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ALGAL SITUATION IN MARINE WATERS SURROUNDING SWEDEN

Sammanfattning

I denna förkortade rapport visas endast resultaten från analyserna av växtplanktonprover. Rapporten kommer dock kompletteras i början av nästa vecka med resultat från klorofyll *a* analyserna.

I Skagerrak präglades växtplanktonsamhället vid den yttre stationen Å17 av låg diversitet medans den inre stationen Släggö generellt hade en högre diversitet . Små flagellatbärande arter som cryptomonader och släktet *Chrysochromulina* * dominerade på båda stationerna.

I Kattegatt var diversiteten relativt hög vid den yttre stationen N14 och vid den senare provtagningen vid den inre stationen Anholt A. Vid den första provtagningen vid Anholt E återfanns dock en ganska låg artrikedom. Små flagellater dominerade även här vid samtliga tillfällen och då fram för allt Chrysochromulina *.

Även vid samtliga stationer i Östersjön dominerade små flagellater och i flesta fall var det även här släktet *Chrysochromulina** som dominerade i antal. De iakttagna sjok av filamentösa cyanobakterier som noterades från båten kunde endast vid station BY2 i den södra delen av östersjön bekräftas i ytprov där relativt höga antal av fram för allt *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua* återfanns i högre tätheter.

För att följa utvecklingen av ytansamlingar av cyanobakterier med hjälp av SMHIs tolkningar samt högupplösta satellitbilder, gå in på: http://www.smhi.se/vadret/hav-och-kust/algsituationen-1.11383

Abstract

This report only comprises results from analysis of phytoplankton. An extended version containing results from chlorophyll *a* measurements will be available in the beginning of next week.

A quite scarce community was found at the outer station Å17 in the Skagerrak area while the inner station Släggö presented a quite diverse community. Small flagellated species such as cryptomonads and the genus *Chrysochromulina* * dominated at both stations.

The diversity was quite high in the Kattegat area at the outer station N14 and at the later sampling occasion at the more inner site Anholt E. The first sampling occasion at Anholt E presented on the contrary a quite low pytoplankton diversity. Small flagellates dominated the phytoplankton community on all occasions.

The phytoplankton community at all sampling stations in the Baltic Sea were dominated by small flagellates and at most stations by the genus *Chysochromulina**. The discolouring of the water that was observed from the boat could only be confirmed from one of the extra watersamples that was taken at the surface. High abundance of *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua* in surface water could thereby be confirmed at the southern station BY2.

To follow the surface accumulations of cyanobacteria in the Baltic Sea by satellite interpretations and high resolution images: http://www.smhi.se/en/Weather/Sweden-weather/the-algae-situation-1.11631

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The Skagerrak

Å17 7th of August (open Skagerrak)

The diversity was quite low and dominated by small flagellates with quite high abundance of the prymnesiophyte genus *Chrysochromulina** together with different species of cryptomonads. Several species of ciliates were also found in relatively high abundance.

Släggö 6th of August (Skagerrak coast)

The species diversity was relatively high but many species were only found in low abundance. Small flagellates were most common and especially the genus *Chrysochromulina* * was found in high abundance. Different cryptomonadales were also common.

Kattegat

N14 Falkenberg 1th of August

A quite diverse community was found. The flagellate genus *chrysochromulina* * was still found in highest cellnumbers but other small flagellates such as different cryptomonads and the chrysophyte genus *Dinobryon* were also common. Quite a few larger flagellates belonging to the dinoflagellates were also present.

Anholt E 1th and 6th of August

The plankton community was more divers on the first occasion compared to the second sampling occasion. The genus *Chrysochromulina* * was most common on both occasions but other small flagellates were also present in high amounts. Larger cells of the dinoflagellate group gymnodiniales were also present. Quite a few chains of the chlorophyte *Planctonema lauterbornii* were present on both occasions.

The Baltic

BY2 2nd of August and BY5 3rd of August

Small flagellated species dominated in cell numbers especially the genus *Pyramimonas* belonging to the prasinophytes, the genus *Chrysochromulina** and different cryptomonadales. Some filamentous cyanobacteria were also present and dominated by *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua*. A surface sample was collected at both station and indicated that at least filamentous cyanobacteria were confined to the surface at BY2.

BCS III-10 3rd of August

Small flagellates dominated in numbers and the genus *Pyramimonas* was most abundant closely followed by the genus *Chrysochromulina**. Filamentous cyanobacteria were also present but in moderate levels and consisted of mainly *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua* but also a few long filaments of *Nodularia spumigena**.

BY15 3rd of August and BY38 4th of August

Small colony forming cyanobacteria dominated at both station. The chain forming chlorophyte *Planctonema lauterbornii* was also found in quite high numbers. Quite a few cyanobacteria

filaments were also present and the species *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua* was most common and secondly *Nodularia spumigena*.

