



Pleurosira laevis

A diatom

General

1. Also known as *Biddulphia laevis*
2. Halophillic diatom, 40 — 55 microns in diameter

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Unclear. Known in south and Midwestern USA, west coast of Africa, North Sea
2. Habitats
 - Found in regions with higher relative chloride concentrations
 - Frequently associated with increased nitrate concentrations
 - Recorded in hard freshwater, oligohaline, and mesohaline environments

Invasion Pathways

1. Ballast water release

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?speciesID=1699>

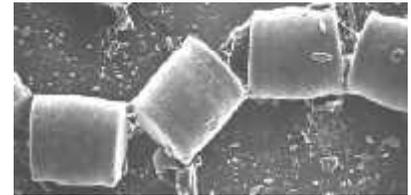
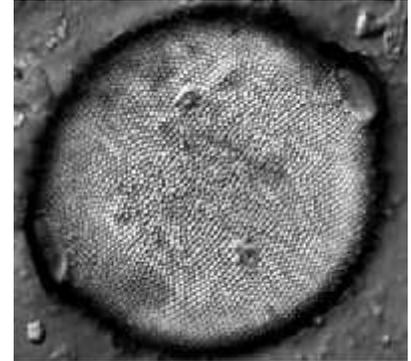


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