

# **PHYTOPLANKTON OF THE ARAL SEA**

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Table 1. Succession of taxonomic structure of phytoplankton 1925-2005.

Taxa	1925 (Kiselev, 1927)	1967-1974 (Pichkily, 1981)	1993-1995 (Orlova et al., 1998)	1999-2002 (Mirabdul- laev et al., 2004)	2004	2005
Cyanophyta	41	79		30	14	14
Bacillariophyta	210	104		115	39	41
Pyrrophyta	15	28		3	3	3
Euglenophyta	-	3		2	-	-
Chlorophyta	109	60		9	6	12
Total number of taxa	375	306	245	159	62	70

Table 2. Species composition of phytoplankton  
of the Aral sea  
2005

Taxa	East	West
CYANOPHYTA		
<i>Microcystis aeruginosa</i> Kutz. <i>Em. Elenk.</i>	+	+
<i>Oscillatoria</i> sp.( <i>limosa</i> ?)	+	-
<i>Osc.chlorina</i> (Kutz) Gom.	+	+
<i>Merismopedia glauca</i> (Ehr.)Nag.	+	+
<i>Gloeocapsa alpina</i> Nag.emend Band	+	+
<i>Gl.alpina</i> f. <i>lignicola</i> Hollerb.(Rabenh.)	+	-
<i>Gl.turgida</i> (Kutz.) Hollerb.	+	+
<i>Synechococcus</i> sp.( <i>salina</i> ?)	+	+
<i>Phormidium ambiguum</i> Kissel	+	+
<i>Phormidium</i> sp.	+	+
<i>Lyngbya</i> sp.	+	+
<i>L.Kuetzingii</i> (Kutz) Schmidle	-	+
<i>Spirulina</i> sp.	+	+
<i>Anabaena</i> sp.( <i>flos-aquae</i> ?)	-	+

BACILLARIOPHYTA		
<i>Cyclotella sp.</i>	+	+
<i>C.meneghiniana Kutz.</i>	+	-
<i>Melosira varians Ag.</i>	+	-
<i>Synedra sp. (minuscula?)</i>	+	+
<i>Synedra tabulata v.parva (Kutz)Grun.</i>	+	+
<i>Synedra tabulata (Ag.)Kutz.</i>	-	+
<i>Fragilaria construens (Ehr.)Grun.</i>	+	+
<i>Diatoma elongatum v.tenue (Ag.) V.H.</i>	+	-
<i>Actinocylops sp.</i>	+	+
<i>Achnanthes minutissima Kutz.</i>	+	+
<i>Ach. affinis Grun.</i>	-	+
<i>Achnanthes sp.</i>	-	+
<i>Coscinodiscus sp.</i>	+	-
<i>Coccconeis sp.</i>	+	+
<i>Coccconeis placentula Ehr.</i>	+	+
<i>C. placentula v.euglypta (Ehr.)Cl.</i>	-	+
<i>C.scutellum Ehr.</i>	-	-
<i>Diploneis intterupta</i>	+	+
<i>Navicula cincta (Ehr.) Kutz.</i>	+	+
<i>Navicula sp.</i>	+	+
<i>N.cryptocephala Kutz.</i>	+	+
<i>N.cryptocephala v.veneta Kutz.</i>	+	+
<i>N.Kolbei Poretz et Aniss</i>	-	+

