira decipiens* (Grunow) Jørgensen, 1905, p. 96, Pl. 6, Fig. 3; Sancetta, 1982, pp. 241–242, Pl. 5, Figs. 1–3; synonyms: *Coscinodiscus excentricus* var. ? *decipiens* Grunow, 1878, p. 125 (28), Pl. 4, Fig. 18; *Coscinodiscus decipiens* Grunow in Van Heurck, 1882, Pl. 91, Fig. 10.
- Thalassiosira eccentrica* (Ehrenberg) Cleve 1903–1904, p. 216; Hustedt, 1928, p. 338, Figs. 201a–b; Fryxell and Hasle, 1972, p. 300, Pl. 1, Figs. 1a–2, Pl. 2, Figs. 3–10, Pl. 3, Figs. 11–15, and Pl. 4, Figs. 16–18; Simonsen, 1974, p. 9, Pl. 2, Figs. 1–3; synonym: *Coscinodiscus excentricus* Ehrenberg, 1839, p. 146.
- Thalassiosira gravida* Cleve, 1896, p. 12, Pl. 2, Figs. 14–16; Hustedt, 1928, p. 325, Fig. 161; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 10, Fig. 1–4; Koizumi, 1973, Pl. 7, Fig. 19–21.
- Thalassiosira grunowii* Akiba and Yanagisawa, 1985, p. 493, Pl. 27, Fig. 5, Pl. 29, Figs. 1–8b, and Pl. 30, Figs. 1–10; synonym: *Coscinodiscus plicatus* Grunow in Schmidt et al., 1878, Pl. 59, Fig. 1; Barron, 1985a, p. 782, Figs. 10.1–10.2; Barron, 1985b, Pl. 7, Fig. 10; (Pl. 1, Fig. 1).
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- Thalassiosira jacksonii* Koizumi and Barron in Koizumi, 1980, p. 396, Pl. 1, Figs. 11–14; Barron, 1980, Pl. 6, Figs. 2, 6; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 11, Fig. 2.
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- Thalassiosira nidulus* (Tempéré and Brun) Jousé, 1961, p. 3, Pl. 1, Figs. 3–4; Koizumi, 1973, Pl. 7, Fig. 25, not Fig. 6; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 6, Figs. 5–7; synonym: *Stephanopyxis nidulus* Tempéré and Brun in Brun and Tempéré, 1889, p. 57, Pl. 8, Fig. 10; (Pl. 1, Fig. 7).
- Thalassiosira nordenskioeldii* Cleve, 1873, p. 7, Pl. 1, Fig. 11; Hustedt, 1928, p. 321, Fig. 157; Sancetta, 1982, p. 242, Pl. 5, Figs. 8–9; Akiba, 1985, p. 446, Pl. 5, Fig. 8; (Pl. 1, Fig. 5).
- Thalassiosira oestrupii* (Ostenfeld) Proschkina-Lavrenko ex Hasle, 1960, p. 8, Pl. 1, Figs. 5–7, 11; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 14, Figs. 1–6; Barron, 1985a, p. 792, Figs. 11.5–11.6; synonym: *Coscinosira oestrupii* Ostenfeld, 1900, p. 52; (Pl. 1, Figs. 8–9).
- Thalassiosira trifulta* Fryxell in Fryxell and Hasle, 1979, p. 16, Pl. 1–5, Figs. 1–24; Sancetta, 1982, p. 244, Pl. 5, Figs. 10–12; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 10, Figs. 5–7; synonyms: *Coscinodiscus excentricus* Ehrenberg Koizumi, 1973, Pl. 2, Figs. 11–12; *Coscinodiscus excentricus* var. *jousei* Kanaya, Koizumi, 1973, p. 832, Pl. 3, Figs. 1–6; *Coscinodiscus excentricus* var. *leasareolatus* Kanaya, Koizumi, 1973, p. 832, Pl. 3, Figs. 7–11; (Pl. 1, Figs. 2, 6).
- Thalassiosira usatchevii* Jousé, 1959, p. 55, Pl. 4, Figs. 14–15; Jousé, 1961, p. 64, Pl. 1, Fig. 10; (Pl. 4, Fig. 2).
- Thalassiosira zabelinae* Jousé, 1959, p. 41, Pl. 2, Figs. 1a–1b; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 8, Fig. 11; Barron, 1985a, p. 793, Fig. 11.10; (Pl. 4, Fig. 3).
