

Surface sediment and phytoplankton diatoms across a trophic gradient in tropical reservoirs: new records for Brazil and São Paulo State

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ABSTRACT - (Surface sediment and phytoplankton diatoms across a trophic gradient in tropical reservoirs: new records for Brazil and São Paulo State). This study aimed to inventory the diatom flora of tropical reservoirs from southeastern region of Brazil under oligo- to hypereutrophic conditions. We collected diatom samples from the surface sediment and phytoplankton (summer and winter) in 41 sites (ten reservoirs). Seventy-eight taxa, distributed in 28 genera, were identified in the surface sediment and phytoplankton samples. *Nitzschia* was the most representative genus, with nine species. Six taxa represent new records for Brazil and six for São Paulo State; ten taxa were identified at the genus level and probably represent new species. Additionally, this study contributed with data on the ecology of the species and evidenced the necessity of floristic surveys to improve the knowledge about tropical diatom biodiversity.

Keywords: biodiversity, diatom flora, ecology

RESUMO - (Diatomáceas de sedimentos superficiais e fitoplanctônicas ao longo de um gradiente trófico em reservatórios tropicais: novos registros para o Brasil e Estado de São Paulo). Este estudo visou inventariar a flora diatomológica de represas tropicais em condições oligo- a hipereutróficas da região sudeste do Brasil. As amostras abrangeram diatomáceas do sedimento superficial e fitoplâncton (verão e inverno) em 41 locais (dez represas). Setenta e oito táxons, distribuídos em 28 gêneros, foram identificados nas amostras de sedimento superficial e fitoplanctônicas. *Nitzschia* foi o gênero mais representativo, com um total de nove espécies. Seis táxons representam novas citações para o Brasil e seis para o Estado de São Paulo; dez táxons foram identificados em nível de gênero e provavelmente representam novas espécies. Adicionalmente, este estudo contribuiu com informações sobre a ecologia dessas espécies e permite enfatizar a necessidade de estudos florísticos para ampliar o conhecimento da biodiversidade de diatomáceas tropicais.

Palavras-chave: biodiversidade, ecologia, flora diatomológica

Introduction

Evidences show that recent species extinctions rates are exceptionally high, suggesting a probably new event of mass extinction due the environmental crisis caused by mankind (Ceballos *et al.* 2015). Despite the efforts on taxonomic and ecological studies, many species are extinct even before they can be described. The biota of freshwater ecosystems has been highly neglected in studies about biodiversity, especially invertebrates and microorganisms at the tropical region (Dudgeon *et al.* 2006). Freshwater ecosystems support a high diversity despite their reduced superficial area, therefore being considered hot spots for biodiversity (Strayer & Dudgeon 2010).

Diatoms are among the most species-rich group of algae and the number of species is around 100,000, including fossil species (Mann & Vanormelingen 2013). They are an abundant component of primary producers in plankton and benthos, both in marine and freshwaters (Round *et al.* 1990). Due to their high richness and abundance in aquatic ecosystems, diatoms represent an important account to local and regional biodiversity, which can be accessed by floristic surveys. Furthermore, ecological preferences of many species are relatively well know, making these group widely used to evaluate environmental conditions (*e.g.*, Passy 2007, Bennion *et al.* 2014, Blanco *et al.* 2014). However, just about 12% of the estimated diatom flora is currently described (Julius & Theriot 2010).

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In recent years, the number of studies about the diatom flora in Brazil has been increasing (*e.g.*, Souza & Senna 2009, Bertolli *et al.* 2010, Silva *et al.* 2010, Bartozek *et al.* 2013). However the inclusion of surface sediment diatoms is still scarce (Fontana & Bicudo 2009, 2012, Almeida & Bicudo 2014, Faustino *et al.* 2016), and all of them were carried out in the state of São Paulo. Such studies have added several new records to the Brazilian diatom flora and new species to Science (Almeida *et al.* 2015, Almeida *et al.* 2016, Marquardt *et al.* 2016), demonstrating the importance of floristic survey of sediments. Other studies about the diatom flora encompassing lotic and lentic environments have been carried out in the state of São Paulo (Carneiro & Bicudo 2007, Bere & Tundisi 2010, Marquardt & Bicudo 2014, Ferreira & Bicudo 2017). The present study was carried out in ten reservoirs from three watersheds of São Paulo State (Brazil). To our knowledge, this is a pioneer diatom floristic survey to the study area, except for the unpublished study carried out by Silva (2017). We aimed at improving the knowledge of the diatom flora from surface sediments and phytoplankton, highlighting the new records for Brazil and São Paulo State. Furthermore, this study contributes to the increase of knowledge about biodiversity and ecology of tropical diatoms.

Material and methods

This study was carried out in the southeastern region of Brazil and comprises three drainage basins

in the State of São Paulo (figure 1, table 1). We selected 10 reservoirs located in protected and highly urbanized areas, ranging from oligo- to hypereutrophic conditions and with different uses (recreational, power generation, navigation and public water supply). The reservoirs range from shallow to deep (maximum depth from 2 to 33 m) and from small to large (surface area from 0.2 to 241.3 km²). We selected three to six sampling sites (table 1) per reservoir depending on size, the main water inputs (main streams) and deepest region of the reservoirs.

We sampled a total of forty-one sites (table 1) during two climatic periods (austral winter and summer) in 2013 and 2014. Water column samples were taken with a van Dorn bottle along the reservoir vertical profile (subsurface, mean depth and 1 m above the sediments), and mean results of water column were used to characterize each sampling site. Conductivity, pH and water temperature were measured in field using standard electrodes (Horiba U-50). The analytical methods for dissolved oxygen, dissolved inorganic nitrogen, total nitrogen, orthophosphate, total phosphorus and soluble reactive silica followed Standard Methods (APHA 2005). The reservoirs Trophic State Index (TSI) was calculated according to Lamparelli (2004) based on values of chlorophyll-*a* (Sartory & Grobbelaar 1984) and total phosphorus. Integrated water column samples were used to describe the phytoplankton diatom community. Surface sediment diatoms (top 2 cm) were sampled only in winter (41 samples) using a UWITEC gravity

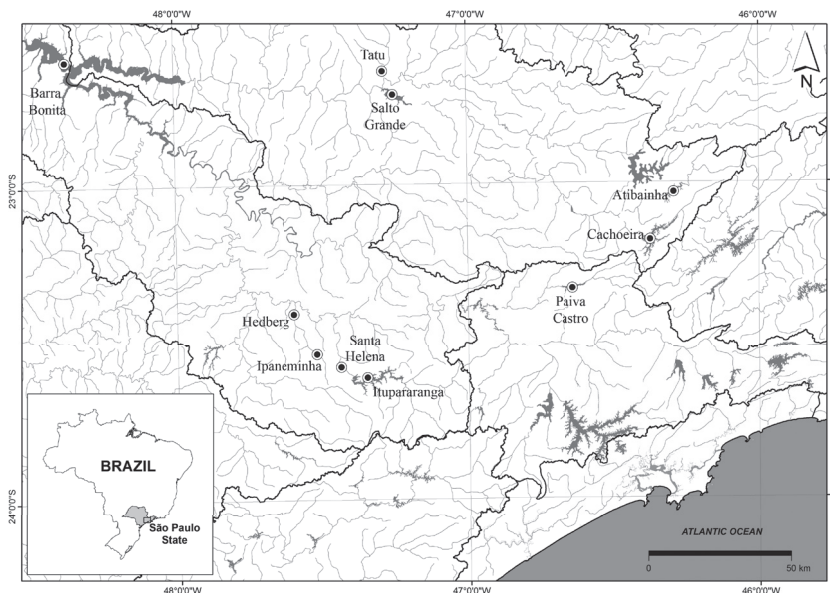


Figure 1. Location of the ten studied reservoirs in southeastern region of Brazil. Black lines represent the boundaries of the basins. Modified from Bicudo *et al.* (2016).

Table 1. Watersheds, reservoirs, number and codes of sampling sites and number of samples collected from surface sediments (SS) and phytoplankton (P) in each reservoir.

Watershed	Reservoirs	Sampling sites	Coordinates	Number of samples
Alto Tietê	Paiva Castro (oligotrophic)	PC1	S 23° 19' 30" W 46° 36' 03"	01 SS 02 P
		PC2	S 23° 19' 44" W 46° 38' 12"	01 SS 02 P
		PC3	S 23° 20' 08" W 46° 39' 39"	01 SS 02 P
		PC4	S 23° 19' 55" W 46° 40' 35"	01 SS 02 P
	Santa Helena (oligotrophic)	SH1	S 23° 34' 50" W 47° 25' 32"	01 SS 02 P
		SH2	S 23° 34' 58" W 47° 25' 50"	01 SS 02 P
		SH3	S 23° 34' 54" W 47° 26' 12"	01 SS 02 P
	Itupararanga (mesotrophic)	IT1	S 23° 37' 11" W 47° 13' 59"	01 SS 02 P
IT2		S 23° 36' 52" W 47° 18' 5"	01 SS 02 P	
IT3		S 23° 37' 13" W 47° 19' 37"	01 SS 02 P	
IT4		S 23° 38' 0.3" W 47° 22' 14"	01 SS 02 P	
IT5		S 23° 36' 53" W 47° 23' 35"	01 SS 02 P	
Médio Tietê and Alto Sorocaba	Ipaneminha (mesotrophic)	IP1	S 23° 32' 34" W 47° 30' 57"	01 SS 02 P
		IP2	S 23° 32' 38" W 47° 31' 4"	01 SS 02 P
		IP3	S 23° 32' 34" W 47° 31' 9"	01 SS 02 P
	Hedberg (eutrophic)	HB1	S 23° 25' 56" W 47° 35' 33"	01 SS 02 P
		HB2	S 23° 25' 41" W 47° 35' 31"	01 SS 02 P
		HB3	S 23° 25' 34" W 47° 35' 42"	01 SS 02 P
	Barra Bonita (hypereutrophic)	BB1	S 22° 38' 9" W 48° 21' 11"	01 SS 02 P
		BB2	S 22° 36' 42" W 48° 19' 15"	01 SS 02 P
		BB3	S 22° 36' 9" W 48° 21' 16"	01 SS 02 P

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Table 1 (continuation)