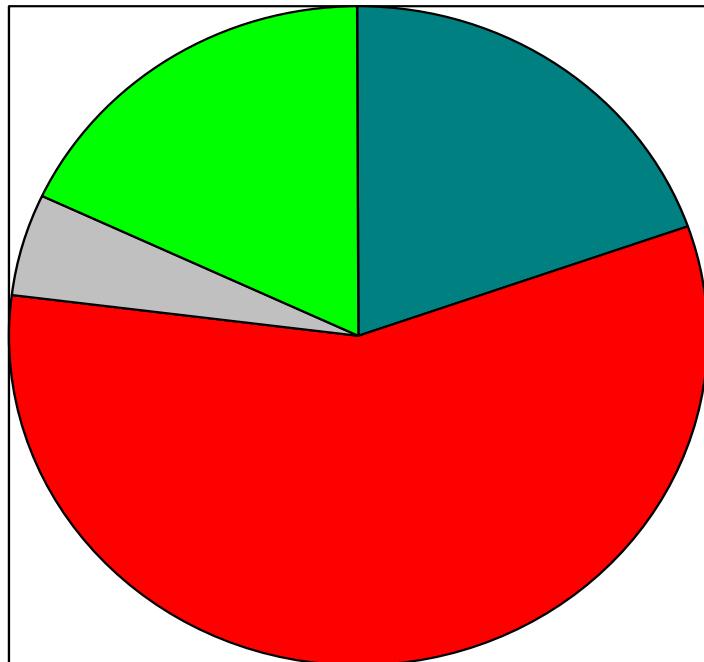
<i>Entomoneis paludosa</i> Reimer ( <i>Amphiprora</i> W.Sm.)	+	+
<i>Amphora .holosatica</i> Hust.	+	+
<i>A.coffeaformis</i> Ag.	+	+
<i>A. ovalis</i> Kutz.	+	+
<i>A.veneta</i> Kutz.	+	+
<i>A.robusta</i> Greg.	-	+
<i>Hantzshia virgata</i> v. <i>capitellata</i> Hust.	+	+
<i>Nitzschia</i> sp. ( <i>palea</i> ?)	+	+
<i>N.acicularis</i> W.Sm.	+	-
<i>N closterium</i> (Ehr.)W.Sm.	+	+
<i>N.microcephala</i> Grun.	+	+
<i>N.cf.sigma</i> (Kutz.)	+	+
<i>N.vermicularis</i> (Kutz.)	+	-
<i>N.punctata</i> v. <i>aralensis</i> <i>Borszczow</i>	+	+
<i>Gyrosigma scalproides</i> (Rabenh) Cl.	+	+
<i>G.acuminatum</i> (kutz.)Raben.	+	+
<i>Surirella cf.ovata</i> Kutz.	+	+
<i>S.sp.(.crumenosa?)</i>	+	+
<i>Campilodiscus aralensis</i> Kissl.	+	-

PYRROPHYTA		
<i>Glenodinium sp.</i>	+	+
<i>Cryptomonas sp.</i>	+	-
<i>Peridinium sp.</i>	+	-
CHLOROPHYTA		
<i>Chlorella sp.</i>	+	+
<i>Oocystis sp.(borgei Snow?)</i>	+	+
<i>Ooc.marssonii Lemm.</i>	+	+
<i>Cosmarium formulosum Hoff.</i>	+	-
<i>Algae g.sp.(Dunaliella?)</i>	+	+
<i>Chlorococcum sp.</i>	+	+
<i>Chlorococcuss turgida</i>	+	+
<i>Scenedesmus quadricauda</i> <i>Breb.</i>	+	-
<i>Ankistrodesmus acicularis</i> <i>(Ag.Br.)</i>	+	-
<i>Ank.minutissima Korsch.</i>	-	+
<i>Dactyosphaerium pulchellum</i> <i>Wood.</i>	+	-
<i>Tetraedron minimum (Ag.Br.)</i> <i>Hans.</i>	+	-
Number of species	61	54

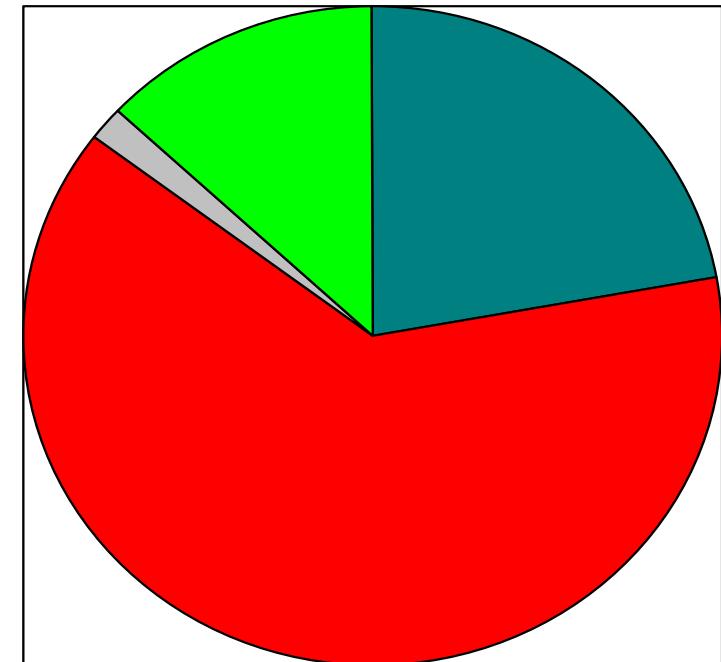
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## 2005