- Thalassiosira yabei* (Kanaya) Akiba and Yanagisawa, 1985, Pl. 27, Figs. 1–2, and Pl. 28, Figs. 1–9; synonym: *Coscinodiscus yabei* Kanaya, 1959, p. 86, Pl. 5, Figs. 6–9; (Pl. 1, Fig. 3).
- Thalassiosira* spp. 3.
- Thalassiosira* spp. “plicate group”. Plicate species closely related to *Thalassiosira lacustris* (Grunow) Hasle.
- Thalassiothrix longissima* Cleve and Grunow, 1880, p. 108; Akiba, 1985, Pl. 21, Fig. 18; Baldauf and Barron, 1982, Pl. 7, Figs. 11–12.
- Trinacria* spp.

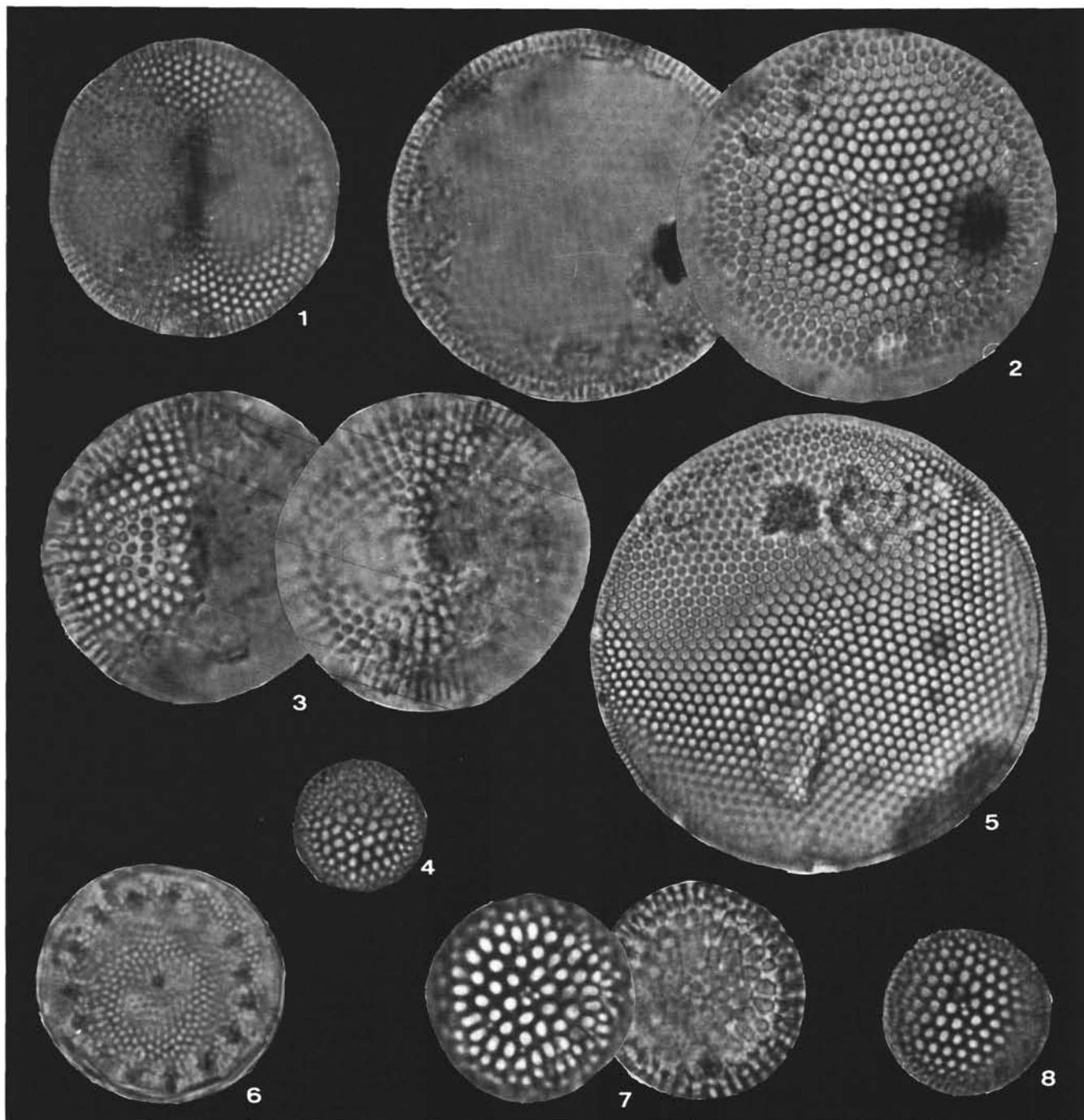


Plate 1. 1. *Thalassiosira grunowii* Akiba and Yanagisawa, Sample 105-646B-35X-1, 124–126 cm, diameter = 48.5 μm ($\times 1000$). 2, 5. *Thalassiosira trifulta* Fryxell, (2) Sample 105-646A-5H, CC, diameter = 32 μm ($\times 2000$); (5) Sample 105-646A-7H-5, 120–122 cm, diameter = 51 μm ($\times 1500$). 3. *Thalassiosira yabei* (Kanaya) Akiba and Yanagisawa, Sample 105-646B-29X-2, 115–117 cm, diameter = 25 μm ($\times 2000$). 