Watershed	Reservoirs	Sampling sites	Coordinates	Number of samples
Médio Tietê and Alto Sorocaba	Barra Bonita (hypereutrophic)	BB4	S 22° 34' 9" W 48° 24' 31"	01 SS 02 P
		BB5	S 22° 31' 56" W 48° 27' 37"	01 SS 02 P
Piracicaba, Capivari and Jundiá	Atibainha (oligotrophic)	AT1	S 23° 08' 50" W 46° 18' 50"	01 SS 02 P
		AT2	S 23° 09' 42" W 46° 21' 44"	01 SS 02 P
		AT3	S 23° 11' 11" W 46° 22' 51"	01 SS 02 P
		AT4	S 23° 10' 31" W 46° 23' 29"	01 SS 02 P
		AT5	S 23° 12' 46" W 46° 22' 54"	01 SS 02 P
		AT6	S 23° 10' 46" W 46° 21' 25"	01 SS 02 P
	Cachoeira (oligotrophic)	CA1	S 23° 00' 06" W 46° 16' 05"	01 SS 02 P
		CA2	S 23° 00' 37" W 46° 17' 11"	01 SS 02 P
		CA3	S 23° 01' 56" W 46° 17' 20"	01 SS 02 P
		CA4	S 23° 03' 00" W 46° 19' 07"	01 SS 02 P
		CA5	S 23° 04' 11" W 46° 18' 41"	01 SS 02 P
	Tatu (mesotrophic)	TU1	S 22° 38' 45" W 47° 17' 09"	01 SS 02 P
TU2		S 22° 39' 17" W 47° 17' 01"	01 SS 02 P	
TU3		S 22° 39' 36" W 47° 16' 45"	01 SS 02 P	
Salto Grande (eutrophic)	SG1	S 22° 43' 43" W 47° 13' 56"	01 SS 02 P	
	SG2	S 22° 42' 59" W 47° 14' 26"	01 SS 02 P	
	SG3	S 22° 43' 05" W 47° 16' 02"	01 SS 02 P	
	SG4	S 22° 42' 04" W 47° 16' 51"	01 SS 02 P	

corer. Each sampling site was sampled in triplicate to compound the site spatial heterogeneity.

For diatom analyses, samples were digested using hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂ 35%) and hydrochloric acid (HCl 37%) according to Battarbee *et al.* (2001). Permanent slides were prepared using Naphrax® as inclusion medium. Optical observations, measurements and micrographs were taken at a magnification of 1000× with a Zeiss Axioskop 2 plus microscope equipped with phase contrast and AxioCam ERc5s high-resolution digital camera. Taxonomy and nomenclature followed specific publications (*e.g.*, Lange-Bertalot 1993, Metzeltin *et al.* 1998, Lange-Bertalot *et al.* 2011) and the on-line catalogue of valid names (site of California Academy of Sciences 2012). The classification systems followed Medlin & Kaczmarska (2004) for supra-ordinal taxa and Round *et al.* (1990) for subordinal taxa, except for genera published after to this work.

Diatoms were quantified at a magnification of 1000× and until reaching a minimum of 400 valves per slide (Battarbee *et al.* 2001), and at least 90% in counting efficiency (Pappas & Stoermer 1996). We included those taxa with relative abundance ≥ 2% in at least one sampling site and indicated the new records for Brazil and São Paulo state after consulting the published literature (books and articles). Descriptions, relevant taxonomical and ecological comments were provided for taxa identified in genus level. Morphometric information is provided for the new records for Brazil and São Paulo State and for genus level taxa (L: length; W: width; S: striae; A: areolae; F: fibulae). Samples were deposited at the “Herbário Científico do Estado Maria Eneyda P. Kauffmann Fidalgo” (SP), Brazil (SP469229 to SP467313, SP469453, SP469454 and SP456488 to SP469523).

Results and Discussion

The main environmental features of the study area are available in table 2. A total of seventy-eight taxa presented relative abundance ≥ 2%, including two non-typical varieties, distributed in 28 genera (table 3). Surface sediment and phytoplankton contributed, respectively, with 60 and 70 taxa. *Nitzschia* Hassal was the genera with higher number of taxa (nine species) followed by *Achnanthisidium* Kützing (eight species), *Aulacoseira* Thwaites (eight species) and *Fragilaria* Lyngbye (eight species). *Aulacoseira ambigua* and *A. granulata* var. *angustissima* were the most spread species in the surface sediment, occurring in 100% of

samples and with the highest abundance in eutrophic conditions (63.6% and 63.7%, respectively). The most frequent species in the phytoplankton were *Aulacoseira ambigua* and *Discostella stelligera*, both with an occurrence of 90.2% in samples and higher abundances in oligo- and mesotrophic and meso- eutrotrophic conditions, respectively (63.6% and 92.0%). All inventoried taxa and their relative abundances according to the trophic state are presented in table 3. Taxa relative abundance according to surface sediment and phytoplankton assemblages are available in table 4. Six taxa are new records for Brazil and six for São Paulo State. They are marked with one and two asterisks, respectively. Ten taxa were identified in genus level because they were not found in literature, and probably represent undescribed species. Those taxa are presented below.

Fragilariaceae Greville

Fragilaria Lyngbye

**Fragilaria grunowii* Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich, *Lauterbornia* 78, p. 22-27, pl. 9, fig. 1-12, pl. 10, fig. 1-10, 2014.

Figures 2-4

L: 68.5-178.0 μm; W: 2.5-3.4 μm; S: 13-17 in 10 μm.

Short and narrow specimens of *F. grunowii* may be mistaken with large specimens of *Fragilaria tenuissima* Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich. However, the specimens found in this study are wider than the type population of *F. tenuissima* (W: 1.6-2.8 μm; Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich 2014). Specimens shorter than *F. grunowii* type population (L: 100.0-380.0 μm) were presently found, increasing the length range for this species. Silva (2017) recorded this species in surface sediment and planktonic samples in six of the reservoirs included in this study. This author estimated that this species has preference for slightly acid (pH: 6.8) and low nutrient content waters (total nitrogen: 417.7 μg L⁻¹ and total phosphorus: 15.0 μg L⁻¹). In this study, considering surface sediment samples, *F. grunowii* was found in one mesotrophic reservoir (Itupararanga, maximum abundance: 2.7%), and, considering planktonic samples, it was found in three reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Santa Helena, Itupararanga and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 2.9%), but with higher frequency of occurrence in mesotrophic waters (37.1% of samples). This is the second register of the species in Brazil and the first published taxonomical register of this species.

Table 2. Mean and standard deviation of environmental variables measured in the ten sampled reservoirs (n = 41) in summer and winter. Secchi: water transparency, Temp: water temperature, Cond: conductivity, DO: dissolved oxygen, DIN: dissolved inorganic nitrogen, TN: total nitrogen, PO₄: orthophosphate, TP: total phosphorous, SRS: soluble reactive silica, Chl-*a*: chlorophyll-*a*.

Variables	Summer		Standard deviation	Winter		Standard deviation
	Range	Mean		Range	Mean	
Depth (m)	2.0-24.0	10.7	5.8	1.5-25.2	11.0	6.3
Secchi (m)	0.3-3.2	1.2	0.8	0.4-2.9	1.5	0.6
Temp (°C)	21.0-29.7	25.7	1.9	11.4-26.1	17.8	3.7
pH	5.8-9.6	7.2	1.0	6.2-9.5	7.2	0.9
Cond (µS cm ⁻¹)	18.0-361.0	114.1	98.5	38.0-481.0	151.3	139.9
DO (mg L ⁻¹)	3.7-12.7	6.3	1.7	2.4-12.2	7.6	1.8
DIN (µg L ⁻¹)	23.0-4968.0	536.6	1066.0	69.5-7548.2	811.8	1362.1
TN (µg L ⁻¹)	67.0-9859.1	1337.9	2262.5	145.9-8136.6	1307.5	1500.1
PO ₄ (µg L ⁻¹)	4.0-90.0	12.8	17.6	4.0-428.1	32.3	74.7
TP (µg L ⁻¹)	6.9-567.7	68.4	124.8	6.5-590.6	77.3	124.9
SRS (mg L ⁻¹)	2.6-6.6	3.8	0.9	1.0-5.7	3.5	1.6
Chl- <i>a</i> (µg L ⁻¹)	0.9-363.9	32.2	66.5	0.5-518.5	38.9	92.9
Trophic State Index (TSI)	48.2-72.8	56.0	7.1	45.7-75.3	55.8	8.2

Table 3. Frequency of occurrence (*f*), and minimum (*min*) and maximum (*max*) abundance of diatoms in the sampling sites, according to the trophic state. - : taxon did not occur in sample; taxa in bold are detailed in the present study; *: first record for Brazil; **: first record for São Paulo State.

Species	Oligotrophic			Mesotrophic			Eutrophic		
	<i>f</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>
<i>Achnantheidium catenatum</i> (Bily & Marvan) Lange-Bertalot	68.0	0.00	18.38	60.0	0.00	15.31	42.1	0.0	13.6
<i>Achnantheidium exiguum</i> (Grunow) Czarnecki	50.0	0.00	26.80	20.0	0.00	25.58	5.3	0.0	0.2
* <i>Achnantheidium jackii</i> Rabenhorst	76.0	0.00	6.57	37.1	0.00	6.84	34.2	0.0	24.7
* <i>Achnantheidium lineare</i> Smith	-	-	-	14.3	0.00	6.47	5.3	0.0	0.8
** <i>Achnantheidium cf. macrocephalum</i> (Hustedt) Round & Bukhtiyarova	30.0	0.00	2.58	20.0	0.00	3.00	13.2	0.0	17.1
<i>Achnantheidium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	72.0	0.00	17.33	71.4	0.00	22.93	31.6	0.0	3.4
<i>Achnantheidium tropicocatenatum</i> Marquardt <i>et al.</i>	-	-	-	11.4	0.00	44.04	10.5	0.0	2.9
<i>Achnantheidium sp.</i>	2.0	0.00	0.97	17.1	0.00	6.28	5.3	0.0	0.9
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	-	-	-	2.9	0.00	0.21	13.2	0.0	2.3
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	96.0	0.00	20.90	97.1	0.00	44.05	86.8	0.0	63.6
<i>Aulacoseira calypsi</i> Tremarin <i>et al.</i>	2.0	0.00	0.44	14.3	0.00	4.05	5.3	0.0	1.1
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> var. <i>angustissima</i> (Müller) Simonsen	84.0	0.00	8.27	91.4	0.00	47.23	97.4	0.0	64.0
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> var. <i>granulata</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	82.0	0.00	15.42	85.7	0.00	22.43	94.7	0.0	88.4

