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Table 1. Abundance and occurrence of dominant species in benthic diatom taxocene in the Sevastopol Bay

Species	Abundance, $\times 10^2$ ind. \cdot cm ⁻²		Occurrence, %
	maximum	mean	
<i>Nitzschia compressa</i>	253.5	56.6	100
<i>Cocconeis scutellum</i>	94.5	10.1	97

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