4, 8. *Thalassiosira oestrupii* (Ostenfeld) Proshkina-Lavrenko, (4) Sample 105-646B-11H-2, 124–126 cm, diameter = 13 μm ($\times 2000$); (8) Sample 105-646A-7H-2, 120–122 cm, diameter = 10 μm ($\times 2000$). 6. *Thalassiosira nordenskioeldii* Cleve, Sample 105-646B-29X-5, 115–118 cm, diameter = 20 μm ($\times 2000$). 7. *Thalassiosira* sp., Sample 105-646B-35X-1, 124–126 cm, diameter = 16 μm ($\times 2000$).

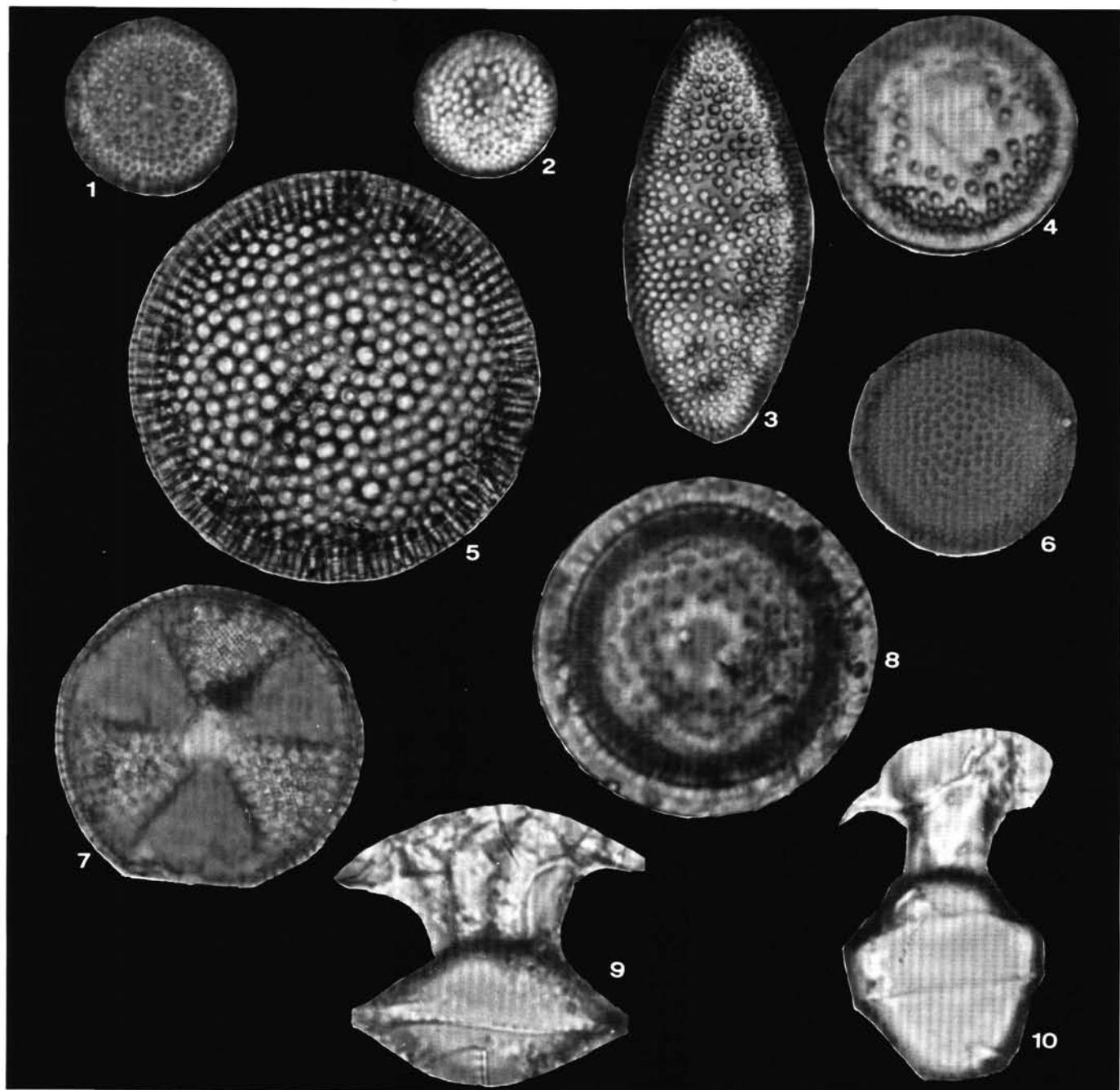


Plate 2. 1-2. *Actinocyclus oculatus* Jousé, (1) Sample 105-646A-5H-1, 120-122 cm, diameter = 15 μm ($\times 2000$); (2) Sample 105-646A-5H-1, 120-122 cm, diameter = 11 μm ($\times 2000$). 3. *Actinocyclus ellipticus* Grunow, Sample 105-646B-29X-2, 115-116 cm, length = 36 μm ($\times 2000$). 4, 8. *Cosmiodiscus insignis* Jousé, (4) Sample 105-646B-31X-4, 123-125 cm, diameter = 27 μm ($\times 1500$); (8) Sample 105-646B-31X-4, 123-125 cm, diameter = 28 μm ($\times 2000$). 