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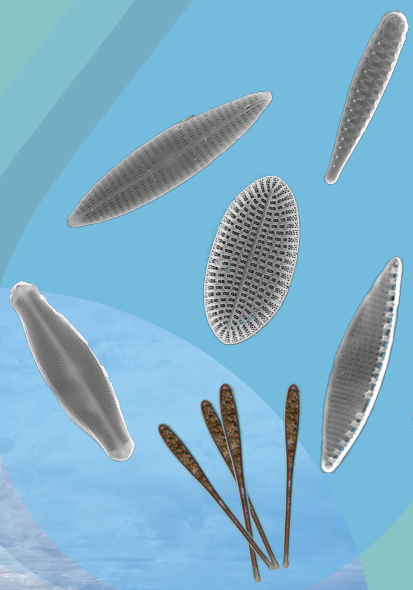

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WWW. DIATOMATLAS.MK – A NEW INTERNET SOURCE FOR DIATOM TAXONOMY AND ECOLOGY

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The Internet is becoming an important source for the taxonomy and nomenclature of diatoms. Several databases contain information on the nomenclature history of taxa, original publications, and some additional data on general ecology and distribution. Only a few databases contain data on species recorded in a specific country/region, including descriptions and illustrations of multiple specimens. Over the past decade, diatom research in N. Macedonia has intensified, resulting in 2,300 species being recorded so far. All observed species are illustrated and described using a light microscope and more than 1000 species with a scanning electron microscope. Additionally, information for morphology, differential characters, comparison with similar taxa, ecology, distribution and threat status of the species in N. Macedonia is provided for each species. The database is searchable by genus, species, author, ecology, locality and conservation status.

www.diatomatlas.mk is a web-based information system that adopts a serverless architecture in which the application programming interface (API) is deployed on a managed container execution environment using Google Cloud Run that provides automatic scaling and stateless service orchestration, while the persistent data storage is handled by Google Cloud SQL, a fully managed relational database service.

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