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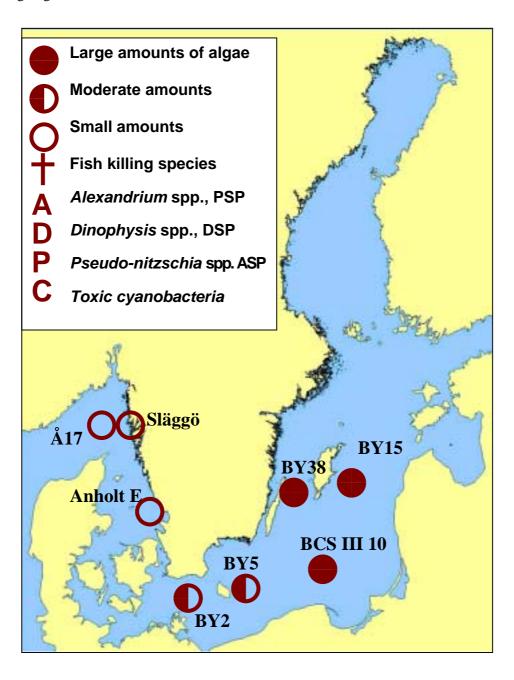
ALGAL SITUATION IN SWEDISH MARINE WATERS

No 4, 2003, 7 - 12 April

OVERVIEW

In the Skagerrak and the Kattegat the spring bloom has terminated and the plankton flora is poor, although in a late state of the bloom near the coast.

In the southwest part of the Baltic the spring bloom has terminated. Further east and north the spring bloom is going on.







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DETAILS

* POTENTIALLY HARMFUL SPECIES

SKAGERRAK

Station Å17, 7 April

The spring bloom has terminated and only small amounts of phytoplankton were present. Among diatoms *Guinardia delicatula* and *Leptocylindrus danica* were the most common. Also dinoflagellates were few, but presence of single cells of the potentially toxic *Alexandrium tamarense** and *Dinophysis norvegica** was noted. Some large colonies of *Phaeocystis* sp. were seen.

Station Släggö, 7 April

The spring bloom has terminated and very little phytoplankton was seen. Among diatoms *Skeletonema* costatum was the most common. Dinoflagellates were almost missing, whereas ciliates were common

KATTEGAT

Station Anholt E, 8 and 12 April

At the first sampling there were small remains of *Chaetoceros* species and *Skeletonema costatum*, which then had disappeared until the second sampling. The potentially toxic *Pseudo-nitzschia delicatissima**, *Chrysochromulina* sp. *, *Dinophysis norvegica** and *Alexandrium* sp. * were found in small numbers. Small Cryptophyceans increased between the two samplings.

	2003-04-07	2003-04-07	2003-04-08	2003-04-12
	Å17	Släggö	Anholt E	Anholt E
Chaetoceros constrictus	small amounts	common	small amounts	
Chaetoceros debilis		common		
Chaetoceros decipiens		small amounts	small amounts	
Guinardia delicatula	13 000	small amounts	small amounts	
Guinardia flaccida	present	small amounts	present	present
Leptocylindrus danicus	20 000		12 000	small amounts
Pseudo-nitzschia delicatissima-group *				1 000
Skeletonema costatum		14 000	common	
Alexandrium tamarense *	present			
Alexandrium sp. *	present			present
Ceratium longipes	present	present	present	
Ceratium tripos	present		present	present
Dinophysis norvegica *	present		present	
Peridiniella danica			common	
Scrippsiella sp. (I 20, b 15)	10 000			
Apedinella radians	small amounts			small amounts
Dinobryon balticum	small amounts		small amounts	common
Plagioselmis prolonga	7 000			small amounts
Teleaulax spp.	common			50 000
Pyramimonas spp.	30 000			
Chrysochromulina sp. (6-10 µm) *				5 000
Phaeocystis sp.	small amounts			





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BALTIC SEA

Arkona basin. Station BY2, 8 April

There were still remains of the spring bloom, with relatively high numbers of *Skeletonema costatum*, *Peridiniella catenata* and *Scrippsiella hangoei*.

Bornholm basin. Station BY5, 8 April

The spring bloom was still going on with high abundance of *Skeletonema costatum*, *Chaetoceros wighamii* and *Thalassiosira levanderi*. The dinoflagellate *Scrippsiella hangoei* was also very common.

Southeast Baltic. Station BCS III 10, 9 April

The spring bloom was still going on with high abundance of diatoms. *Skeletonema costatum* had about 2.5 million cells per liter and *Thalassiosira levanderi* about 2 million. The dinoflagellates *Peridiniella catenata* and *Scrippsiella hangoei* were also very common.

Eastern Gotland basin, Station BY15, 10 April

The spring bloom was going on with high numbers of *Skeletonema costatum*, *Chaetoceros wighamii*, *Peridiniella catenata* and *Scrippsiella hangoei*. There were also small flagellates and single filaments of *Aphanizomenon* sp..

Western Gotland basin, Station BY38, 11 April

The spring bloom was going on with high numbers of *Skeletonema costatum, Chaetoceros wighamii* and *Peridiniella catenata*. There were also small flagellates and single filaments of *Aphanizomenon* sp..

	2003-04-08 BY2	2003-04-08 BY5	2003-04-09 BCS III 10	2003-04-10 BY15	2003-04-11 BY38
Achnanthes taeniata				small amounts	
Chaetoceros ceratosporum		common			
Chaetoceros holsaticus		common			
Chaetoceros similis		small amounts			
Chaetoceros wighamii	common	100 000	common	common	common
Melosira arctica	small amounts				small amounts
Skeletonema costatum	very common	400 000	2 500 000	very common	very common
Thalassiosira baltica		common	common		
Thalassiosira levanderi		very common	2 000 000	common	common
Gymnodinium spp. (50)		common	small amounts	common	small amounts
Heterocapsa rotundata		small amounts			small amounts
Katodinium glaucum (20)		small amounts			
Peridiniella catenata	very common	common	80 000	common	common
Scrippsiella hangoei	common	very common	small amounts	common	small amounts
Dinobryon faculiferum	present				
Teleaulax spp.	small amounts			present	present
Pyramimonas spp.					small amounts
Eutreptiella sp.				present	present





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Aphanizomenon sp.		present	small amounts