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	<i>f</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>min</i>	<i>max</i>
<i>Aulacoseira herzogii</i> (Lemmermann) Simonsen	4.0	0.00	0.94	14.3	0.00	1.22	18.4	0.0	2.5
<i>Aulacoseira tenella</i> (Nygaard) Simonsen	90.0	0.00	83.95	28.6	0.00	34.24	18.4	0.0	18.9
<i>Aulacoseria veraluciae</i> Tremarin <i>et al.</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	0.0	2.1
<i>Brachysira brebissonii</i> Ross	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	0.0	3.1
<i>Brachysira microcephala</i> (Grunow) Compère	52.0	0.00	3.84	37.1	0.00	3.46	23.7	0.0	2.0
<i>Brachysira sp.</i>	16.0	0.00	5.28	5.7	0.00	0.75	-	-	-
<i>Cyclotella meneghiniana</i> Kützing	26.0	0.00	1.23	57.1	0.00	3.62	89.5	0.0	68.5
** <i>Cymbella affinis</i> var. <i>neoprocera</i> Silva	2.0	0.00	0.40	22.9	0.00	6.91	10.5	0.0	0.9
<i>Cymbopleura naviculiformis</i> (Auerswald ex Heiberg) Krammer	2.0	0.00	0.40	22.9	0.00	3.08	5.3	0.0	1.1
<i>Diadesmis confervacea</i> Kützing	4.0	0.00	0.67	14.3	0.00	7.45	34.2	0.0	8.5
<i>Discostella pseudostelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk & Klee	10.0	0.00	48.95	17.1	0.00	46.80	15.8	0.0	9.5
<i>Discostella stelligera</i> (Cleve & Grunow) Houk & Klee	100.0	0.60	65.92	97.1	0.00	91.99	73.7	0.0	33.4
<i>Encyonema silesiacum</i> (Bleisch) Mann	60.0	0.00	7.11	28.6	0.00	5.49	18.4	0.0	3.0
<i>Encyonema sp.</i>	26.0	0.00	2.19	5.7	0.00	2.49	-	-	-
* <i>Encyonopsis thienemannii</i> (Hustedt) Krammer	4.0	0.00	3.63	5.7	0.00	0.98	-	-	-
<i>Eunotia botulitropica</i> Wetzel & Costa	48.0	0.00	5.74	28.6	0.00	17.65	15.8	0.0	2.6
<i>Eunotia desmogonioides</i> Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot	-	-	-	2.9	0.00	4.41	-	-	-
<i>Eunotia intricans</i> Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin	32.0	0.00	4.38	37.1	0.00	28.64	5.3	0.0	2.3
<i>Eunotia longicamelus</i> Costa <i>et al.</i>	14.0	0.00	18.78	17.1	0.00	3.67	-	-	-
<i>Eunotia meridiana</i> Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot	12.0	0.00	2.29	5.7	0.00	2.00	-	-	-
<i>Fragilaria aquaplus</i> Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich	4.0	0.00	1.62	14.3	0.00	2.29	15.8	0.0	18.2
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	24.0	0.00	2.75	11.4	0.00	2.73	2.6	0.0	0.4
* <i>Fragilaria grunowii</i> Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich	4.0	0.00	1.20	37.1	0.00	2.73	21.1	0.0	4.5
<i>Fragilaria longifusiformis</i> (Hains & Sebring) Siver <i>et al.</i>	16.0	0.00	9.00	31.4	0.00	12.27	13.2	0.0	14.1
<i>Fragilaria parva</i> (Grunow) Tuji & Williams	10.0	0.00	0.98	5.7	0.00	8.96	-	-	-
<i>Fragilaria spectra</i> Almeida <i>et al.</i>	4.0	0.00	19.45	22.9	0.00	38.18	10.5	0.0	46.4
** <i>Fragilaria tenera</i> var. <i>nanana</i> (Lange-Bertalot) Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich	-	-	-	25.7	0.00	30.42	7.9	0.0	26.5
<i>Fragilaria sp.</i>	22.0	0.00	7.52	20.0	0.00	18.36	-	-	-
<i>Geissleria punctifera</i> (Hustedt) Metzeltin <i>et al.</i>	12.0	0.00	2.99	2.9	0.00	0.21	-	-	-
<i>Geissleria lateropunctata</i> (Wallace) Potapova & Winter	42.0	0.00	7.65	20.0	0.00	1.49	-	-	-
<i>Gomphonema hawaiiense</i> Reichardt	16.0	0.00	0.74	11.4	0.00	1.33	5.3	0.0	2.0

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<i>Gomphonema lagenula</i> Kützing	40.0	0.00	1.50	34.3	0.00	11.03	21.1	0.0	3.2
**<i>Gomphonema naviculoides</i> Smith	10.0	0.00	2.94	14.3	0.00	2.49	-	-	-
<i>Gomphonema parvulum</i> (Kützing) Kützing	10.0	0.00	2.06	5.7	0.00	3.23	5.3	0.0	0.3
<i>Hantzschia amphioxys</i> (Ehrenberg) Grunow	4.0	0.00	1.96	5.7	0.00	3.46	-	-	-
<i>Humidophila contenta</i> (Grunow) Lowe	58.0	0.00	8.37	40.0	0.00	3.63	18.4	0.0	2.8
<i>Navicula cryptocephala</i> Kützing	6.0	0.00	1.72	34.3	0.00	14.38	10.5	0.0	18.1
<i>Navicula cryptotenella</i> Lange-Bertalot	4.0	0.00	1.36	20.0	0.00	5.65	10.5	0.0	1.7
<i>Navicula kuseliana</i> Lange-Bertalot & Rumrich	8.0	0.00	2.67	14.3	0.00	5.80	5.3	0.0	0.5
<i>Navicula neomundana</i> (Lange-Bertalot & Rumrich) Lange-Bertalot <i>et al.</i>	42.0	0.00	7.00	11.4	0.00	1.75	-	-	-
<i>Navicula notha</i> Wallace	94.0	0.00	19.73	54.3	0.00	18.20	31.6	0.0	7.1
<i>Navicula rostellata</i> Kützing	4.0	0.00	0.40	25.7	0.00	12.92	21.1	0.0	7.9
<i>Navicula symmetrica</i> Patrick	4.0	0.00	2.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Nitzschia amphibia</i> Grunow	-	-	-	2.9	0.00	0.25	18.4	0.0	2.7
<i>Nitzschia gracilis</i> Hantzsch	4.0	0.00	2.59	20.0	0.00	2.07	5.3	0.0	0.4
<i>Nitzschia palea</i> (Kützing) Smith	38.0	0.00	3.19	37.1	0.00	2.99	42.1	0.0	83.1
<i>Nitzschia palea</i> var. <i>debilis</i> (Kützing) Grunow	28.0	0.00	2.25	8.6	0.00	1.50	-	-	-
**<i>Nitzschia perminuta</i> (Grunow) Peragallo	8.0	0.00	2.04	-	-	-	-	-	-
*<i>Nitzschia semirobusta</i> Lange-Bertalot	74.0	0.00	2.18	20.0	0.00	2.24	-	-	-
<i>Nitzschia</i> sp. 1	-	-	-	25.7	0.00	7.06	13.2	0.0	4.9
<i>Nitzschia</i> sp. 2	4.0	0.00	0.33	11.4	0.00	20.25	-	-	-
<i>Nitzschia</i> sp. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.4	0.0	12.0
**<i>Placoneis exigua</i> (Gregory) Mereschkovsky	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	0.0	3.7
<i>Planothidium rostratum</i> (Østrup) Lange-Bertalot	6.0	0.00	0.44	42.9	0.00	11.46	5.3	0.0	1.9
<i>Pseudostaurosira brevistriata</i> (Grunow) Williams & Round	20.0	0.00	2.30	17.1	0.00	2.47	-	-	-
<i>Pseudostaurosira</i> sp.	2.0	0.00	2.43	37.1	0.00	2.42	21.1	0.0	3.8
<i>Punctastriata lancettula</i> (Schumann) Hamilton & Siver	8.0	0.00	73.97	25.7	0.00	81.84	5.3	0.0	0.9
<i>Rimoneis</i> sp.	6.0	0.00	2.63	20.0	0.00	6.94	5.3	0.0	2.1
<i>Sellaphora nigri</i> (De Notaris) Wetzel & Ector	4.0	0.00	2.46	-	-	-	-	-	-
*<i>Sellaphora rostrata</i> (Hustedt) Johansen	14.0	0.00	1.47	17.1	0.00	5.43	2.6	0.0	0.2
<i>Sellaphora sassiana</i> (Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot) Wetzel	40.0	0.00	3.58	14.3	0.00	9.48	-	-	-
<i>Spicaticribra kingstonii</i> Johansen <i>et al.</i>	82.0	0.00	67.17	42.9	0.00	5.99	26.3	0.0	5.5
<i>Staurosirella</i> sp.	4.0	0.00	0.40	34.3	0.00	3.92	13.2	0.0	3.7
<i>Ulnaria acus</i> (Kützing) Aboal	8.0	0.00	0.65	17.1	0.00	2.67	18.4	0.0	3.9