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- West side



Cyanophyta  
 Bacillariophyta

• Pyrrrophyta  
 • Chlorophyta

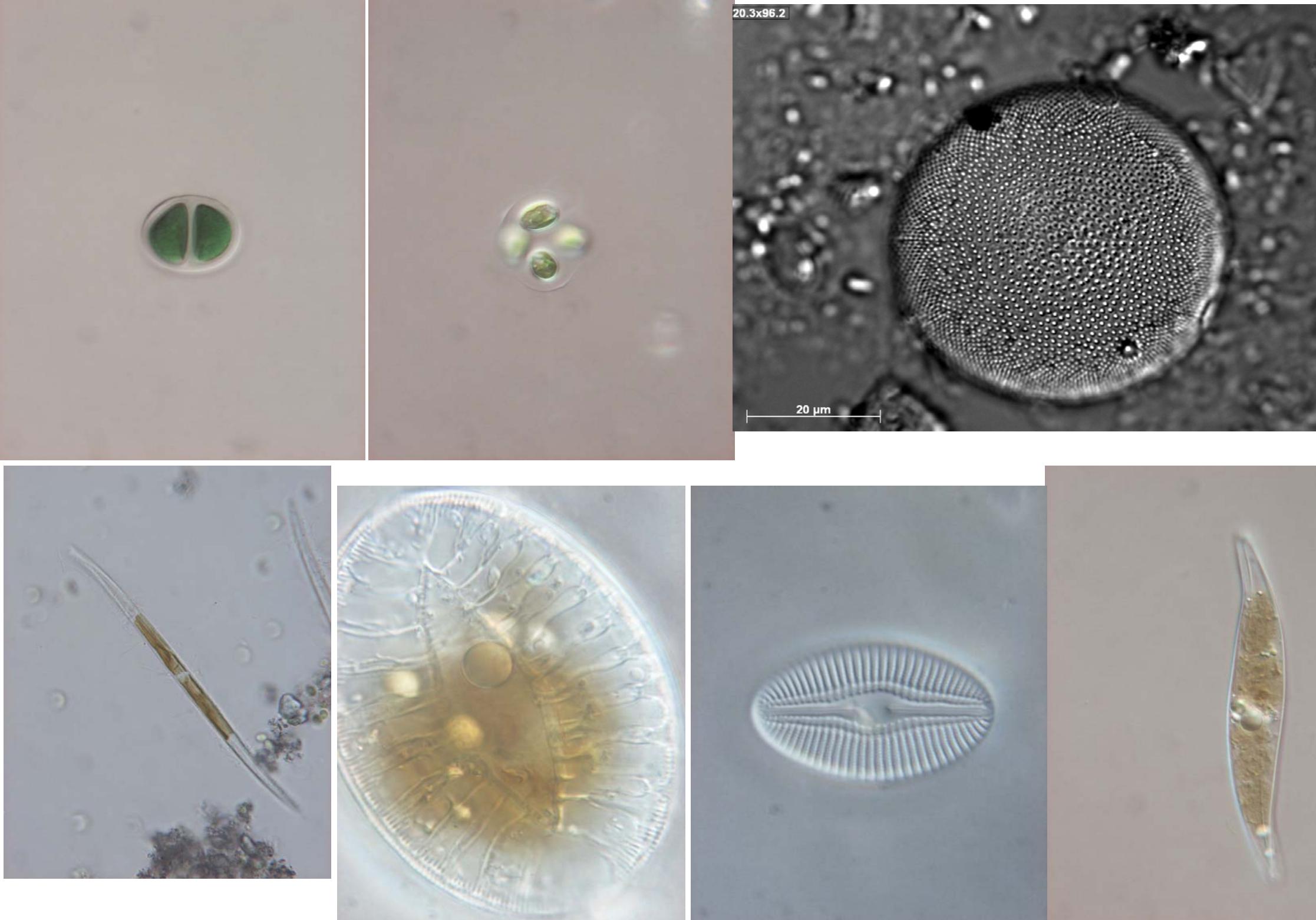
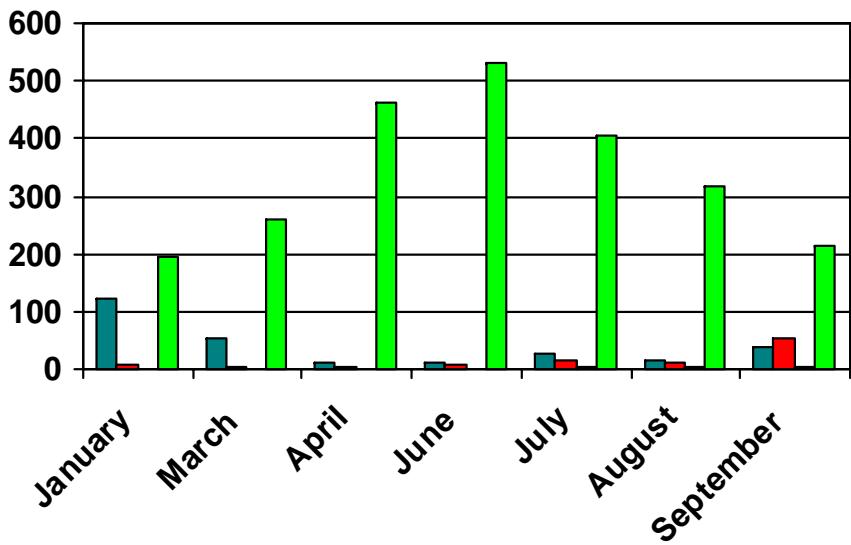