Ref M1-V1 5th of August

Small flagellated species predominantly the genus *Chrysochromulina** dominated in numbers but the genus *Pyramimonas* was also found in high numbers. Quite a lot of different colony forming cyanobacteria were also present. The amount of filamentous cyanobacteria was much less at this station and *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua* was mainly found.

Surface aggregations of cyanobacteria filaments in high amounts to discolour the water were seen along most of the route in the southern part of the Baltic and also north of Gotland. The surface aggregations were especially intense at the south western parts and the south eastern parts around stations BY2, BCS III-10 and BY10. The filaments at the sampling stations consisted mainly of *Aphanizomenon flos-aqua* and *Nodularia spumigena* was only recorded in higher amounts at BY15 which is located east of Gotland. Of the three extra surface samples collected along the route only BY2 could confirm the observed discolouring of the waters.

For more specific species composition see page 4 and 5.



The most common species of filamentous cyanobacteria during this sampling occasion was Aphanizomenon *flos-aqua*.

Selection of observed species	Å17	Släggö	N14	Anholt E	Anholt E
Red=potentially toxic species	2011-08-07	2011-08-06	2011-08-01	2011-08-01	2011-08-06
0 1 1 1	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l
Ceratulina pelagica		present	present	present	present
Chaetoceros curvisetus			present		
Chaetoceros danicus			present		
Chaetoceros laciniosus		present		present	
Chaetoceros spp.		present	_	present	present
Cyclotella choctawhatcheana			present	present	
Cylindrotheca closterium		present	present	present	
Dactyliosolen fragilissimus		present	present	present	present
Guinardia delicatula		present	_		
Leptocylindrus danicus	present	present	present	present	
Leptocylindrus minimus	present	present	present		
Licmophora spp.		present			
Proboscia alata	present	present	present	present	present
Pseudonizschia seriata group			present		
Pseudosolenia calcar-avis		present	present		present
Skeletonema marinoi			present		
Striatella spp.		present			
Thalassionema nitzschioides			present		present
Alexandrium pseudogonyaulax			present	present	
Alexandrium spp.				present	
Amphidinium crassum		present		present	present
Ceratium furca					present
Ceratium fusus	present	present	present	present	present
Ceratium tripos		present	present	present	
Dinophysis acuminata		present		present	
Dinophysis norvegica		present			
Dinophysis rotundata		present		present	
Gymnodiniales	common	present	common	common	common
Heterocapsa rotundata	present	present		common	present
Heterocapsa triquetra		present			
Karlodinium faculiferum		present			
Katodinium glaucum	present	present			
Lingulodinium polyedrum		present	present	present	
Peridiniella danica		present	present		
Prorocentrum micans	present	present	present	present	present
Prorocentrum minimum		present	present	present	
Protoceratium reticulatum				present	
Protoperidinium spp.			present	present	
Chrysochromulina spp.	very common				
Cryptomonadales spp	common	common	common	common	common
Hemiselmis virescens			present		
Plagioselmis prolonga	common	common	common	common	common
Teleaulax spp.		present			
Dinobryon balticum	common				
Dinobryon faculiferum			present		present
Dinobryon spp.	common	present	common		common
Planctonema lauterbornii		present	present	common	common
Chlorodendrales			present	present	
Oocystis spp.					present
Pyramimonas spp.	common	common	present	present	common
Cyanobacteria colony forming		present	present	common	common
Anabaena spp.			present	present	present
Leucocryptos marina			present		
Ciliophora	present	present	present	present	present
Mesodinium rubrum		present			

Selection of observed species	BY2	BY5	BCS III-10	BY15	BY38	Ref. M1-V1
Red=potentially toxic species	2011-08-02	2011-08-03	2011-08-03	2011-08-03	2011-08-04	2011-08-04
	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l	cells/l
Actinocyclus spp.	present	present			present	present
Chaetoceros danicus	present	present	present			
Chaetoceros impressus	present					
Cyclotella choctawhatcheana						present
Cylindrotheca closterium		present				
Skeletonema marinoi						present
Thalassiosira spp.						present
Cladopyxis claytonii					present	
Gymnodiniales	common	present	present	present	common	present
Katodinium glaucum	present			present		
Peridiniella danica				present		
Protoperidinium spp.					present	
Cryptomonadales spp.	common	present	common	common	common	common
Hemiselmis virescens		present	present		present	present
Plagioselmis prolonga	common	common	common	common	common	common
Teleaulax spp.		present	present			
Dinobryon spp.				present	present	
Chrysochromulina spp	very common					
Pyramimonas spp.	very common	very common	very common	present	common	common
Cyanobacteria colony forming	common		common	very common	very common	very common
Anabaena spp				present	present	present
Aphanizomenon flos-aqua	present	present	present	common	present	present
Nodularia spumigena			present	present	present	present
Eutreptiella gymnastica			present			
Eutreptiella spp.	present					
Oocystis spp.				present		
Planctonema lauterbornii				common	common	
Choanoflagellidea	present				present	present
Katablepharis remigera	present	present		present	present	present
Leucocryptus marina	·	•		present	present	present
Ebria tripartita						present
Ciliophora	present	present	present	present	present	present
Helicostomella					present	
Mesodinium rubrum	present	present	present	present		present