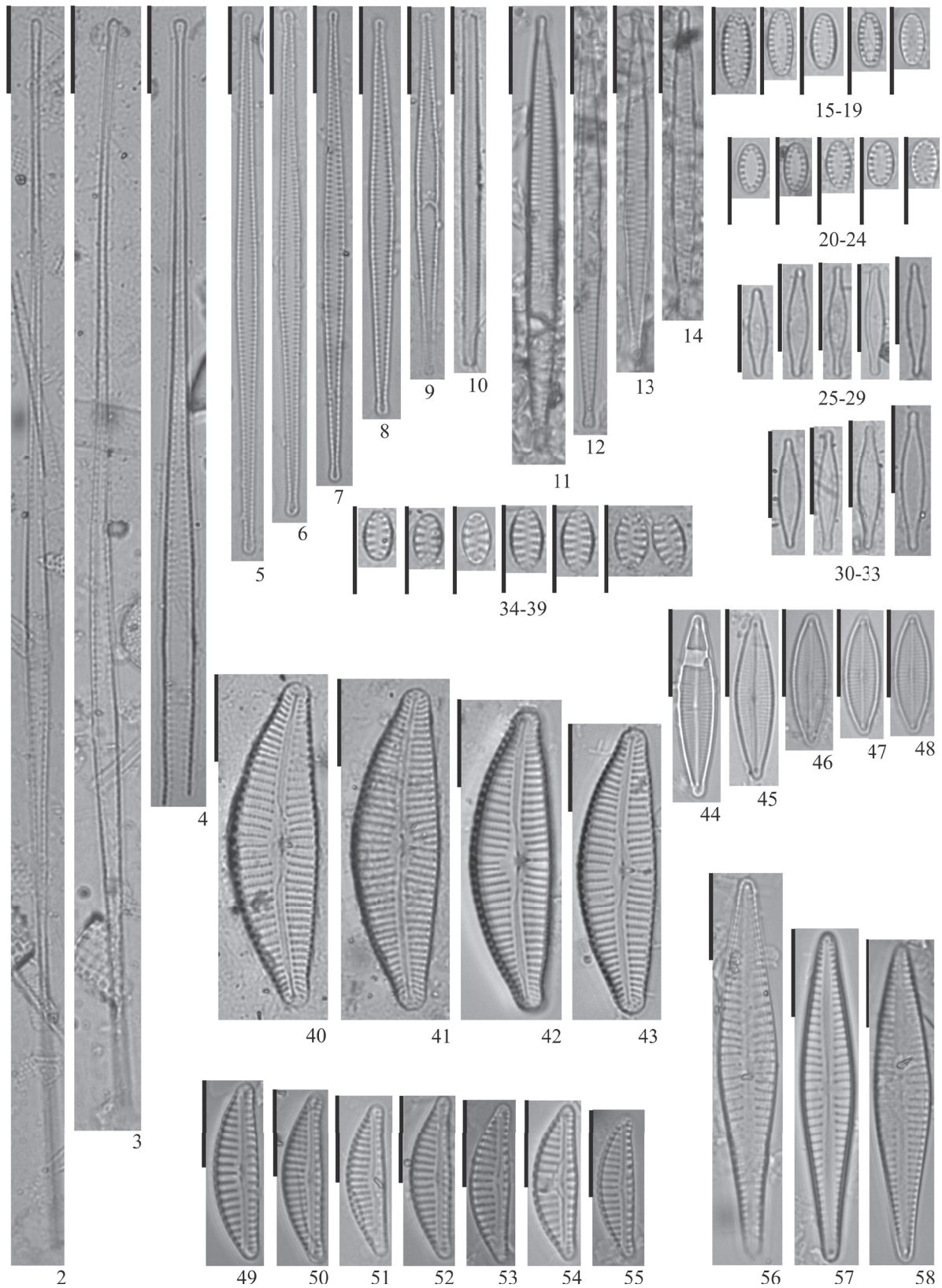
Table 4. Minimum (min) and maximum (max) relative abundances of diatoms from surface sediment and phytoplankton in summer and winter. - : taxon did not occur in sample; taxa in bold are detailed in the present study; *: first record for Brazil; **: first record for São Paulo State.

Species	Surface sediment		Summer phytoplankton		Winter phytoplankton	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
<i>Achnantheidium catenatum</i> (Bily & Marvan) Lange-Bertalot	0.00	18.38	0.00	8.73	0.00	13.57
<i>Achnantheidium exiguum</i> (Grunow) Czarnecki	-	-	0.00	26.80	0.00	25.58
* <i>Achnantheidium jackii</i> Rabenhorst	0.00	5.66	0.00	24.69	0.00	10.04
* <i>Achnantheidium lineare</i> Smith	0.00	6.47	-	-	-	-
** <i>Achnantheidium cf. macrocephalum</i> (Hustedt) Round & Bukhtiyarova	-	-	0.00	2.58	0.00	17.10
<i>Achnantheidium minutissimum</i> (Kützing) Czarnecki	0.00	13.24	0.00	19.85	0.00	22.93
<i>Achnantheidium tropicocatenatum</i> Marquardt <i>et al.</i>	-	-	0.00	2.95	0.00	44.04
<i>Achnantheidium sp.</i>	0.00	6.28	-	-	0.00	0.86
<i>Asterionella formosa</i> Hassal	0.00	2.01	-	-	0.00	2.33
<i>Aulacoseira ambigua</i> (Grunow) Simonsen	0.21	63.56	0.00	26.93	0.00	44.42
<i>Aulacoseira calypsi</i> Tremarin <i>et al.</i>	0.00	4.05	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.48
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> var. <i>angustissima</i> (Müller) Simonsen	0.21	63.74	0.00	33.92	0.00	63.99
<i>Aulacoseira granulata</i> var. <i>granulata</i> (Ehrenberg) Simonsen	0.00	51.64	0.00	19.90	0.00	88.36
<i>Aulacoseira herzogii</i> (Lemmermann) Simonsen	0.00	2.47	0.00	0.94	0.00	1.22
<i>Aulacoseira tenella</i> (Nygaard) Simonsen	0.00	54.72	0.00	38.40	0.00	83.95
<i>Aulacoseria veralucia</i> Tremarin <i>et al.</i>	-	-	0.00	2.07	-	-
<i>Brachysira brebissonii</i> Ross	-	-	-	-	0.00	3.11
<i>Brachysira microcephala</i> (Grunow) Compère	0.00	3.46	0.00	3.84	0.00	2.67
<i>Brachysira sp.</i>	0.00	5.28	-	-	-	-
<i>Cyclotella meneghiniana</i> Kützing	0.00	40.74	0.00	36.10	0.00	68.47
** <i>Cymbella affinis</i> var. <i>neoprocera</i> Silva	0.00	6.91	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.50
<i>Cymbopleura naviculiformis</i> (Auerswald <i>ex</i> Heiberg) Krammer	0.00	3.08	0.00	0.95	0.00	1.39
<i>Diadesmis confervacea</i> Kützing	0.00	7.45	0.00	3.23	0.00	8.46
<i>Discostella pseudostelligera</i> (Hustedt) Houk & Klee	-	-	0.00	48.95	0.00	6.51
<i>Discostella stelligera</i> (Cleve & Grunow) Houk & Klee	0.00	49.88	0.00	91.99	0.00	73.15
<i>Encyonema silesiacum</i> (Bleisch) Mann	0.00	7.11	0.00	2.29	0.00	3.67
<i>Encyonema sp.</i>	0.00	2.19	0.00	2.49	0.00	1.11
* <i>Encyonopsis thienemannii</i> (Hustedt) Krammer	-	-	0.00	0.45	0.00	3.63
<i>Eunotia botulitropica</i> Wetzel & Costa	0.00	2.55	0.00	17.65	0.00	5.74
<i>Eunotia desmogonioides</i> Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot	-	-	0.00	4.41	-	-
<i>Eunotia intricans</i> Lange-Bertalot & Metzeltin	0.00	28.64	0.00	1.50	0.00	3.33
<i>Eunotia longicamelus</i> Costa <i>et al.</i>	0.00	2.49	0.00	18.78	0.00	3.67
<i>Eunotia meridiana</i> Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot	-	-	0.00	2.29	0.00	0.50
<i>Fragilaria aquaplus</i> Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich	0.00	18.23	0.00	5.80	0.00	11.63
<i>Fragilaria crotonensis</i> Kitton	-	-	0.00	2.75	0.00	0.37
* <i>Fragilaria grunowii</i> Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich	0.00	2.70	0.00	2.73	0.00	4.46

continue

Table 4 (continuation)

Species	Surface sediment		Summer phytoplankton		Winter phytoplankton	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
<i>Fragilaria longifusiformis</i> (Hains & Sebring) Siver <i>et al.</i>	0.00	7.80	0.00	14.08	0.00	1.86
<i>Fragilaria parva</i> (Grunow) Tuji & Williams	0.00	8.96	-	-	-	-
<i>Fragilaria spectra</i> Almeida <i>et al.</i>	-	-	0.00	46.38	0.00	0.96
**Fragilaria tenera var. nanana (Lange-Bertalot) Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich	0.00	3.93	0.00	3.62	0.00	30.42
Fragilaria sp.	0.00	4.98	0.00	18.36	0.00	17.33
<i>Geissleria punctifera</i> (Hustedt) Metzeltin <i>et al.</i>	-	-	0.00	1.17	0.00	2.99
<i>Geissleria lateropunctata</i> (Wallace) Potapova & Winter	0.00	3.27	0.00	1.88	0.00	7.65
<i>Gomphonema hawaiiense</i> Reichardt	-	-	0.00	1.33	0.00	2.00
<i>Gomphonema lagenula</i> Kützing	0.00	1.96	0.00	11.03	0.00	1.48
**Gomphonema naviculoides Smith	0.00	2.94	0.00	2.33	0.00	0.67
<i>Gomphonema parvulum</i> (Kützing) Kützing	0.00	3.23	-	-	-	-
<i>Hantzschia amphioxys</i> (Ehrenberg) Grunow	0.00	3.46	-	-	-	-
<i>Humidophila contenta</i> (Grunow) Lowe	0.00	2.78	0.00	8.37	0.00	3.32
<i>Navicula cryptocephala</i> Kützing	0.00	4.94	0.00	1.47	0.00	18.10
<i>Navicula cryptotenella</i> Lange-Bertalot	0.00	5.65	-	-	0.00	4.85
<i>Navicula kuseliana</i> Lange-Bertalot & Rumrich	0.00	5.80	0.00	1.20	0.00	2.67
<i>Navicula neomundana</i> (Lange-Bertalot & Rumrich) Lange-Bertalot <i>et al.</i>	0.00	7.00	0.00	1.79	0.00	2.99
<i>Navicula notha</i> Wallace	0.00	13.13	0.00	19.73	0.00	7.80
<i>Navicula rostellata</i> Kützing	0.00	2.55	0.00	3.30	0.00	12.92
<i>Navicula symmetrica</i> Patrick	0.00	2.00	-	-	-	-
<i>Nitzschia amphibia</i> Grunow	-	-	0.00	2.24	0.00	2.74
<i>Nitzschia gracilis</i> Hantzsch	-	-	0.00	2.59	-	-
<i>Nitzschia palea</i> (Kützing) Smith	0.00	3.19	0.00	83.06	0.00	5.50
<i>Nitzschia palea</i> var. <i>debilis</i> (Kützing) Grunow	-	-	0.00	2.25	0.00	0.33
**Nitzschia perminuta (Grunow) Peragallo	0.00	2.04	-	-	-	-
*Nitzschia semirobusta Lange-Bertalot	0.00	2.18	0.00	2.24	0.00	1.00
Nitzschia sp. 1	0.00	7.06	0.00	1.23	0.00	1.11
Nitzschia sp. 2	0.00	20.25	-	-	0.00	3.32
Nitzschia sp. 3	-	-	0.00	4.04	0.00	12.00
**Placoneis exigua (Gregory) Mereschkovsky	0.00	3.73	0.00	0.49	-	-
<i>Planothidium rostratum</i> (Østrup) Lange-Bertalot	0.00	11.46	0.00	1.77	0.00	2.29
<i>Pseudostaurosira brevistriata</i> (Grunow) Williams & Round	0.00	2.47	0.00	0.72	0.00	0.97
Pseudostaurosira sp.	0.00	2.97	0.00	3.77	0.00	1.46
<i>Punctastriata lancettula</i> (Schumann) Hamilton & Siver	0.00	81.84	0.00	23.49	0.00	15.87
Rimoneis sp.	0.00	6.94	0.00	0.45	0.00	1.39
<i>Sellaphora nigri</i> (De Notaris) Wetzel & Ector	0.00	2.46	-	-	-	-
*Sellaphora rostrata (Hustedt) Johansen	0.00	5.43	0.00	0.25	0.00	2.66
<i>Sellaphora sassiana</i> (Metzeltin & Lange-Bertalot) Wetzel	0.00	3.58	0.00	9.48	0.00	0.33
<i>Spicaticribra kingstonii</i> Johansen <i>et al.</i>	0.00	67.17	0.00	12.56	0.00	3.23
Staurosirella sp.	0.00	3.92	0.00	2.36	0.00	1.49
<i>Ulnaria acus</i> (Kützing) Aboal	-	-	0.00	2.67	0.00	3.89