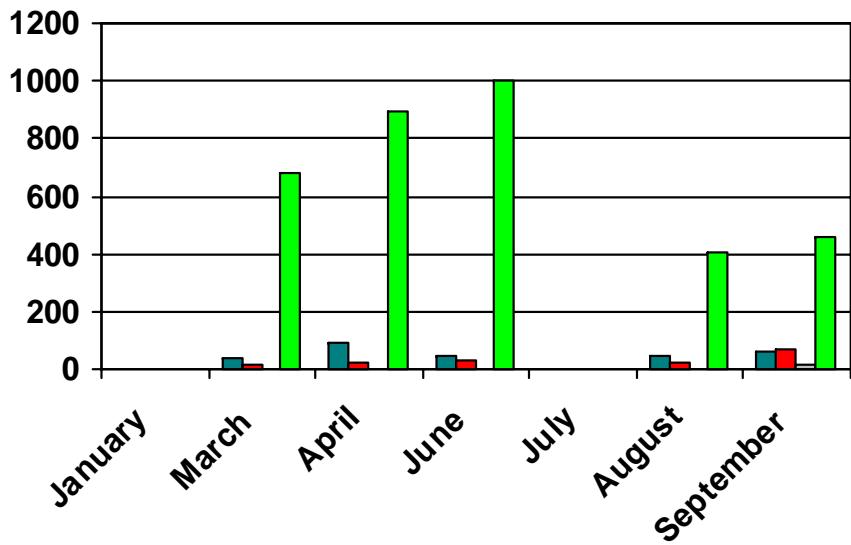
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# Number of cells/l