5. *Coscinodiscus marginatus* Ehrenberg, Sample 105-646A-5H-1, 120-122 cm, diameter = 94 μm ($\times 750$). 6. *Actinocyclus tenellus* (Brébisson) Andrews, Sample 105-646B-29X-4, 115-117 cm, diameter = 35 μm ($\times 1500$). 7. *Actinoptychus senarius* (Ehrenberg) Ehrenberg, Sample 105-646B-35X-1, 124-126 cm, diameter = 51 μm ($\times 1000$). 9-10. *Chaetoceros diadema* (Ehrenberg) Gran, (9) Sample 105-646A-3H-4, 128-130 cm, diameter = 22 μm ($\times 2000$); (10) Sample 105-646A-5H-3, 120-122 cm, diameter = 16 μm ($\times 2000$).

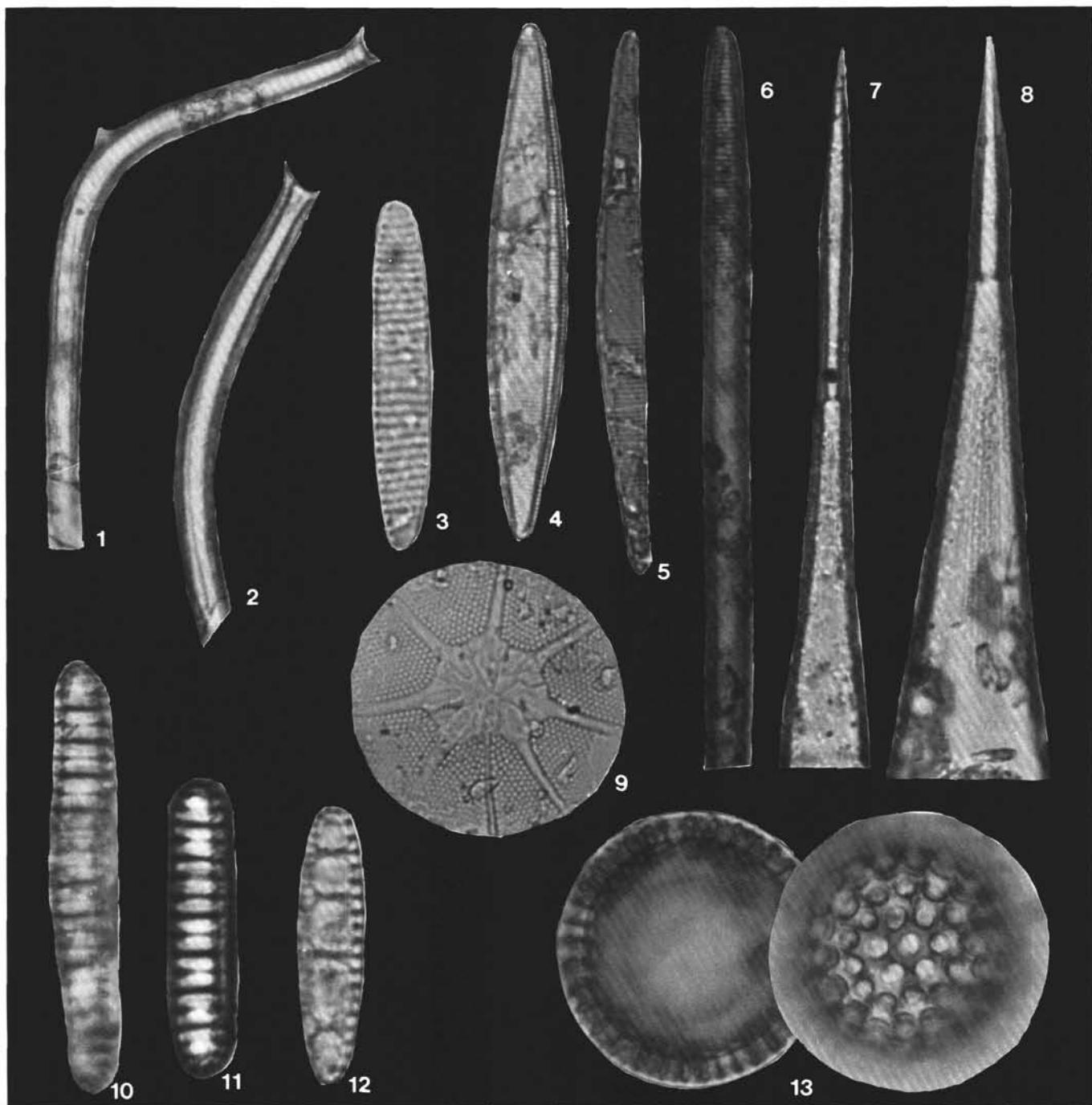


Plate 3. 1. *Rhizosolenia curvirostris* Jousé, Sample 105-646A-3H-2, 128–130 cm, length = 120 μm ($\times 1000$). 2. *Rhizosolenia barboi* (Brun) Tempe and Pergallo, Sample 105-646B-29X-4, 115–118 cm, length = 82 μm ($\times 1000$). 3. *Nitzschia grunowii* Hasle, Sample 105-646A-5H-2, 120–122 cm, length = 28 μm ($\times 2000$). 4. *Nitzschia reinholdii* Kanaya ex Barron and Baldauf, Sample 105-646A-7H-5, 120–122 cm, length = 86 μm ($\times 1000$). 