Figures 2-58. Surface sediment and planktonic diatoms. 2-4. *Fragilaria grunowii* Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich. 5-10. *Fragilaria tenera* var. *nanana* (Lange-Bertalot) Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich (Fig. 10. Lateral view). 11-14. *Fragilaria* sp. 15-24. *Pseudostaurosira* sp. 25-33. *Rimoneis* sp. 34-39. *Staurosirella* sp. 40-43. *Cymbella affinis* var. *neoprocera* Silva. 44-48. *Encyonopsis thienemannii* (Hustedt) Krammer. 49-55. *Encyonema* sp. 56-58. *Gomphonema naviculoides* Smith. Scale bar = 10 μ m.

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 29-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469233, SP469234, SP469235, SP469236); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 21-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469492, SP469493, SP469494, SP469495, SP469499, SP469500, SP469501); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 27-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469453, SP469454, SP469488); Ibiúna, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469513).

*****Fragilaria tenera* var. *nanana*** (Lange-Bertalot) Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich, *Lauterbornia* 78, p. 7-8, pl. 2, fig. 1-6, pl. 4, fig. 1-6, 2014. Figures 5-10

L: 34.1-66.1 μm ; W: 2.4-3.0 μm ; S: 17-20 in 10 μm .

Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich (2014) provided new illustrations of *F. tenera* from the lectotype slide and presented three varieties: *F. tenera* (Smith) Lange-Bertalot var. *tenera*, *F. tenera* var. *nanana* (Lange-Bertalot) Lange-Bertalot & Ulrich and *F. tenera* var. *lemanensis* Druart, Lavigne & Robert. *F. tenera* var. *nanana* presents lanceolate valves, inflated and capitate ends and shorter measures (L: 50.0-70.0 μm ; W: 2.0 μm), while *F. tenera* var. *tenera* presents valves (sub)linear, mainly in the proximal region, slightly inflated ends, larger length (L: 60.0-120.0 μm) and shorter width (W: 1.8-2.5 μm). *F. tenera* var. *lemanensis* is characterized by longer (L: 97.0-102.0 μm) and narrower valves (W: 1.5-1.7 μm). This taxon was registered by Silva (2017) as *Fragilaria tenera* (Smith) Lange-Bertalot in the surface sediment and phytoplankton in seven of the studied reservoirs, with preferences for slightly acid to neutral waters (pH: 6.6-7.5) and low to moderate nutrients content (total nitrogen: 284.0-957.6 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$ and total phosphorus: 0.1-52.7 $\mu\text{g L}^{-1}$). In this study, it was observed in mesotrophic conditions in the surface sediment of one reservoir (Ipaneminha, maximum abundance: 3.9%) and in phytoplankton of three meso- and hypereutrophic reservoirs (Itupararanga, Ipaneminha and Barra Bonita, maximum abundance: 30.4%), but with higher frequency in mesotrophic conditions (25.7%), corroborating previous information. This is the second register of the species in Brazil and the first published taxonomical register of this species.

Examined material: BRASIL, SÃO PAULO: Barra Bonita, Barra Bonita, 20-III-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469517); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 25-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo*

(phytoplankton: SP469502, SP469503, SP469504); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469505, SP469506, SP469507); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469237, SP469238, SP469239); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2017, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469501); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2017, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469232).

***Fragilaria* sp.**

Figures 11-14

Valves linear with weakly convex margin; ends subcapitate; axial area narrow and linear; central area bilaterally swelling and with “ghost” striae; striae parallel. L: 27.0-59.0 μm ; W: 2.0-4.0 μm ; S: 14-16 in 10 μm .

This taxon resembles *F. parva* (Grunow) Tuji & Williams, which however presents more pronounced swellings and capitate ends (Tuji & Williams 2008) than *Fragilaria* sp. This species was recorded in the surface sediment of one mesotrophic reservoir (Tatu, maximum abundance: 5.0%), and in phytoplankton of four reservoirs ranging from oligo- to mesotrophic conditions (Atibainha, Paiva Castro, Cachoeira and Tatu, maximum abundance: 18.3%). The highest frequency in samples was in oligotrophic conditions (22.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469289, SP469290, SP469291); Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469311, SP469312, SP469313; surface sediment: SP469269); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 18-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469281, SP469282, SP469283, SP469284); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469303, SP469304, SP469305, SP469306); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 24-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469275, SP469278); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469292).

***Pseudostaurosira* Williams & Round**

***Pseudostaurosira* sp.**

Figures 15-24

Valves elliptical to elliptical-lanceolate, axial area wide, following the valve shape; striae short, parallel in the center becoming slightly radiate toward the ends. L: 5.3-8.9 μm ; W: 2.5-3.3 μm ; S: 16-17 in 10 μm .

This taxon was identified as belonging to the genus *Pseudostaurosira* due to the uniseriate striae and wide axial area. Other features, such as presence of spines and absent or reduced apical pore fields are only visible in SEM (Morales 2001). *Pseustaurosira* sp. resembles *Fragilaria canariensis* Lange-Bertalot due to their similar valve shape. Nevertheless, the second species is shorter (L: 4.0-7.0 μm), wider (W: 3.0-4.0 μm) and exhibits smaller striae density (S: 12-15 in 10 μm) than *Pseustaurosira* sp (Lange-Bertalot 1993). It can be also misidentified as *Staurosirella* sp. (see taxon below), however, *Pseudostaurosira* sp. presents shorter striae and wider axial area. This is probably a new diatom species for science, since its general features differs from others species available in the literature. The species was documented in the surface sediment of four reservoirs with trophic state ranging from oligo- to eutrophic (Santa Helena, Itupararanga, Ipaneminha, and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 3.0%), and in the phytoplankton of four reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Santa Helena, Itupararanga, Ipaneminha and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 3.8%). The highest frequency occurred in mesotrophic conditions (37.1%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Iperó, Hedberg, 12-III-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469508, SP469509, SP469510); Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469511, SP469512, SP469513; surface sediment: SP469240, SP469241, SP469242); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469505, SP469507; surface sediment: SP469238, SP469239); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469500; surface sediment: SP469235, SP469236); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 29-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469499; surface sediment: SP469233, SP469234); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 27-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469453); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469230, SP469231).

Rimoneis Garcia

Rimoneis sp.

Figures 25-33

Valves linear-lanceolate and hyaline; valve face with wide axial area occupying almost all the valve face; rounded ends. L: 9.2-16.1 μm ; W: 1.5-3.0 μm ; inconspicuous striae.

The species resembles *Rimoneis inanis* Garcia in relation to the valve shape. However, *R. inanis* presents larger valve length (L: 17.0-25.0 μm , Garcia 2010). This author points out that *R. inanis* presented restricted distribution to freshwater/brackish water of the Lagoa dos Patos lagoon. *Rimoneis* sp. is described as a new species in the revision carried out by (Silva 2017) and mainly associated to low nutrient content environments. In this study, it occurred in the surface sediment of five reservoirs ranging from oligo- to mesotrophic conditions (Santa Helena, Atibainha, Cachoeira, Paiva Castro and Itupararanga, maximum abundance: 7.0%) and in the phytoplankton of mesotrophic reservoir Itupararanga (maximum abundance: 1.4%). Nevertheless, highest frequency in samples was observed in mesotrophic conditions (20.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469262); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469253); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469250); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 21-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469493); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469500, SP469501; surface sediment: SP469235, SP469236); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 29-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469498; surface sediment: SP469233, SP469234); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469231).

Staurosirella Williams & Round

Staurosirella sp.

Figures 34-39

Valves oval to elliptic; ends rounded; axial area linear and narrow; striae alternated and slightly radiate; central area absent. L: 4.7-7.3 μm ; W: 3.4-4.3 μm ; S: 12 in 10 μm .

This taxon resembles *Staurosira altiplanensis* Lange-Bertalot & Rumrich due to the overlapping measures (L: 4.5 μm ; W: 2.8-3.6 μm) and similar

valve outline. However, *S. altiplanensis* presents valves strictly elliptical and was described for the high altitude of the Altiplano of South America (Lange-Bertalot 2000). Furthermore, *Staurosirella* sp. was identified as *Staurosirella pinnata* (Ehrenberg) Williams & Round by Ribeiro *et al.* (2008) and Nardelli *et al.* (2014). However, Morales *et al.* (2013) demonstrated that *S. pinnata* type material, originally described as *Fragilaria pinnata* Ehrenberg, represents a species of the genus *Denticula* Kützing. Therefore, for these authors, a prior careful taxonomical and ecological analysis of this species is necessary. It was presently found in the surface sediment of four reservoirs with trophic states from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Santa Helena, Itupararanga, Ipaneminha and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 4.0%), and in the phytoplankton of three reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Santa Helena, Itupararanga and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 2.3%), and with higher frequency in mesotrophic waters (34.3%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Iperó, Hedberg, 12-III-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469508, SP469509, SP469510); Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469511, SP469512; surface sediment: SP469240, SP469241, SP469242); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469237, SP469238); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 21-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469496); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469500; surface sediment: SP469235, SP469236); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 29-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469234); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 27-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469454, SP469488); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469229, SP469231).

Cymbellaceae Greville

Cymbella Agardh

***Cymbella affinis* var. *neoprocera* Silva, PhytoKeys 53, p. 10-11, figs. 22-28, 2015.

Figures 40-43

L: 34.5-39.4 μm ; W: 9.4-11.3 μm ; S: 9-11 in 10 μm .