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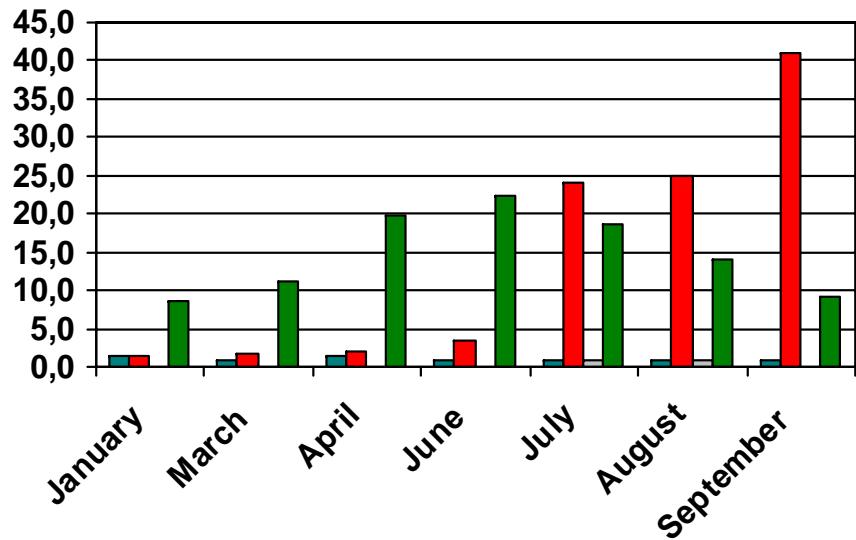
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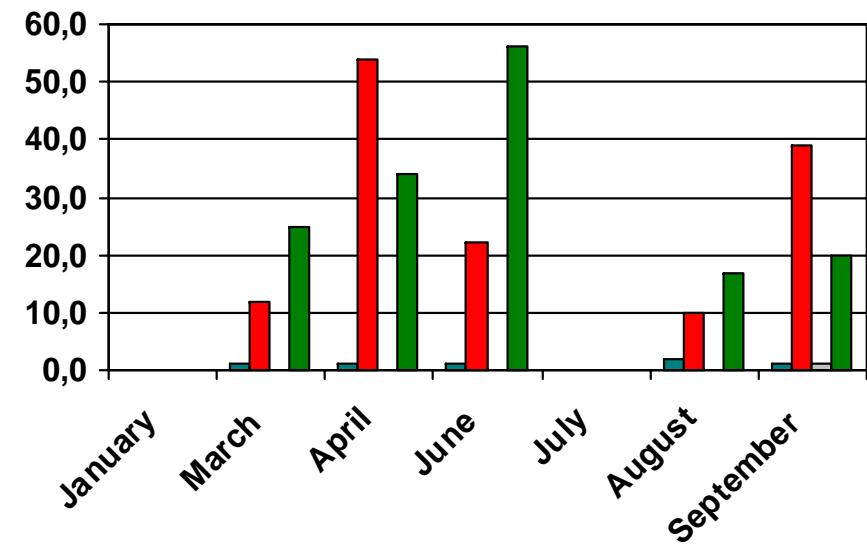
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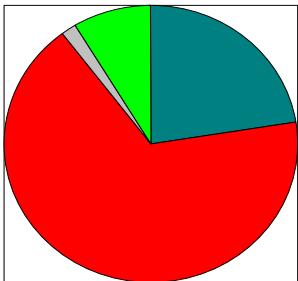


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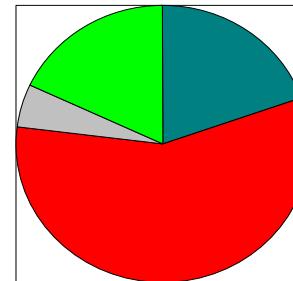
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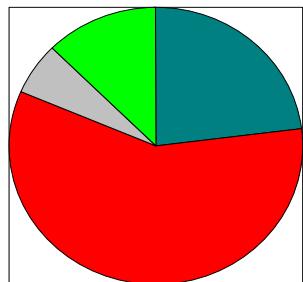
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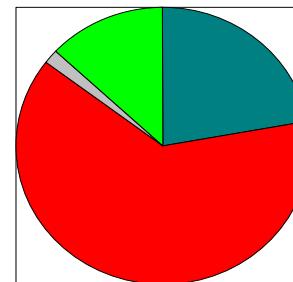
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- Cyanophyta
- Bacillariophyta

- Pyrophyta
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