5. *Pseudoeunotia doliolus* (Wallich) Grunow, Sample 105-646A-5H-1, 120–122 cm, length = 91 μm ($\times 1000$). 6. *Nitzschia marina* Grunow, Sample 105-646A-7H-5, 120–122 cm, length = 126 μm ($\times 1000$). 7–8. *Rhizosolenia hebetata* Bailey, (7) Sample 105-646A-5H-2, 120–122 cm, length = 132 μm ($\times 1000$). (8) Sample 105-646B-13H-4, 114–116 cm, length = 120 μm ($\times 1000$). 9. *Asteromphalus robustus* Castracane, Sample 105-646A-7H-5, 120–122 cm, diameter = 41 μm ($\times 1000$). 10–11. *Denticulopsis hustedtii* (Simonsen and Kanaya) Simonsen, (10) Sample 105-646B-35X-1, 124–126 cm, length = 24 μm ($\times 2000$); (11) Sample 105-646B-35X-1, 124–126 cm; length = 37 μm ($\times 2000$). 12. *Denticulopsis seminae* (Simonsen and Kanaya) Simonsen, Sample 105-646A-9H-5, 98–100 cm, length = 23 μm ($\times 2000$). 13. *Stephanopyxis horridus* Koizumi, Sample 105-646B-21X-4, 130–132 cm, diameter = 46 μm ($\times 1000$).