Om AlgAware

SMHI genomför ca en gång per månad expeditioner med U/F Argos i Östersjön och Västerhavet. Resultat baserade på semikvantitativ mikroskopanalys av planktonprover samt klorofyllmätningar presenteras kortfattat i denna rapport. Information från SMHI:s satellitövervakning av algblomningar finns på www.smhi.se.

About AlgAware

SMHI carries out monthly cruises with R/V Argos in the Baltic and the Kattegat/Skagerrak. Results from semi quantitative microscopic analysis of phytoplankton samples as well as chlorophyll measurements are presented in brief in this report. Information from SMHI:s satellite monitoring of algal blooms is found on www.smhi.se.

Art / Species	Gift / Toxin	Eventuella symptom	Clinical symptoms
Alexandrium spp.	Paralytic	Milda symptom:	Mild case:
	shellfish	Inom 30 min.:	Within 30 min:
	poisoning	Stickningar eller en känsla av	tingling sensation or numbness around lips,
	(PSP)	bedövning runt läpparna, som	gradually spreading to face and neck; prickly
	(101)	sprids gradvis till ansiktet och nacken;	sensation in fingertips and toes; headake,
		stickningar i fingertoppar och tår;	dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea.
		Huvudvärk; yrsel, illamående,	Extreme case
		kräkningar, diarré	Muscular paralysis; pronounced respiratory
		Extrema symptom:	difficulty; choking sensation; death trough
		Muskelförlamning;	respiratory paralysis may occur within 2-24
		andningssvårigheter; känsla av att	hours after ingestion.
		kvävas:	nodis after ingestion.
		Man kan yara död inom 2-24	
		timmar efter att ha fått i sig giftet, på	
		grund av att andningsmuskulaturen förlamas.	
		foriamas.	
Dinophysis spp.	Diarrehetic	Milda symptom:	Mild case:
	shellfish	Efter cirka 30 minuter till några	Within 30 min-a few hours:
	poisoning	timmar:	dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea,
	(DSP)	yrsel, illamående, kräkningar, diarré,	abdominal pain.
	(201)	magont	Extreme case:
		Extrema symptom:	Repeated exposure may cause cancer.
		Upprepad exponering kan orsaka	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
		cancer	
Pseudo- niztschia	Amnesic	Milda symptom:	Mild case:
spp.	shellfish	Efter 3-5 timmar:	Within 3-5 hours: dizziness, nausea,
	poisoning	yrsel, illamående, kräkningar, diarré,	vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal cramps.
	(ASP)	magkramper	Extreme case:
	` '	Extrema symptom:	dizziness, hallucinations, confusion, loss of
		Yrsel, hallucinationationer, förvirring,	memory, cramps.
		förlust av korttidsminnet, kramper	
Chaetoceros	Mechanical	Låg celltäthet:	Low cell numbers:
concavicornis	damage	Ingen påverkan.	No effect on fish.
C.convolutus	through hooks	Hög celltäthet:	High cell numbers:
	on setae	Fiskens gälar skadas, fisken dör.	Fish death due to gill damage.
Pseudochattonella	Fish toxin	Låg celltäthet:	Low cell numbers:
spp.		Ingen påverkan.	No effect on fish.
		Hög celltäthet:	High cell numbers:
		Fiskens gälar skadas, fisken dör.	Fish death due to gill damage.

Översikt över några potentiellt skadliga alger och det aktuella giftets effekt. Overview of potentially harmful algae and effects of toxins. Manual on harmful marine microalgae (2003 - UNESCO Publishing).

Kartan på framsidan visar viktat medelvärde för klorofyll a, μg/l (0-20 m) vid de olika stationerna. Förekomst av skadliga alger vid stationer där arter analyseras markeras med symbol. Då cirkeln är tom innebär detta att stationen inte provtagits.

The map on the front page shows weighted mean of chlorophyll a, $\mu g/l$ (0-20 m) at sampling stations. Presence of harmful algae at stations where species analysis is performed is shown with a symbol An empty cirkel indicates that there has been no sampling at that station.