C. affinis var. *neoprocera* is the synonymous of *Cymbella excisa* var. *procera* Krammer. This taxon can

be compared to *Cymbella tropica* Krammer, however, our species exhibits more slightly protracted ends than *C. tropica* (Silva *et al.* 2015). This taxon was recorded in the Paraná state by Ludwig *et al.* (2005) as *Cymbella affinis* Kützing. According to Krammer (2002), this taxon is usually abundant in eutrophic waters. In this study, it occurred in oligo- to eutrophic conditions in three reservoirs (Santa Helena, Ipaneminha and Hedberg) for both surface sediment and phytoplankton (maximum abundance: 7.0% and 0.5%, respectively), with higher frequency in eutrophic waters (10.5%), corroborating previous finding.

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Iperó, Hedberg, 12-III-2017, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469508); Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2017, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469512, SP469513; surface sediment: SP469240, SP469241); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469505, SP469506, SP469507; surface sediment: SP469237, SP469238); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 27-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469454, SP469488); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 27-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469231).

Encyonema Kützing

Encyonema sp.

Figures 49-55

Valve strongly dorsiventral, semi-lanceolate, with dorsal margin strongly convex and ventral margin straight to slightly concave and expanded in the middle portion; ends ventrally bent; axial area straight and linear; raphe straight, external ends deflected to the ventral side and proximal ends deflected to the dorsal side. L: 11.0-22.2 μm ; W: 4.0-5.8 μm ; S: 10-13 in 10 μm .

This taxon resembles *E. simile* Krammer in valve shape and measures (L: 16.0-25.5 μm ; W: 5.1-6.0 μm ; S: 10-13 in 10 μm ; Krammer 1997), however *Encyonema* sp. presents thinner and slightly more capitate ends. Further analyses (*e.g.*, MEV) are required to confirm if this taxon is a new species. In this study, it was found in the surface sediment of three oligotrophic reservoirs (Atibainha, Cachoeira and Paiva Castro, maximum abundance: 2.2%), and in the phytoplankton of three reservoirs ranging from oligo- to mesotrophic conditions (Cachoeira, Paiva Castro and Tatu, maximum abundance: 4.8),

and presented higher frequency of occurrence in oligotrophic conditions (26.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469290); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469304; surface sediment: SP469259, SP469260, SP469261, SP469262); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469253, SP469254); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 21-II-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469271, SP469272, SP469273); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469292; surface sediment: SP469248; SP469249, SP469250).

Encyonopsis Krammer

**Encyonopsis thienemannii* (Hustedt) Krammer, Bibliotheca Diatomologica 37, p. 106, pl. 149, fig. 28-33, 1997.

Figures 44-48

L: 13.2-21.1; W: 4.0-4.7; S: 25-29 in 10 μm .

E. thienemannii resembles *E. minuta* Krammer & Reichardt in relation to valve outline. However, the second species shows more detached apices, narrower width (W: 2.8-3.5 μm) and lower striae density (S: 24-25 in 10 μm ; Krammer 1997) than *E. thienemannii*. According to Krammer (1997) this species is found in springs and falls. In this study, it was recorded exclusively in the phytoplankton of two oligo- and mesotrophic reservoirs (Santa Helena and Itupararanga, maximum abundance: 3.6%), with higher frequency in mesotrophic conditions (5.7%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 21-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469493); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469489, SP469490, SP469491).

Gomphonema Ehrenberg

***Gomphonema naviculoides* Smith, A synopsis of the British Diatomaceae, v. 2 pp. [i-vi] - xxix, 1-107, pls. 32-60, 61-62, A-E, 1856.

Figures 56-58

L: 22.0-55.0 μm ; W: 5.0-8.2 μm ; S: 10-15 in 10 μm .

Gomphonema naviculoides belongs to *Gomphonema gracile* complex sensu Grunow et sensu auct, and according to Reichardt (2015) both species can be easily mistaken. However, this author highlights that *G. naviculoides* presents valves lanceolate to rhombic-lanceolate and almost naviculoid-symmetrical, while *G. gracile* presents valves lanceolate, gomphonemoid-clavate shaped with bluntly rounded poles. In this study, the species occurred in the surface sediment of two oligo- and mesotrophic reservoirs (Paiva Castro and Tatu, maximum abundance: 3.0%), and in the phytoplankton of three oligo- and mesotrophic reservoirs (Cachoeira, Paiva Castro and Tatu, maximum abundance: 2.3%), and with higher frequency in mesotrophic conditions (14.3%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469289, SP469290, SP469291); Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469313; surface sediment: SP469267, SP469269); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469303; surface sediment: SP469260); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 21-II-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469271); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469295).

Placoneis Mereschkovsky

***Placoneis exigua* (Gregory) Mereschkovsky, Beihefte zum Botanischen Centralblatt 15(1), p. 1-30, pl.1, 1903.

Figures 59-61

L: 24.2-33.8 μm ; W: 9.7-11.2 μm ; S: 10-14 in 10 μm .

This taxon resembles *Placoneis constans* (Husted) Cox var. *symmetrica* (Hustedt) Kobayasi due to their lanceolate valves and rostrate ends. However, the second species is smaller (L: 19.3-25.6 μm , W: 8.1-9.3 μm) than *P. exigua* and presents a central area with a longer striae surrounded by shorter striae (Marquardt & Bicudo 2014). *Placoneis exigua* is reported as an indicator of eutrophic conditions (Van Dam *et al.* 1994, Besse-Lototskaya *et al.* 2011). In this study it occurred in surface sediment of eu- and hypereutrophic reservoirs (Hedberg and Barra Bonita, maximum abundance: 3.7%), and in the phytoplankton of eutrophic reservoir Hedberg (maximum abundance: 0.5%), with 5.7% frequency in samples, corroborating previous finding.

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Barra Bonita, Barra Bonita, 29-VII-2014, *E. Bartozek &*

D.C. Bicudo (surface sediment: SP469245); Iperó, Hedberg, 12-III-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469508, SP469510); Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469240).

Achnanthidiaceae Mann

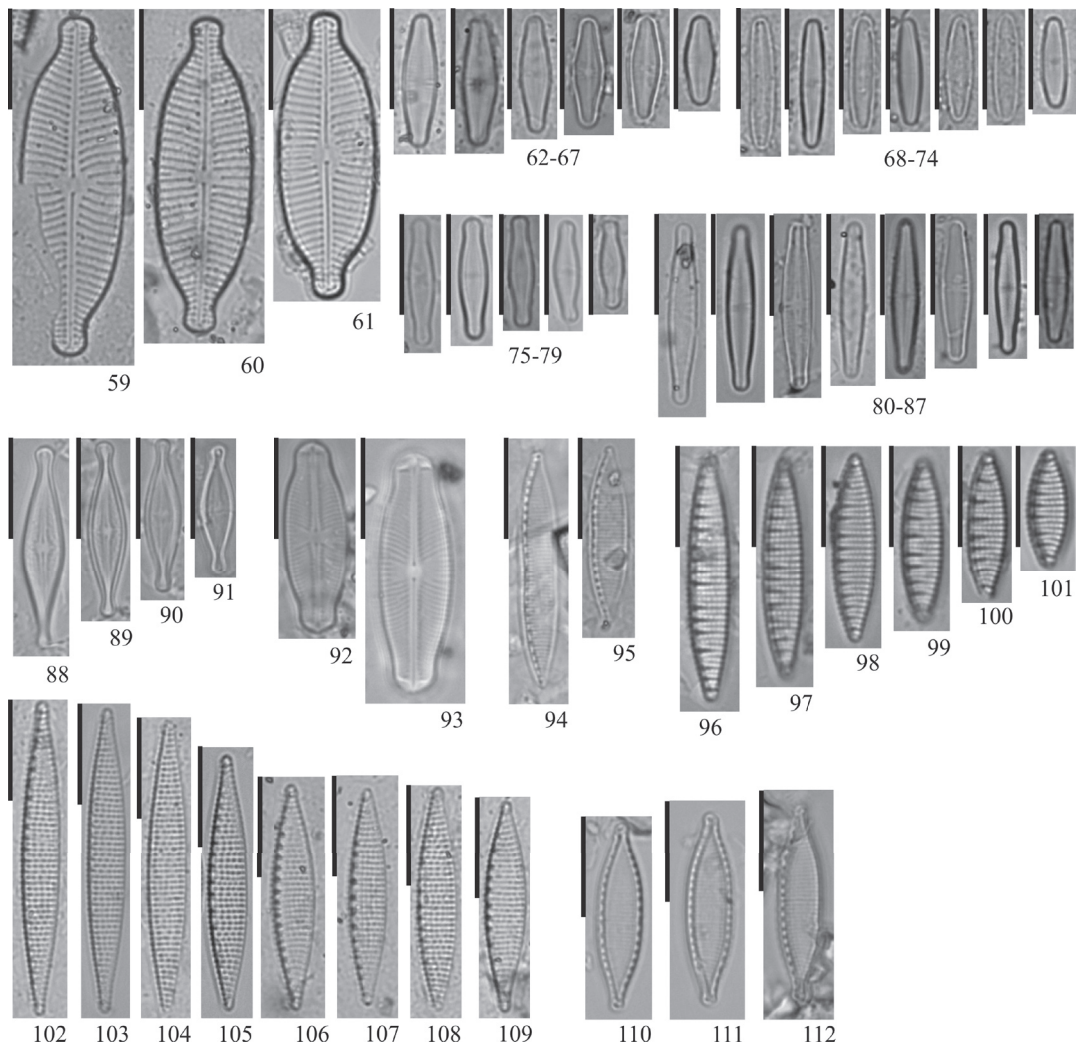
Achnanthidium Kützing

**Achnanthidium jackii* Rabenhorst, Die Algen Europas, Fortsetzung der Algen Sachsens, resp. Mittel-Europas. Decades I-CIX, numbers 1-1600 (or 1001-2600), 1861.

Figures 62-67

L: 7.3-15.0 µm; W: 3.4-3.7 µm; inconspicuous striae.

This taxon can be misidentified as *A. minutissimum* (Kützing) Czarnecki since they have similar valve shape. However, *A. jackii* is usually wider than *A. minutissimum* (W: 2.5-3.0 µm) and doesn't exhibit a shortened striae on one side of the central area as in the second species (see figure 62, Wojtal *et al.* 2011). It is mostly found in neutral environments with low organic matter concentrations (Van Dam *et al.* 1994, Wojtal *et al.* 2011). In this study, it occurred in the surface sediment of seven reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Atibainha, Cachoeira, Itupararanga, Paiva Castro, Tatu, Hedberg and



Figures 59-112. Surface sediment and planktonic diatoms. 59-61. *Placoneis exigua* (Gregory) Mereschkovsky. 62-67. *Achnanthidium jackii* Rabenhorst. 68-74. *Achnanthidium lineare* Smith. 75-79. *Achnanthidium cf. macrocephalum* (Hustedt) Round & Bukhtiyarova. 80-87. *Achnanthidium* sp. 1. 88-91. *Brachysira* sp. 92-93. *Sellaphora rostrata* (Hustedt) Johansen. 94-95. *Nitzschia perminuta* (Grunow) Peragallo. 96-101. *Nitzschia semirobusta* Lange-Bertalot. 102-109. *Nitzschia* sp. 1. 110-112. *Nitzschia* sp. 2. Scale bar = 10 µm.