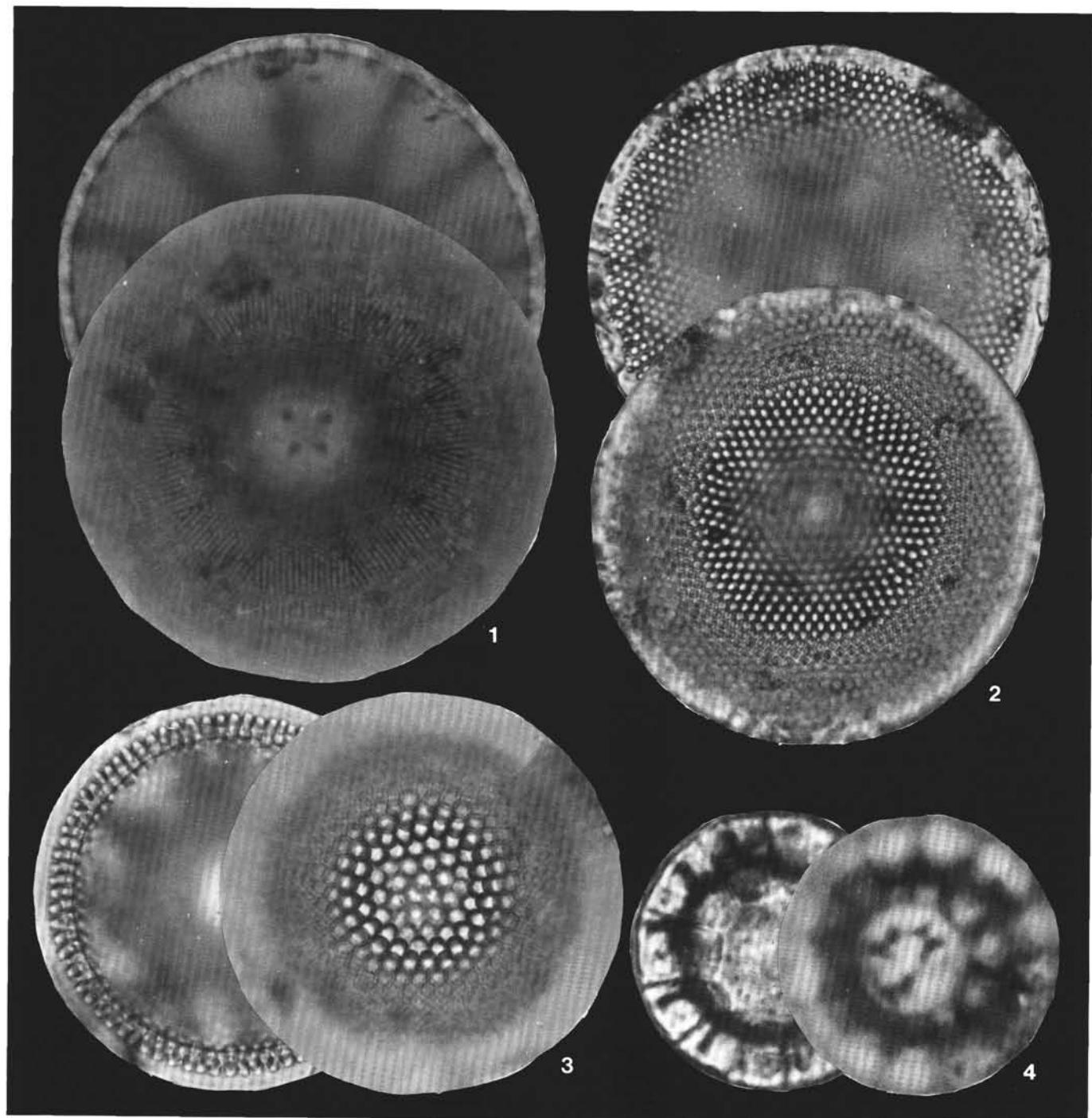


Plate 4. 1. *Stellarima microtrias* Hasle and Sims, Sample 105-646B-21X-4, 130–132 cm, diameter = 81.5 μm ($\times 1000$). 2. *Thalassiosira usatchevii* Jousé, Sample 105-646B-23X-2, 126–128 cm, diameter = 78 μm ($\times 1000$). 3. *Thalassiosira zabelinae* Jousé, Sample 105-646B-11H-6, 124–126 cm, diameter = 45 μm ($\times 1500$). 4. *Stephanogonia* sp. 1, Sample 105-646B-23X-2, 126–128 cm, diameter = 43 μm ($\times 1000$).