Salto Grande, maximum abundance: 5.6%), and in the phytoplankton of six reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Atibainha, Cachoeira, Santa Helena, Paiva Castro, Tatu and Salto Grande, maximum abundance: 24.7%), showing higher frequency in oligotrophic samples (76.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Americana, Salto Grande, 9-III-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469285, SP469286, SP469287, SP469288); Americana, Salto Grande, 20-IX-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469307, SP469308, SP469309, SP469310; surface sediment: SP469264); Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469512, SP469513; surface sediment: SP469240, SP469241, SP469242); Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469289, SP469290, SP469291); Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469311, SP469312, SP469313; surface sediment: SP469267); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 18-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469281, SP469282, SP469283, SP469284); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469303, SP469304, SP469306; surface sediment: SP469259, SP469260, SP469261, SP469262); Nazaré Paulsita, Atibainha, 24-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469275, SP469276, SP469277, SP469278, SP469279, SP469280); Nazaré Paulsita, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469297, SP469298; surface sediment: SP469253, SP469254, SP469255, SP469256, SP469257, SP469258); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 21-II-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469270, SP469271, SP469272, SP469273, SP469274); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469292, SP469293, SP469295; surface sediment: SP469248, SP469249, SP469251, SP469252); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469232, SP469235, SP469236); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 27-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469488); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469489, SP469490).

**Achnantheidium lineare* Smith, Annals and Magazine of Natural History, series 2 15, pl. 1, fig. 1-9, 1855. Figures 68-74

L: 9.0-13.4 µm; W: 2.0-2.8 µm; inconspicuous striae.

Achnantheidium lineare presents linear (almost parallel margins) to narrowly lanceolate valves, while in *A. minutissimum* they are lanceolate to elliptic-lanceolate (Wojtal *et al.* 2011). Furthermore, the first taxon presents rounded to rostrate apices and the second presents rostrate to subcapitate apices (Van de Vijver *et al.* 2011). This species is found mostly in circumneutral waters (Van Dam *et al.* 1994). In the present study, it was found in surface sediment of four reservoirs ranging from oligo- to mesotrophic conditions (Ipaneminha, Itupararanga, Santa Helena and Tatu, maximum abundance: 6.5%), with frequency of 14.3% in mesotrophic samples.

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469268, SP469269). Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469237); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469232); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 29-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469233, SP469234); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469229).

***Achnantheidium cf. macrocephalum* (Hustedt) Round & Bukhtiyarova, Diatom Research 11(2), p. 349, 1996. Figures 75-79

L: 9.0-14.0 µm; W: 2.0-3.0 µm; inconspicuous striae.

This taxon was identified as *A. cf. macrocephalum* because our specimens showed ends slightly less rounded than those presented in Simonsen (1987). Individuals similar to ours were recorded by Taylor *et al.* (2007) and Marra *et al.* (2016) as *A. macrocephalum*. Our taxon can be distinguished from *A. minutissimum* (Kützing) Czarnecki mainly due to its capitate ends (Potapova & Hamilton 2007). According to these authors, *A. macrocephalum* is an alkaliphilous species, however, they recorded other more capitate specimens in slightly acid and nutrient-poor waters of North America. Marra *et al.* (2016) recorded this species among the ten most frequent species in a mesotrophic subtropical reservoir. In this study, it was found in phytoplankton of five reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Atibainha, Cachoeira, Paiva Castro, Tatu and Salto Grande, maximum

abundance: 17.1%), and with higher frequency in oligotrophic conditions (30.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Americana, Salto Grande, 9-III-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469287); Americana, Salto Grande, 20-IX-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469307, SP469308, SP469309, SP469310); Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469289, SP469290, SP469291); Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469311, SP469312, SP469313); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 18-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469281, SP469282, SP469283, SP469284); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469303, SP469304); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 24-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469275); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469297); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 21-II-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469270, SP469271, SP469272, SP469273, SP469274); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469292, SP469293, SP469294).

***Achnantheidium* sp.**

Figures 80-87

Valves linear-lanceolate with rounded to subrostrate ends; raphe valves with narrow and linear axial area. L: 11.5-18.0 μm ; W: 2.4-2.8 μm ; inconspicuous striae.

The principal feature to distinguish this species from *A. minutissimum* is its narrower width measures (Hlúbíková *et al.* 2011; W: 2.5-3.1 μm). Further studies, such as SEM are necessary to a detailed analysis and to investigate whether *Achnantheidium* sp. 1 represents a new species. In the present study, this species was recorded in surface sediment of four reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Santa Helena, Itupararanga, Ipaneminha and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 6.3%), and in the phytoplankton of the mesotrophic reservoir Ipaneminha (maximum abundance: 0.8%), presenting higher frequency in mesotrophic waters (17.1%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469240, SP469241); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C.*

Bicudo (phytoplankton: SP469506, SP469507; surface sediment: SP469237); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469236); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 29-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469234); Votorantim, Santa Helena, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469229, SP469230).

Brachysiraceae Mann

Brachysira Kützing

***Brachysira* sp.**

Figures 88-91

Valves rhombic-lanceolate with ends strongly capitate; axial area is narrow and linear, central area is small and rhombic; raphe is filiform; striae are slightly radiated in middle portion becoming parallel toward the ends. L: 13.5-27.0 μm ; W: 3.2-5.0 μm ; S: 32-35 in 10 μm .

Brachysira sp. is similar to *Brachysira microcephala* (Grunow) Compère “morphotype 2” presented by Siver *et al.* (2005) due to the distinctly capitate ends. However, *Brachysira* sp. differs due to its shorter width and valves becoming narrower toward the ends. Besides, *Brachysira* sp. maintains the valve shape (capitate) in smaller specimens. In the present study, this taxon was recorded in surface sediment of three reservoirs (Atibainha, Paiva Castro and Tatu, maximum abundance: 5.3%), however, it exhibited higher frequency in oligotrophic samples (16.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469268, SP469269); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469260, SP469261, SP469262); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469254, SP469255, SP469256, SP469257, SP469258).

Sellaphoraceae Mereschkowsky

Sellaphora Mereschkowsky

**Sellaphora rostrata* (Hustedt) Johansen, Archiv für Hydrobiologie Supplement 150 (Algological Studies 111), p. 17-44, 2004.

Figures 92-93

L: 17.5-29.0 µm; W: 6.3-8.0 µm; S: 19-25 in 10 µm.

This taxon belongs to the *Sellaphora pupula* complex. Nevertheless, *S. rostrata* can be distinguished from *S. pupula* because the first species presents distinct capitate ends (Johansen *et al.* 2004). It can be found in circumneutral to alkaline and eutrophic environments (Moro & Fürstenberger 1997). In the present study, it was found in the surface sediment of two oligo- and mesotrophic reservoirs (Paiva Castro and Tatu, maximum abundance: 5.4%), and in the phytoplankton of four reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Cachoeira, Paiva Castro, Tatu and Salto Grande, maximum abundance: 2.6%), showing higher frequency in mesotrophic samples (17.1%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Americana, Salto grande, 20-IX-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469308); Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469290); Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469311, SP469312, SP469313; surface sediment: SP469267, SP469268, SP469269); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 18-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469283); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469303; surface sediment: SP469261, SP469262); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 21-II-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469270); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469292).

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Nitzschia Hassall

***Nitzschia perminuta* (Grunow) Peragallo, Le Catalogue Général des Diatomées [issued in fascicles at various dates] vol. 2, p. 672, 1903. Figures 94-95

L: 17.0-26.0 µm; W: 2.1-4.0 µm; S: 25-26 in 10 µm; F: 10-17 in 10 µm.

N. perminuta can be distinguished from *Nitzschia amphibia* Grunow because the second species presents evident central nodule, which is lacking in *N. perminuta*, and prominent and distinctly punctate striae (Kocielek 2011a). *N. perminuta* has been found in alkaline and eutrophic waters (Van Dam *et al.* 1994) and in the epiphyton of a mesotrophic subtropical reservoir (Marra *et al.* 2016). However,

N. cf. perminuta was found in slightly acidic to circumneutral ponds with low nutrients concentration (Siver *et al.* 2005). In the present study, it occurred in the surface sediment of two oligotrophic reservoirs (Atibainha and Paiva Castro, maximum abundance: 2.0%), with a frequency of 8.0% in the samples.

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469260, SP469261); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469253, SP469254).

**Nitzschia semirobusta* Lange-Bertalot, Bibliotheca Diatomologica 27, pl. 120, figs. 3-21, pl. 122, fig. 7, pl. 123, figs. 1-7, 1993.

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L: 8.0-29.0 µm; W: 3.5-5.0 µm; S: 16-18 in 10 µm; F: 7-8 in 10 µm.

This species can be confused with *Nitzschia amphibia* Grunow due to the same valve shape. However, *N. semirobusta* can be distinguished by its more extended fibulae (Lange-Bertalot 1993). The taxon also resembles *Denticula kuetzingii* Grunow, nevertheless, the fibulae of the second species is extended from margin to margin with a similar thickness, while the fibulae of *N. semirobusta* decrease in thickness as they extend across the valve from one margin to another (Underwood 2017). In the present study, it was observed in surface sediment of five reservoirs ranging from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (Atibainha, Cachoeira, Paiva Castro, Tatu and Salto Grande, maximum abundance: 4.3%), and in phytoplankton of four reservoirs ranging from oligo- to mesotrophic conditions (Atibainha, Cachoeira, Paiva Castro and Tatu, maximum abundance: 5.0%). Higher frequency occurred in oligotrophic conditions (74.0%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-IV-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469289, SP469290, SP469291); Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469311, SP469312; surface sediment: SP469269); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 18-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469282, SP469283); Mairiporã, Paiva Castro, 19-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469303, SP469304, SP469305; surface sediment: SP469259, SP469260, SP469261, SP469262); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 24-I-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo*

(phytoplankton: SP469275, SP469276, SP469277, SP469278, SP469279, SP469280); Nazaré Paulista, Atibainha, 25-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469297, SP469298, SP469300, SP469302; surface sediment: SP469253, SP469254, SP469255, SP469257, SP469258); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 21-II-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469270, SP469271, SP469272, SP469273, SP469274); Piracaia, Cachoeira, 26-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469292, SP469294, SP469295, SP469296; surface sediment: SP469248, SP469249, SP469250, SP469251, SP469252).

Nitzschia sp. 1

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Valves lanceolate; apices acutely rounded; striae parallel; fibulae equally spaced; central nodule absent. L: 16.5-32.2 μm ; W: 3.8-4.5 μm ; S: 17-19 in 10 μm ; F: 8-9 in 10 μm .

Nitzschia sp. 1 is similar to *Nitzschia amphibia* Grunow and *N. fonticola* (Grunow) Grunow in relation to the valve shape and conspicuous striae (Kociolek 2011a, 2011b). However, *Nitzschia* sp. 1 doesn't present central nodule, which is evident in the two other species (Trobajo *et al.* 2006). Furthermore, *N. fonticola* exhibit higher striae density (S: 28-30 in 10 μm) than *Nitzschia* sp. 1 (Trobajo *et al.* 2006). In this study it was found in surface sediment of three reservoirs ranging from meso- to eutrophic conditions (Itupararanga, Ipaneminha and Hedberg, maximum abundance: 7.0%), and in phytoplankton of the same reservoirs (maximum abundance: 1.2%). Higher frequency occurred in mesotrophic samples (25.7%).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Iperó, Hedberg, 12-III-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469508, SP469509, SP469510); Iperó, Hedberg, 26-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469511, SP469512; surface sediment: SP469240, SP469241, SP469242); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 25-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469502); Sorocaba, Ipaneminha, 21-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469505; surface sediment: SP469237, SP469239); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 21-II-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469495); Sorocaba, Itupararanga, 25-VIII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (surface sediment: SP469236).

Nitzschia sp. 2

Figures 110-112

Valves linear-lanceolate; ends expanded, subcapitate; striae parallel becoming slightly curved toward the ends, almost inconspicuous; fibulae equally spaced. L: 19.0-20.5 μm ; W: 3.5-4.5 μm ; S: 23-26 in 10 μm ; F: 10-13 in 10 μm .

Nitzschia sp. 2 resembles *N. bryophila* (Hustedt) Hustedt because of their similar valve shape. Nevertheless, *N. bryophila* is wider (W: 5.0 μm), presents higher striae density (S: 31-33 in 10 μm) and more prominent ends (Simonsen 1987). In the present study, it was found in surface sediment of mesotrophic reservoir Tatu (maximum abundance: 20.2%), and in the phytoplankton of the same reservoir (maximum abundance: 3.3%), with a frequency of 11.4% in the mesotrophic samples.

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Limeira, Tatu, 18-VII-2013, *S. Zorzal-Almeida & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469311, SP469312, SP469313; surface sediment: SP469267, SP469268, SP469269).

Nitzschia sp. 3

Figures 113-127

Valves linear to linear-lanceolate, frustules rectangular in girdle view; ends varying from rounded to slightly subrostrate; fibulae irregularly spaced. L: 38.3-62.7; W: 4.0-4.7; inconspicuous striae; F: 11-14 in 10 μm .

This species is similar to *Nitzschia linearis* (Agardh) Smith due to its linear-lanceolate valves (Kociolek 2011c), however, *Nitzschia* sp. 3 presents more attenuated ends. *Nitzschia* sp. 3 is also similar to *N. gracilis* Hantzsch. Nevertheless, *N. gracilis* exhibits larger valve variation, with individuals ranging from around 30.0 μm to more than 100.0 μm (Lange-Bertalot 1976). In this study, *Nitzschia* sp. 3 occurred in phytoplankton of hypereutrophic reservoir Barra Bonita (maximum abundance: 12.0%), with a frequency of 18.4% (eu- and hypereutrophic samples).

Examined material: BRASIL. SÃO PAULO: Barra Bonita, Barra Bonita, 20-III-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469514, SP469515, SP469516, SP469517); Barra Bonita, Barra Bonita, 29-VII-2014, *E. Bartozek & D.C. Bicudo* (phytoplankton: SP469519, SP469520, SP469521).

Summarizing, from a total of 78 taxa recorded in surface sediments and phytoplankton samples, our study added six new diatom species to the Brazilian flora and beyond those, six for São Paulo State.

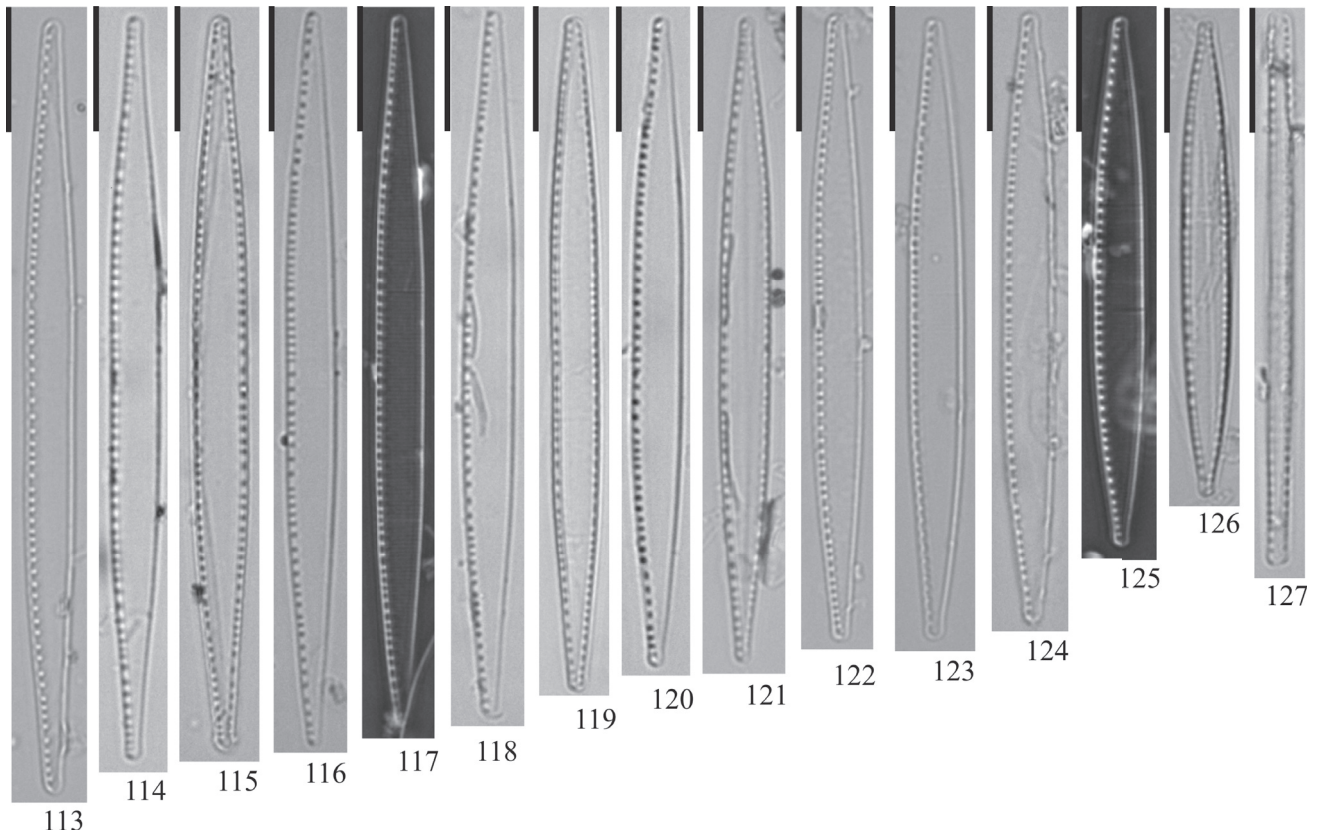
Furthermore, we registered other ten possible new taxa for science. Eight taxa occurred exclusively in the surface sediment (*Achnantheidium lineare*, *Brachysira* sp., *Fragilaria parva*, *Gomphonema parvulum*, *Hantzschia amphioxys*, *Navicula symmetrica*, *Nitzschia perminuta* and *Sellaphora nigri* (see table 4). Other eighteen taxa only occurred in the phytoplankton community (*Achnantheidium exiguum*, *A. cf. macrocephalum*, *Achnantheidium tropicocatenatum*, *Aulacoseira veralucia*, *Brachysira brebissonii*, *Discostella pseudostelligera*, *Encyonopsis thienemannii*, *Eunotia desmogonioides*, *E. meridiana*, *Fragilaria crotonensis*, *F. spectra*, *Geissleria punctifera*, *Gomphonema hawaiiense*, *Nitzschia amphibia*, *N. gracilis*, *N. palea* var. *debilis*, *Nitzschia* sp. 3 and *Ulnaria acus*). Three species were exclusively recorded in oligotrophic conditions (*Navicula symmetrica*, *Nitzschia perminuta* and *Sellaphora nigri*), *Eunotia desmogonioides* was only found in mesotrophic conditions and four species occurred only in eutrophic waters (*Aulacoseira veralucia*, *Brachysira brebissonii*, *Nitzschia* sp. 3 and *Placoneis exigua*).

Regarding the twelve species registered as new records for Brazil and São Paulo State, five

of them presented wide distribution in relation to the trophic conditions, occurring from oligo- to eutrophic conditions (*Achnantheidium jackii*, *A. cf. macrocephalum*, *Cymbella affinis* var. *neoprocera*, *Fragilaria grunowii* and *Sellaphora rostrata*). Other four taxa occurred in oligo-mesotrophic conditions (*Encyonopsis thienemannii*, *Gomphonema naviculoides*, *Nitzschia perminuta* and *N. semirobusta*), while *Achnantheidium lineare* occurred in meso-eutrophic and *Placoneis exigua* was only recorded in eutrophic conditions. Two of the new records were exclusively found in the surface sediment (*Achnantheidium lineare* and *Nitzschia perminuta*) and other two only in the phytoplankton (*Achnantheidium cf. macrocephalum* and *Encyonopsis thienemannii*). Finally, this study increased the information on the ecology and distribution of these species, particularly in tropical reservoirs, and highlights the need of floristic surveys to improve the knowledge of biodiversity of freshwater tropical diatoms.

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Figures 113-127. Surface sediment and planktonic diatoms. 113-127. *Nitzschia* sp. 3 (Fig. 127. Lateral view). Scale bar = 10 μ m.

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